

Montgomery Borough Council
July 9, 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-P, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-A, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, L. Whitlow Wertz-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Ken Bennett.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-None

III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the monthly report. The 3rd of July events went well with no incidents. The Fire Department would like a "live feed" to all the Borough's cameras for scheduled and unscheduled events and possibly purchasing more cameras; discussion was held to why this is needed; as the Department is not security and the State Police would be called if anything would happen; these cameras were placed at places for security due to vandalism for the Borough and not for everyone to have access to them; the Fire Department and EMA were instructed to submit information on what each would like; this will be more discussed and brought to the next meeting.

IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver reviewed the written report and stated EMA has been busy in the past and upcoming weeks; they might be helping with the Little League Grand Slam parade with communications.

V. Public Concerns. Brad Feaster asked if any more was discussed on bringing Police back in the Borough; with the minibike problem in the Borough. Councilman Wertz stated the Conrail Railroad Police have been patrolling for this. Watson town and South Williamsport Police Departments has been contacted with no response. Dennis Gruver stated if only the Borough could patrol traffic. Angie Adams stated the trees on Main Street should be trimmed back or cut down due to growth; also, the tree/bushes at the Welcome sign at the carnival grounds need to be cut. Councilwoman Green asked if this cost would be under any of the grants that were applied for; Donna Miller replied as no-this would be maintenance.

VI. Approve June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

VII. Approve May 2024 Treasurer's Report. Councilwoman Green had a question about the \$1000 transfer to the Holiday committee; this was in the 2024 budget to

do so. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.

Approve June 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. None
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report. Donna Miller asked Attorney DeWald to look into an Ordinance for remilling and paving streets if openings were made in a short distance. Attorney DeWald will follow up.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett stated the Firework event went well and thanked everyone involved; but he would like to have the National Anthem played before the fireworks.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
-The new double doors for the Little League concession stand should be installed in the next few weeks
-WNEP 16 Joe Snedeker will be coming through the Borough on Monday, July 22; approximately at 3pm
-Total cost for the Fireworks was \$11,000; divided between the Borough, Clinton and Brady Townships; \$3549.00 was received from donations for the Borough; the Borough's cost was \$117.68
- XII. Committee Report.
-Summer Alive Program. Donna Miller reported the program will be ending next week
-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Nothing new to report
-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green apologized for not having the National Anthem played before the Firework display; God Bless America was played earlier. 22 donations were received from the vendors for the Silent Auction; 30 tickets were sold at \$5 each-\$150.00(\$50 was taken out of this for the DJ); all prizes were given out; two prizes involved alcohol-the winners were 21 years old and copies of the driver's license were required. A copy of the vendor donations and ticket purchasers was given to all Council. Kind and Happy people; A great Success!
-General Administration/Labor Relations-None
-Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Councilwoman Mathis reported a safety meeting was held on June 18th for the Firework event; she asked for a follow up meeting; but EMA and Fire Department stated a meeting time will be set up after August.
-Budget/Finance Committee-Budget meetings will start in August
-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.
-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the committee is working on an Indoor Mini-golf and movie at the New Covenant Church; no date at this time; the Church does have a movie license, a Halloween Scavenger hunt; and possibly Baby Olympics. PSAB is taking donations of pictures/landmarks for their 2025

calendar; if your picture is used; \$50 gift card will be awarded; if enough pictures of the Borough; we could have our own 2025 Calendar. The Montgomery Library will be having a Water Fun event on Saturday, July 13 at 2pm at Heritage Park with ice cream too! Montgomery Untamed group is taking care of the Odyssey Angel Box on Henry Hand Drive; donations are needed; the Back-to-School clothing/supply drive is underway; with distribution the Saturday before school starting.

Councilwoman Mathis discussed purchasing synthetic ice-skating tiles enough for 50 adults for the Park; this cost would be approximately \$19,000-being purchased from the Local Fiscal Recovery money; a new quote is being done. Wilkes Barre purchased this. She would like the Borough to sponsor one Hometown Hero Banner-cost would be \$178.50 before the April deadline and \$210.00 after; also, should we place neighboring community events in the Montgomery monthly newsletter? these items will be on the August 13, 2024 agenda.

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

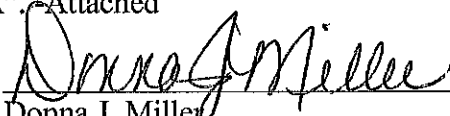
XIII. Old Business. None

XIV. New Business. None

XV. Public Comments: None

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Margaret Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm; second by Laurel Green. 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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