

**MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 11, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

President Judy Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor Thomas 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.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Kelly inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the June 6, 2022 minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Councilman Craig Reimel; Councilman Ed Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman Chamberlain abstained.

**Present for Roll Call:** Judy Kelly, Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Todd Chamberlain

**Absent:** Sean Granahan, Tom Follert (arrived at 7:15), Randy Schuster (8:08)

**Other Officials Present:** Thomas J. LaMont, Mayor; Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

**Misc. Correspondence:**

Beirne Wealth Consulting  
RE: May Investment Report

Leatherstocking Gas Company  
RE: Rate Increase

Penelec  
RE: Energy Saving Information

Coterra  
RE: Proposed Well

Susquehanna County Conservation Tour  
RE: Tour Information & Registration

Dept. of Health Bureau of EMS  
RE: Meeting on July 14, 2022

Rail-Trail News  
RE: Newsletter

President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence.

Mayor and Council had several discussions on the various companies requesting large rate increases.

**Recognition of Attendees:** Danielle Henry, Ted Cady

**Speakers:**

Danielle Henry informed President Kelly she didn't have anything else to add to the request she and Danielle Lewis had regarding chickens at last month's meeting.

President Kelly stated she had an opportunity to review the zoning ordinance with the Borough's solicitor Michael Brieche and they researched the current ordinance which can be found online at [montroseborough.com](http://montroseborough.com) if Ms. Henry would like to review it on her own time.

Chickens which are described in the Zoning Ordinance as fowls is referenced in **§112-703 Agricultural Uses. Crop Production and Animal Husbandry** which then directs you to **§112-706 D** for animals on residential lots.

After careful review of the current Zoning Ordinance by President Kelly and Solicitor Michael Brieche it was determined chickens are permitted in the Borough in the residential section following guidelines and do not need a permit.

Councilman Reimel informed Ms. Henry she should not purchase any chickens until Council's August meeting. When questioned why by Ms. Henry Councilman Reimel stated he wanted to consult again with Attorney Brieche.

**Approval of A/P:** President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Tom Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Reimel motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Todd Chamberlain 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Reimel; Councilman Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Budget Report:** President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. Councilman Reimel had several questions regarding some expenses showing over budget. He stated he neglected to contact Erin Jenner to ask her about these expenses and will contact her shortly.

**Street Department:** President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report.

President Kelly informed Council she attended a meeting with PennDot and the Street Department on the corner of Conference Road and Lake Avenue. The water comes flowing down Conference Road onto Lake Avenue and creates a hazardous condition. They have another scheduled meeting coming up to see what can be done to solve the drainage issues on Lake Avenue.

**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. No questions or comments.

**Police Department:** President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. No questions or comments.

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

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor LaMont stated it was a good day for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade but neighbors were upset about fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Conversation was held on the annoyance of the fireworks.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Approve Northeast Signal Labor Estimate 2022 Service:** Councilman Schuster motioned to accept the estimate from Northeast Signal & Electric Company for the annual preventative service in the amount of six hundred fifty dollars; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Hire Parking Enforcement Officer:** Councilman Chamberlain motioned to hire Adrian Rodriguez starting pay fifteen dollars an hour for the ninety-day probationary period; Councilman Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried,

**Discussion Items**

- 1. Upcoming Events :** Next event will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm – 8pm National Night Out at Memorial Park followed by the Blueberry Festival August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Bridgewater Church will host a free event Wet & Wacky on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm at Memorial Park. Councilman Herd will start his slip and slide Saturdays on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2. Update: Mobile Food Vending Ordinance:** President Kelly reported she was working very hard on the ordinance and will be reviewing it with Roy Williams sometime soon.

3. **Update: Chickens:** See “Speaker” listed on pages two and three for information.
4. **Lake Avenue Sewage Line Issue:** Council and Ted Cady reviewed the current codes regarding the Montrose Municipal Authorities ownness with sewage lines. After several minutes it was determined to have the lawyers review the code to determine future steps to correct the situation.
5. **Jackson Street Intersection PennDot Response:** Council reviewed the response given by PennDot stating there was no evidence of a dangerous intersection or high number of crashes to earn a four way stop. They reiterated the Borough has the authority to put in crosswalks where they deem necessary unless it’s a midblock crossing which would have to be granted by PennDot.

Councilman Herd stated the Commissioners wanted Council to be aware they are considering putting in a sidewalk along the green with a crosswalk. A meter space may have to be removed if a midblock crosswalk is granted by PennDot.

***Executive Session:*** No Executive Session was held.

Councilman Reimel motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lillian T. Senko*

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