

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
December 4, 2023

President Judith Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM

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 Ed Herd to adopt agenda as presented; Councilman Craig Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Absent:

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Siana Law
RE: Terms

PA EMA
RE: Borough EMC Letter

Verisk
RE: Borough Code

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

Recognition of Attendees: Paul Johnson, Chief Dale Smith, Tanya Bevilacqua

Speakers: Guest Speaker Paul Johnson thanked council for the opportunity to serve as Borough Emergency Management Coordinator and was open to any questions council may have.

Approval of A/P: President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Sean Granahan, motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Todd Chamberlain 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 Herd 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.

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 Tom Follert 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 Follert to accept the Budget Report; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Street Department: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. Councilman Follert would like to thank the Street Department their help with Christmas in Montrose. No questions or comments at this time.

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

Code Enforcement Report: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Code Enforcement. Councilman Granahan stated he would like Borough Solicitor Briechele to draw up a notice of violation for the house on Chenango Street regarding demolition. All of council was in agreement. No questions or comments.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Councilman Chamberlain inquired if there was any word on the police cruiser at Montrose Motors and to make sure the warranty is still covered with the situation with the dealership. No other questions or comments at this time.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor LaMont stated there was nothing major to report. Mayor wanted to thank Councilman Follert and the Christmas In Montrose Committee for pulling off such a successful event.

Action Items:

1. **Approve Garbage Ordinance 2023-03:** Council Schuster made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-03 which states provisions of Chapter 64 of the Borough of Montrose, entitled "Garbage Rubbish and Refuse". The Ordinance states new terms and conditions for proper storage, placement, and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse. Councilman Herb 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Approve Parking Ordinance 2023-04:** Councilman Schuster made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-04 which amends The Code of the Borough of Montrose 107.22 to list the east side of Lake Avenue from Maple Street toward the direction of Prospect Street a distance of 155 feet as prohibited parking. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approve to Pay Council and Mayor :** Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve council and the mayor to be paid. Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approve 2024 Budget:** Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Approve Tax Ordinance 2023-05:** Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve tax ordinance 2023-05. Ordinance states Real Estate General Purpose Property Tax for 2024 shall be increased to 16 mills for each dollar of assessed valuation of real property within the Montrose Borough. Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Approve of DCED Ordinance for Borough Grage Loan of \$700,000:

Councilman Schuster made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-06.

Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in

7. Engaging Michelle O'Brien, Esquire, to issue an opinion of counsel letter (fee agreement provided):

Councilman Granahan made the motion to allow Solicitor Mike Briechele to engage Michelle O'Brien for opinion of counsel.

Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Car Show:** Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace stated a gentlemen is inquiring about a car show to be held at the top of the avenue in June. Councilman Follert stated to put this gentlemen in contact with Joe Borelli.
- 2. PA American Water Price Increase:** Councilman Granahan stated he would like councils' approval to write a letter of objection regarding the price increase and to include in the letter councils concern with Lake Avenue. All council in favor of allowing Councilman Granahan to contact PA American Water on council's behalf.
- 3. Street Lights:** Councilman Schuster stated after attending meetings in Broome County he inquired about street lighting. He would like to look further into new bulbs for Borough Street lights, this will give the borough the opportunity to save money. President Judy Kelly stated she would like Councilman Schuster and Councilman Reimel to take point with this and come back to next meeting with further information.

Councilman Shuster thanked President Judy Kelly and Councilman Follert for their time served here at the Montrose Borough. President Kelly stated she would like to thank everyone on Council for their help during her time served on council.

Councilman Schuster made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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