

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023
7:00 PM

President Judith Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:04PM

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 Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Present for Roll Call: Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Todd Chamberlain, Judy Kelly, Sean Granahan, Tom Follert, Randy Schuster present at 8:05PM

Absent:

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: November Investment Report

SCCD'S Conservation Insider
RE: Newsletter

PA DEP
RE: Notice of Violation

First Energy
RE: Community Tree Program

Coterra
RE: Notification of Application for drilling permit

United Fire Company
RE: Fund Drive

Susquehanna County
RE: Monthly Report

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

Recognition of Attendees: Susquehanna County Commissioner Alan Hall, John Snider, Police Chief Dale Smith

Speakers: Commissioner Alan Hall asked Council for their blessing to place all new curbing around the Green. No formal approval is needed. There will be a new crosswalk placed on the side of the courthouse by the main entrance that leads to the green. He stated he wanted Council's blessing right away so in the spring the curbs can be replaced before the Lake Avenue Project resumes.

Commissioner Hall also discussed Susquehanna County Tourism Funding. He stated our tourism office is currently located in Wyoming County and we need to get it back into our own county. Bringing this back to our county would be beneficial in many ways. This would be a full-time executive position and would also require staffing to oversee it. Hall stated we need to take care of our county first. Commissioner Hall asked Council to consider adopting the Resolution. Motion was made by Councilman Tom Follert to adopt Resolution 2023-02, Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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 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 Craig Reimel 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 that Supervisor Kenny will keep Council updated on the Lake Avenue Project.

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 had discussion for the executive session on Code Enforcement.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. She asked if there were any issues with cars parking where they are not supposed to during a snow event or snow removal. Chief Smith stated no major issues reported. President Kelly asked if there was any progress on the Chestnut Street hit and run, Smith stated nothing at this time. No other questions or comments were made.

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 to acknowledge Commissioner Hall on his efforts and success with paving project for Route 29. He has the United Fire Company's Installation of Officers Banquet this Saturday to swear in all 2023 Officers. Mayor LaMont stated the United Fire Company has requested an informational meeting to discuss finances and other business. He will set up a date with the fire department and is requesting all Borough Council to attend. Mayor LaMont had a request to make our local batman an honorary Police Officer, due to his terminal illness. He stated he will look into the logistics of this request. Mayor LaMont stated he will continue to work on Street light bulb replacement. Nothing else at this time.

Action Items:

- 1. Approve Employee Pay Rates for 2023:** Councilman Reimel motioned to increase the pay rate one dollar for all Borough Employees. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Ed Herd made the motion to raise Sergeant Smith's pay rate from nineteen dollars and fifty-one cents to twenty-one dollars and fifty-one cents for his training duties. Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. Change of Use Form for Two Rivers Church:** President Kelly welcomed John Snider to our area and asked when the Church would be occupying the building. Snider stated 45 Public Ave would be used for an office Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and for Children's Bible Study

Area on Sundays. Snider also stated the lease was a 3-year lease. Change of Use was granted.

3. Adopt Resolution 2023-01: Councilman Granahan made a motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-01. Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. County Tourism Funding Resolution: Councilman Follert motioned to adopt the County Tourism Funding Resolution; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. Code Enforcement Email: Discussed in Executive Session
2. Fences and Sidewalk discussion tabled for another time.

Executive Section: President Kelly called an Executive Session at 7:50PM. President Kelly called the meeting back in session 8:06PM

Regular meeting back in session at 8:06PM

Councilman Reimel made the motion to retain Roy Williams on a consulting basis at the pay rate of twenty dollars per hour plus mileage. President Kelly stated she would get in contact with Mr. Williams. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:11PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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