

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**December 10, 2024**

**\*\*Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall**

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-A, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-A, L. Whitlow Wertz-P, Gary Yocum Jr-A. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Ken Bennett.  
  
\*Report on Executive Session(s)-None
  
- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook had nothing more to report then what was on the monthly report. Steve Cook reported the Department will be at a funeral service this coming Saturday; Turbot Twp will be covering.
  
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver reported the Wreaths Across America will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony at Fairview Cemetery; the Food/Toy drive is going well; with distribution on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
  
- V. Public Concerns. Resident, Ruth Little thanked everyone that was involved with the Christmas parade; she stated CTVFC was not contacted; Margaret Mathis replied as yes; they were; Ruth Little asked MVFC why Clinton Twp is not on the "box cards" for emergency calls during the work week. Steve Cook replied and explained the procedure. Ruth Little also asked about the camper on the lot at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Broad; Joe Lyons will look into this.
  
- VI. Approve November 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
  
- VII. Approve October 2024 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.  
Approve November 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
  
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reported that some campers/cars are removed or moved; he has received one complaint about unsafe living conditions; this is being looked into; he is still following up on the unsafe retaining walls on N Main Street; Whitlow Wertz asked about the one property on Montgomery Street; Joe replied as some of the items have been removed. Joe Thanked everyone for his employment with the Borough and he has donated his last 2 ½ months salary to the Borough.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas parade, but wished more would participate.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:  
-The Christmas ham pick up/delivery will be Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
-Whitlow Wertz has agreed to another 5-year term on the Montgomery Water Authority  
-The "Welcome to Montgomery" sign at the Carnival grounds has been redone by Doug Deem; he is working on the other sign that is by JSSB; this sign was rotten; the cost for both will be approximately \$3300.00; this was already in the 2024 and 2025 budgets.  
-As of January 1, 2025 Tactical Data Group will now be Grant Success Lab; same monthly price and same people.
- XII. Committee Report.  
-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- None  
-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-None  
-General Administration/Labor Relations-Employee contract will be voted on under New Business  
-Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None  
-Budget/Finance Committee-The second reading of the 2025 Budget will be under New Business  
-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-None  
-Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis thanked the Borough guys for putting up the candy cane rope lights and putting the lights on the tree at the Park; MVFC for bringing Santa in the parade and thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas parade; next year Santa will ride through the town and meet for pictures etc. at the Park; she is looking for a bunny costume for Easter; letters to Santa deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup>, mailbox will be in front of the Borough office; Guess How Many contest ends tonight; winner will receive the grand prize with 20 additional prizes for the closest. Participates in the Christmas house decorating contest must be registered; last day to register will be December 16<sup>th</sup>; judging will be December 16&17; winners announced December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Montgomery Library will have Santa from 1-3 and a miniature making on December 21 from 3-5pm. The January scavenger hunt will be a riddle posted each day; must figure out the riddle and post a picture; prizes will be given for different categories.
- XIII. Old Business.  
1. 2025 Montgomery Borough Budget-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve the 2025 Montgomery Borough Budget at a no tax increase; second by Whitlow Wertz. A roll call vote was taken; Josh Geiger-absent; Laurel Green-no; Ruth Little-yes; Margaret Mathis-yes; Rocky Sanguedolce-

absent; Whitlow Wertz=yes; Gary Yocum Jr.-absent. Vote was 3 yes; 1 no.  
Motion carried.

XIV. New Business.

1. Tax Levy Ordinance 2024-2. This Ordinance sets the tax mileage for 2025. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept; second by Whitlow Wertz. Laurel Green opposed. Motion carried.
2. Set 2025 Meeting Dates; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting @ 6:30pm; with work sessions on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month or Wednesday if needed; Jan 14; Feb 11; March 11; April 8; May 13; June 10; July 8; Aug 12; Sept 9; Oct 14; WED NOV 12; Dec 9, 2025. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept these dates; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
3. Boating Facility Grant Resolution. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
4. 2025-2027 Employee contract. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the contract per the recommendation of Attorney DeWald that the language be changed regarding the 32 hours worked consecutive to read the same as the Police contract; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried
5. Codes Assessment Professionals. This was tabled until the January 2025 meeting upon the receipt of the engagement letter and legal review.

XV. Public Comments:

The new owners of the old fireman social hall on W Houston Ave were in attendance; asking about water service; they were instructed to the Water Authority.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Ruth Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm; second by Whitlow Wertz. 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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