

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**May 14, 2024**

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

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

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll call was taken: Joshua Geiger-A, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, L. Whitlow Wertz-A, 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 to discuss Fire Department.  
  
Open Paving Bids for Melvina/Piatt Streets. Six bids for this paving project were received. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept the bid of Big Rock Paving of \$48,468.25; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
- III. Fire Department Report. Donald Gordner reviewed the monthly report. Carnival has started with the parade on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. President Sanguedolce asked about the funding of the ambulance repair bill; Councilwoman Little asked if any recourse was taken. Mr. Gordner did not know the answers to any of these.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver reviewed the monthly report. EMA will be participating with the Emergency Preparedness Day at the Allenwood Federal Prison Complex on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Yocum asked about the recent Fishing Derby; Greg Gruver replied everything went well; with approximately 50 kids. Councilwoman Mathis asked about the tour of the proposed Microbrewery on West Houston Ave; Greg Gruver replied they are working on the building.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve March 2024 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.  
Approve April 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reviewed the updated report. Fourteen violation letters have been sent; three with final warnings; more letters to be sent this weekend.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.

- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett proclaimed June 7, 2024 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in support of the Wear Orange gun violence prevention movement.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Montgomery Library has received the new computers; a Thank you from Amber Adams; Director is included in the packet.
  - A giant Thank you card was received from Montgomery AYSO for maintaining the soccer fields
  - A big Thank you goes out to the Montgomery Football coaches and players for mulching at the Memorial Garden and placing the mulch around the Christmas tree at the Park.
  - Yard Sales will be Saturday, May 18; Thank you to Fae Herb for the mapping.
  - Community Clean up week will be May 20<sup>th</sup>-May 25<sup>th</sup>; held at the Clinton Twp building.
  - The double doors at the Little League concession were ordered from Lezzer Commercial doors; cost will be \$4405.00 for material and installation; this monies will be taken from the Local Fiscal Recovery money.
  - Council will have a work session on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Police; Non-uniform employees' contract; July 3<sup>rd</sup> event and Park improvements.
  - Councilwoman Mathis will be attending a zoom 2024 Virtual Summit on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 at n/c; title is "Empowering Communities for Environmental Equity"; information was available for other Council to attend.
- XII. Committee Report.
- Summer Alive Program. None
  - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported the road to the new well is completed; with drilling starting this week.
  - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Laurel Green reported the Clean-up Day was Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Montgomery Park with 740 pounds collected; there will be no RiverFest; possibly something in the Fall. Donation letters went out for Fireworks; Donna Miller reported one has been received for \$125.00.
  - General Administration/Labor Relations-Donna Miller reported the non-uniform employee contracts will soon be worked on,
  - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None
  - Budget/Finance Committee-None
  - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.
  - Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis had nothing new to report; she stated Amber Adams from the Library could not attend tonight's' meeting; but she thanked Council for the new computers.
  - Planning & Development-None
  - Vacancy Board Committee-None
  - Zoning Board-None

XIII. Old Business.

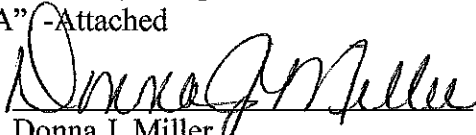
XIV. New Business.

1. Scott Freedle resignation. A motion was made Laurel Green to accept; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 2024-5-14 Park Grant Application. Donna Miller explained this is needed to apply for the Park grant for the handicap bathrooms. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to accept; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
3. Montgomery Ambulance. Councilman Yocum asked Donald Gordner from the Fire Department if they could have a breakdown of the types of calls on the monthly report. A motion was made by Gary Yocum Jr to pay \$5000.00 to the MVFC for the ambulance repairs; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
4. C3D Fixed Style Compactor Attachment. Donna Miller discussed this; this attachment is for the mini excavator; total price is \$7965.00 (co-stars pricing); this would be split 50/50 with the Water Authority; cost for each would be \$3982.50. A motion was made by Ruth Little to purchase; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried. This will be taken out of the General funds.

XV. Public Comments: Fae Herb thanked Donna Miller for the help with the yard sales; she stated the Montgomery Area Historical Society will be hosting an event on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the Stone Church Cemetery; Van Wagner will be speaking. Fae will have the Adam room open on Wednesday night from 3-5pm for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders project, the Historical Society is working on getting three more Kiosks; one being placed at Memorial Park; one on Henry Hand Drive and the other at the Presbyterian church. Rocky Sanguedolce asked if anyone could purchase a kiosk; Fae stated yes.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm; second by Ruth Little. 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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