

**Montgomery Borough Council  
Special Meeting  
March 4, 2019**

President Crist called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

I. Pledge of Alliance-All rose for Pledge of Alliance

II. Roll Call was taken. Whitlow Wertz-P, Dale Brendle-P, Susan Andrews-P, Fae Herb-P, Lynn Crist-P, Amber Wilt-P and Mark Barbier-P Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Sean Leet.

III. Old Business

1.Parking Permits-N. Main Street/W. Houston Ave and replacing fence. After a discussion about the permits, hand-i-cap parking and costs for tickets and compliance with the parking limits; it was handed over to the Streets, Lights, Curbs, Sidewalk and Storm Sewer committee for review. Information will be brought back to Council for a final decision. Donna Miller was instructed to get three estimates for replacing the fence. She will get back with Council when estimates are received. Councilwoman Andrews stated that they (Susan and Jeff) and Tasha Harman will each pay for a section of the fencing due to damage that was done. Should this be turned into insurance or not? The girl scouts stated they would be interested in maintaining the fence, Councilwoman Wilt stated the other girl scout troop, with leader Mrs. Confer would like to place flower boxes on Main and Montgomery Streets.

2.Review Excavating permits and Zoning Ordinance fees. Solicitor Jonathan Dewald reviewed the letter about this that was included with Council packets. He said there are three objectives Who needs a permit?; What the remedy would be?; and the penalty? Every company should obtain a permit, but any one doing work for the municipality the fee should be waived. The compliance period now is one year. The Ordinance states now that the Mayor is in charge of issuing the permits. He will update our existing ordinance and send for review. Councilman Wertz stated he would like the ordinance to state no opening during the months of November-March except for emergency purposes and if work is done on one side of the street the whole street should be repaved. Councilman Barbier suggested that an assessment needs to be done before work is started. A discussion was held on the proposed changes in permit fees that Wally Bohner suggested a while ago; a list of fees from Codes Inspection will be possible, Jon Dewald will look into what other municipalities charge. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to raise the excavating permit fee to \$50; second by Mark Barbier. Motion carried. At this time, Solicitor Dewald said he received information from the County Commissioners about our W. Houston Ave. property, they will be deeded it back to the Borough by the end of March.

3.Update on Junior Council member. Councilwoman Wilt read a draft letter to be

given for the Pier to Pier grant; which was realigned, was not needed. They will be working on the Comprehensive master plan for the Borough. There was confusion about the Comprehensive plan for the Borough.


Councilwoman Herb stated the Montgomery Lions are having a 5K race, she wanted to know if any roads would be closed down, Donna Miller responded as no roads will need to be closed, and Joyce McRae is working with the Fire Police about traffic control. Donna Miller will get maps of the race. Fae Herb also stated that she participated in a webinar about committee meetings, agendas etc. She would like at the next work session to have an explanation about each different committee. Councilman Barbier stated for each committee a Chairman should be voted on. Fae Herb stated that at our next Council meeting on March 12, 2019; Gabe Campana will be here.

Councilwoman Wilt stated that false information about meeting dates was given at the time of the Water and Sewer Authority interviews. With this information some votes could have been changed. The Solicitor responded that an action could be filed with the Court of Common Pleas and a reason must be given. Several Council members stated to move on.

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:20 to enter into Executive Session for law suit reasons; no decisions were made after. The meeting resumed at 8:45pm.

- IV. Adjournment. Motion was made by Dale Brendle to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.

Members of the public present at the commencement of the meeting are set forth on the sign in sheet attached to these minutes as "Exhibit A"

  
Donna J. Miller  
Borough Coordinator

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