

Montgomery Borough Council
October 8, 2024

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall and remotely by Zoom. Zoom was turned off due to inappropriate comments after the Fire Department report.

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/P-arrived at 6:31pm, Laurel Green-P, 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)-None
- III. Fire Department Report. No one was in attendance; but a report was included for review. Councilwoman Mathis stated the Fire Department reached out to her to determine who the contact would be to the Fire Department; she does not want this responsibility, she ask who would like this; no one responded. Councilman Wertz stated there should be someone from the Department at meetings; he is a lifetime member; fundraisers were done-not always coming to the Borough for a hand out.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver stated EMA just finished an 8-hour drill at the Muncy prison; they helped with the 911 ride, with no issues; they will be participating at the School for a drill and also at the Airport. Dennis Gruver stated EMA would like "Flash Flood Area" warning signs to be placed in various spots along Black Hole creek; 4 to 5 signs would be needed. Rocky Sanguedolce will purchase these.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes. After a question on the September 10, 2024 meetings about the recordings of the minutes from Ruth Little. Attorney DeWald responded and clarified. The Borough does have an Ordinance stating recordings can be destroyed after 3 years. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to approve as corrected; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve August 2024 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried.
Approve September 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons was not in attendance.

IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.

X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett had nothing new to report.

At this time, Councilwoman Little asked to have zoom put back on; Laurel Green tried but this was still inappropriate; this was turned off again.

XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:

- Last date for brush pick up will be Wednesday, October 30th; the gate will still be open on Wednesdays for drop off
- Starting the grant for the Boat ramp; Montgomery Borough was awarded the grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership for \$14,875.00 for ADA play fixtures at the Park
- Christmas hams will be purchased for employees and Council
- Montgomery Lions Halloween Parade will be Thursday, October 31, 2024; forming at 5:30pm; moves at 6pm; Trick or Treating hours will be 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Remember to vote on November 5th.
- Work Session will be held Wednesday, October 23 at 6pm

XII. Committee Report.

- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Nothing new to report
- Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-None
- General Administration/Labor Relations-Labor meeting with employees will be Monday, October 21 at 6pm; Chairwoman of this committee is Laurel Green, appointed by President Rocky Sanguedolce.
- Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None
- Budget/Finance Committee-Budget meeting is October 23 at 1pm.
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated WBRA is donating piping to the Montgomery Legion for replacement of the sewer lateral.
- Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 7th at 1pm; ending at the Park with Santa; letters to Santa will start December 9 thru the 20th, mailbox will be in front of the Borough office; Participates in the Christmas house decorating contest must be registered; forms will be in the newsletter and Borough office-last day to turn in will be December 18th; judging will be December 21&22; winners announced December 23rd. In 2025; monthly events will take place; any ideas please reach out to her, volunteers are needed. The Library will be having a Halloween party on October 31st from 5-6pm.

XIII. Old Business.

Councilman Geiger questioned Joe Lyons procedure for towing abandoned vehicles/campers. This will be addressed to Joe Lyons.

XIV. New Business. None.

XV. Public Comments: Dennis Gruver stated the Toys for Tots boxes will soon be placed through the Borough until mid-December. Sign ups for food/gift boxes will start the day after Thanksgiving.

Pastor Jen Ferguson from New Covenant Assembly of God Church introduced herself to Council.

Resident Ruth Little thanked all the local volunteers; MVFC, EMA; Legion; Lions; Food Bank etc. for all the work that they do. Lets all work together.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm; second by Margaret Mathis 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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