

Montgomery Borough Council
August 13, 2024

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall

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-A, Ruth Little-P, 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)-An executive session was held prior to this meeting for discussion on cameras.
- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook reviewed the monthly report. Everything with the flooding went well.
- IV. EMA Report. A written report was included for review; EMA was helping with the Little League Grand Slam parade with communications.
- V. Public Concerns. Craig Miller; representing the Historical Society; stated they are helping with the Clinton Twp Bicentennial Anniversary in 2025; a Trolley tour; and a walking tour of Fairview Cemetery is being planned plus a walking tour of the Historical Society kiosks. A meeting is being planned for September 16th @ 6pm at the Adams Room if interested in volunteering.
- VI. Approve July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve June 2024 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
Approve July 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons stated portions of N Main Street sidewalks are closed due to unsafe conditions from the retaining walls and steps. He reviewed the report stating Ordinance fines were issued; the abandoned cars in the W Houston Ave parking lot will be addressed. Councilwoman Little asked if a letter was sent to the adjacent property owner to the Borough building for the wood coming off of the building; Joe replied as no; it is on his "radar"
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett stated his appreciation for the good work done by

EMA during the recent flooding.

- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Clinton Twp clean-up week-cost to the Borough of \$1534.67
 - On August 5, 2024; Benjamin Dilver was hired for the Maintenance position.
 - Penn Strategies grant writing is now called Tactical Data Group; same employees; different name; cost was lowered to \$2300.00 monthly. The grant for the replacement of the storm sewers and water service lines on Montgomery Street is in the next step at Senator Casey's office; no news until late fall/winter.
 - 2024 Audit will be the last one done by Richard Lowe, CPA
 - Employees are ready to discuss the new contract for 2025-2027
 - Laurel Green will be on the committee for the Bridge Development Group for the Rt 54 Bridge program
- XII. Committee Report.
- Summer Alive Program. Donna Miller reported the program ended for the year.
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Nothing new to report
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-None
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-Labor meeting will be set up; Donna Miller will update.
 - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None
 - Budget/Finance Committee-Budget meeting will be August 21, 2024 at 2pm.
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report. No rate increase has been mentioned.
 - Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated due to the recent flooding the Candy Bingo was postponed; a new date will be announced. They are working on Halloween and Christmas decorations.
 - Planning & Development-None
 - Vacancy Board Committee-None
 - Zoning Board-None
- XIII. Old Business.
- Cameras-President Sanguedolce stated this was discussed with Council to allow the Fire Department to have access to the Borough's cameras; it was decided the current policy will stay in place-which is the Department will not have access to the cameras; Fire Department and EMA will be given access during special events for a limited time limit; they are to contact Mayor Bennett if needed.
- XIV. New Business.
1. Municipal Winter Traffic Agreement-5 year. Donna Miller stated this is a 5-year agreement from the State for the plowing of Main/Montgomery and 2nd Streets. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to accept; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
 2. Ice Skating panels-This was tabled; a work session will be scheduled to discuss this and the splash pad.

3. Hometown Hero Banner. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to purchase one banner before the April deadline of \$178.50; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. Councilwoman Margaret Mathis and Mayor Bennett will organize this.
4. Newsletter-neighboring communities' events. A discussion was held; due to increased cost; the newsletter will be for Montgomery only.
5. Montgomery Library copier. Councilwoman Mathis discussed the Library is in need of a new copier; the staff and public uses this for coping/fax and emails. A question was asked of how much the Library receives in taxes; approximately \$8000 yearly. Councilwoman Little wanted to table this since the Borough just purchased computers for the Library. Little asked if money (\$5000.00) was received from Clinton Twp for help with the purchase of a new air conditioning unit for the Library; Margaret stated no monies from them have been received as of this time. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to purchase the Montgomery Library a copier for \$2677.55 using Act 13 funds; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XV. Public Comments: None

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Margaret Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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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