

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**April 9, 2024**

\*\*Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; and remotely by zoom.

Vice President Mathis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll call was taken: Joshua Geiger-P, Laurel Green-A, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-A-arrived at 6:55pm, L. Whitlow Wertz-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Kenneth Bennett.  
  
\*Report on Executive Session(s)-An Executive session was held prior to this meeting.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the monthly report. MVFC had 13 calls for the month of March. The first chicken Bar-BQ was held and sold out; 250 halves were done. MVFC participated in the MAMA training weekend of March 16 & 17; Fire Cadet weekend will be July 25-28 at Watsontown; every Wednesday night is in house training; Carnival is May 14-18 and they will have the kitchen open during July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver reviewed the monthly report. Everything went well with the recent flooding; a few campers were still left at the bottom of the campground to be flooded in spite of the warnings.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve February 2024 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.  
Approve March 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reviewed the updated report. He stated the property on Montgomery Street is almost clear of all junk vehicles; two property owners with violations will be taken to the magistrates' office; he is working on one repeat property owner with violations. He has information on cleaning up blighted properties to be discussed with Donna Miller.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under New Business. Donna Miller asked if he brought the WBRA agreement for signatures; yes.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett thanked the EMA for all they did during the recent flooding.

- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Brush pick up has begun on Wednesdays only
  - Yard Sales will be Saturday, May 18; mapping will be done by Fae Herb; forms are available at the Borough office plus various locations in the Borough
  - Community Clean up week will be May 20<sup>th</sup>-May 25<sup>th</sup>; held at the Clinton Twp building.
  - Penn Strategies update-the Montgomery Street storm sewer grant and water service line replacement grant have been completed and submitted; Park improvement grant to upgrade the bathrooms is being worked on
  - Selling the 2005 Ford Expedition; \$2000; one offer has been given and one from the Fire Department to be used as training
  - 911 Memorial Coalition approval letter was sent for the annual 911 ride through the Borough
  - At the regular May Council meeting bids will be opened for the paving of Melvina/Piatt Street
  - New Covenant Church has reached out for summer project ideas; Donna stated she will have them "spruce" up the Memorial Park and do mulching around the trees on Main Street.
  - Little League has reached out to ask to replace the double doors at the back of the concession stand; Donna stated the Borough will replace these doors; the water is turned onto Little League and the Fireman's concession stand. Also, the cement block wall and dug outs will possibly be painted by the Montgomery football players; the Borough will provide the paint for this.
  - Council will have a work session on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Police; Non-uniform employees' contract and Park improvements.

XII. Committee Report.

- Nature CAMP Program. None
- Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported the road to the new well should be started next week; weather permitting. She also announced very proudly of two employees; Randy Wright and Bob Koch on passing their water operator classes. This is a very big accomplishment for the employees and Water Authority; good things are happening at the Water Authority.
- Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Donna Miller reported the Fishing Derby is still on for May 11<sup>th</sup>; but no new information. Clean up day is Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Montgomery Park.
- General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Margaret Mathis stated she will reach out to the Fire/EMA to set up a meeting for the upcoming events.
- Budget/Finance Committee-None
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Donna Miller reported as of April 30, 2024; WBRA will no longer be picking up sewer payments at the Montgomery Borough office.
- Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Teen/Tween egg hunt went

well with 25-30 kids; the Library has a new member; Montgomery Adams rabbit!!

- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None

XIII. Old Business.

Donation Form

- a. Kid Wind Donation. A representative from the Kid Wind program talked about the program and the upcoming competition.

XIV. New Business.

1. Ordinance 2024-1 Emergency Services. Attorney DeWald reviewed. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
2. Purchase Montgomery Library computers; \$9540.24. A quote was received and reviewed for 8 new computers for the Library. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to purchase these computers; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried. Margaret Mathis abstained due to her employment with the Library. General or Act 13 funds will be used.

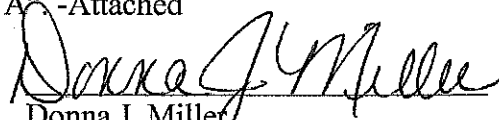
Councilman Wertz asked Joe Lyons for an update on the property on W Houston Ave. Councilwoman Mathis asked about the Hometown Hero Banner program; Angie Adams stated she will give Councilwoman Mathis the information on this.

XV. Public Comments. Donna Miller stated the upcoming events with the Historical Society; Sunday, May 19, 2-4pm will be a Stone Church Cemetery Event with local Musician/Historian Van Wagner; Saturday, June 15 a bus trip to Flight 93 Memorial; registration deadline is Wednesday, May 22 with cost of \$75.00.

Andrew Swanger from Montgomery Little League thanked the Board for the upcoming repairs and also submitted a quote for new fencing from Kringer Fencing for \$2450.00 and a tri axle load of top soil for \$2068.00; Councilman Wertz stated diamond dirt would be better than topsoil. Donna Miller asked if Little League was going to help with some of these expenses; Mr. Swanger stated Little League is willing to contribute to these.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Ruth Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm; second by Gary Yocum Jr. 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" -Attached

  
Donna J. Miller  
Borough Coordinator

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