

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2022
7:00 PM

President Judith Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:03PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

Mayor Tom LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

Adoption of Agenda: President Kelly questioned if anyone would like to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Sean Granahan to adopt agenda as presented; Councilman Randy Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Kelly inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the November meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Craig Reimel to accept the minutes as presented; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Present for Roll Call: Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Todd Chamberlain, Randy Schuster, Judy Kelly, Sean Granahan, Tom Follert

Absent:

Other Officials Present: Thomas J. LaMont, Mayor, Alyssa Sprout Brace, Secretary

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: October Investment Report

Coterra
RE: Lewis Pad

Coterra
RE: Tucker Pad

Coterra
RE: Geiger K. Pad

Montrose Zoning Hearing Board
RE: July Meeting Minutes

Costars Connection
RE: Newsletter

President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. No questions or comments.

Recognition of Attendees: Victoria Switzer, Vera Scroggins, Craig Stewart, Elaine Petrzala, Jenny Olin, Don Kessler, Alice Walsh, Lillian Senko

Speakers: Don Kessler of PA American Water.

Mr. Kessler spoke on behalf of PA American Water on the topic of the water pipeline Cabot is paying them to install in Dimock. He stated he knew there were concerns water would be coming from Lake Montrose and the Montrose Area. Mr. Kessler stated water would not be coming from Montrose Lake or Montrose Area. He said if there are any concerns or questions to please contact him directly. PA American water will be drilling wells in the Dimock area and will be fit for human consumption. They will be working in conjunction with the EPA and DEP.

Another speaker Craig Stevens was granted permission from Council to speak even though he is not a resident of the Montrose Borough. Mr. Stevens wanted to inform council as to what happened in court involving Cabot and the Dimock issue.

Approval of A/P: President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Granahan motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll: President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilman Granahan motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Councilman Granahan; Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. Motion was made by Councilman Reimel to accept the Budget Report; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Street Department: President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. President Kelly stated the Street Department did a great job with leaf pick up. She would like to thank the Street Department for their help with decorating our town and helping with the setup of Christmas in Montrose.

Zoning Report: President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Zoning Report. No questions or comments.

Code Enforcement Report: President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report. She stated she would like to thank Roy Williams for his years of service with the Borough.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Sergeant Smith stated he had corrections to

the report; 93 incidents, 10 citations, 2 repair orders became citations. No issues to report from Police Department from Christmas in Montrose.

Municipal Authority: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. No questions or comments.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont stated he would like a list of Street lights that are out. He wants to contact the Penelec Representative to get the lights working and find out the repair issues. Mayor LaMont would like to get lighting replaced. President Kelly requested Mayor LaMont to come back with a report at the next Borough Meeting.

Mayor LaMont stated he would like to present Sergeant Jim Smith with a Commendation for his actions regarding a fire that took place in the Borough. Mayor LaMont presented Sergeant Smith with the award and thanked him for his service to our community.

Action Items:

- 1. Approve Update to Ordinance 9876 by Solicitor:** Councilman Reimel motioned to allow Michael Briechle to update the ordinance; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Adopt Ordinance 2022-01 Tax Rate:** Councilman Reimel motioned to adopt the 2022-01 Tax Rate of 14 mills; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Adopt Budget 2023:** Councilman Granahan made a motion to Adopt the 2023 Budget as presented of one million seven hundred thirty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars and zero cents. Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Approve Meeting Ad for 2023:** Councilman Chamberlain motioned to approve meeting ad for 2023; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 5. Review and Accept Bid Package for Engineered Building:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve the project manual, including the bid package contained therein, for the Montrose Borough Street Department engineered building, subject to the Borough Solicitors' review of it and his inclusion of additional language as required by various statutory provisions governing the project; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Discuss Water Pipeline Cabot is paying PAWC to Build:** See above under "Speaker".
- 7. Approve to Pay Council and Mayor:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve paying Council and Mayor; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 8. Appoint Carla Whitney to a 3 Year Term on the Montrose Zoning Hearing Board:** Councilman Chamberlain motioned to appoint Carla Whitney to a 3 year term on the Montrose Zoning and Hearing Board; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 9. Discuss Susquehanna County Mitigation Plan Survey:** President Kelly held a discussion regarding the County's Mitigation Plan Survey. She asked all Council members to fill out the survey as soon as possible due to time constraints. Councilman Reimel stated he would take on this project. President Kelly asked Secretary Brace to please get in contact with Dave Darrow our Emergency Management Coordinator regarding the survey. No further discussion was had.

Discussion Items

- 1. Report from Christmas In Montrose Representative:** Councilman Follert held discussion regarding Christmas In Montrose. He stated the event went off without any hitches, but felt attendance was down due to weather. Councilman Follert stated there were issues with the fire department. He was unsure why there was any confusion since all appropriate documents were given to them. The Committee will work with them to fix any issues before next year's event.

President Kelly was pleased with the event, except for the Green a bit muddy and slippery. She asked if anything could be done. Councilman Follert stated he has tried multiple ways to fix said issues and there is just no way to do so. He stated the committee takes on a Liability Insurance for the event. Councilman Reimel suggested planning and review meetings for next years event like the Fourth of July Committee does. Mayor LaMont and Borough Council thanked Tom Follert and the Christmas In Montrose Committee for their efforts in putting on such a successful event. Looking forward to next year.

Executive Section: No Executive Session was needed

Councilman Schuster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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