

**MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 6, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

President Judy Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor Thomas LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

**PRESENTATION:** United Fire Company is celebrating this year one hundred seventy fifth anniversary. To commemorate the event Montrose Borough, Bridgewater Township, Montrose Lions Club, Montrose Kiwanis Club, Dimock, Montrose July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee and Leatherstocking donated an electronic message board to be installed on top of a wishing well to be built as a replica of the existing one.

President Judy Kelly presented a picture of the proposed item to United Fire Company President Ben Curley. Paul Henry informed Council they have been chosen to be the Grand Marshal of the parade which will be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. throughout the Borough of Montrose following a picnic at the fire house starting at 4:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** President Kelly questioned if anyone would like to make any changes or additions to the agenda. The following items were added: Discussion Item #6. Union Street Parking; Item #7. Non Profit Construction Permits. Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Ed Herd; Councilman Tom Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Kelly inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the May 2, 2022, minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Councilman Sean Granahan; Councilman Craig Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Absent:** Todd Chamberlain

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

**Misc. Correspondence:**

Beirne Wealth Consulting  
RE: April Investment Report

EMC  
RE: Premium Audit Statement

United States Census Bureau  
RE: 2020 Post-Census Group Qtrs. Review

PA American Water Company  
RE: Statement of Specific Reasons for Proposed  
Increase in Rates

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

**Recognition of Attendees:** Charles Daly, Jon Short, Chief Dale Smith, Danielle Henry, Danielle Lewis, Ben Curley, Daniel Stone, Alyssa Brace, Paul Henry, Larry Kelly

**Speakers:**

Danielle Henry and Danielle Lewis requested time to speak to Council about current times and how hard it is to make ends meet. With food and products increasing at excessive speeds they would be able to cut some costs if Council would be willing to change the Zoning Ordinance to allow chickens in the borough.

Ms. Henry stated she had chickens as a child and she would like to teach her children the same lessons she learned with responsibility of taking care of them along with the benefit of eating fresh food.

Both ladies stated they would understand Council putting boundaries on the Ordinance such as having them fenced in also a coop and not having a rooster.

President Kelly stated she spoke to a Councilman from a neighboring town and they have an Ordinance allowing chickens. He will share the ordinance which was approved by Mike Briechle who is also our solicitor. In turn we will send it to Solicitor Briechle to review and comment.

**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 Randy Schuster 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 Granahan motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Herd 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 Granahan; Councilman Reimel 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. After some discussion with Council, he stated he would contact Erin Jenner the Bookkeeper to see if she could shed some light on the situation.

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

Councilman Schuster motioned for the Street Department Supervisor, Ken DiPhillips to order the welder and products at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars ; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President Kelly informed Council she met with Brian Small from PennDOT to go over the ditch and road issues on Lake Avenue. The drainage is currently a nasty situation and PennDot is aware of the problem. Mr. Small informed President Kelly PA American Water Company wants to place their pipes down the middle of the road. No solution for the road deterioration , ditch issues or timeline for water company pipe replacement were identified at this meeting.

**Zoning Report:** President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Zoning Report. She reported to Council she has been working on the vending truck ordinance and requested Council to take a look at what has been done so far and make any comments to help. She will be meeting with Solicitor Briechle on June 29<sup>th</sup> so any and all comments would be helpful.

**Code Enforcement Report:** President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report. Councilman Granahan asked Borough Secretary to have the Code Enforcement Officer contact him regarding some properties they discussed at a prior meeting.

**Police Department:** President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Chief Smith said there were no major issues during the Memorial Day Parade or Wine Walk. He asked permission to move forward getting things ready for National Night Out which will take place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.

Councilman Reimel motion to move forward with National Night Out; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**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 Memorial Day Service. He suggested Council start engaging with the youth – maybe a summer program where teens can shadow the Street Department crew. He also suggested looking into the Junior Council Program.

Councilman Granahan said the Blueberry Festival needs boxes to move and if Council would consider helping out with maybe gift cards for high school football players to help set up and take down the books to be sold.

Councilman Follert stated it is a Library event and the library board should be looking at and taking steps to engage the youth in helping. No further decision was made in whether or not to help out with the event.

**Action Items:**

**1. Sign Contract for Pioneer Pole Building Garage:** Tabled until next month's meeting.

**2. Resolution for Highway Occupancy Permit:** Councilman Reimel and Councilman Schuster met with Solicitor Briechle to determine what was needed to move forward with the garage project. Obtaining a Highway Occupancy Permit was deemed one of the first items to be done.

Councilman Granahan motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-03 requesting PennDOT to grant the Borough a Highway Occupancy Permit for the corner lot; Councilman Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**3. Accept Parking Enforcement Officer Resignation and Advertise for Replacement:** Councilman Granahan motioned to accept Rachel Owens resignation from the Montrose Borough Police Department with regret; Councilman Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Granahan motioned to place a help wanted advertisement in the paper; Councilman Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. Pay Council and Mayor:** Councilman Schuster motioned to pay Council and Mayor; Councilman Granahan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**5. Engage Delta Engineers, Architects & Surveyors for Garage Project:** Councilman Reimel motioned to engage Delta Engineers, Architects and Surveyors for the garage project; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## *Discussion Items*

1. **Upcoming Events :** Fireman’s Picnic will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Activities on the Green, 5k and 10k race to be held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Blueberry Festival will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers still needed for the Blueberry Festival.
2. **Community Yard Sale Day:** Council discussed the best time to have a Community Yard Sale and felt it was best to have it coincide with the third weekend festivities. July 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> was deemed the best overall days to have the community host their yard sales.
3. **Bridgewater Church to Host Events with Councilman Herd:** Pastor Bob attended the meeting to answer any questions Council had with the church youth ministry hosting events at the park. Councilman Herd said he will work with the youth ministry person to have some additional activities for children at the park this year. No definite plans or activities were noted.
4. **Read and Review Mobile Food Vending Ordinance:** President Kelly stated she has been working very hard to put together this ordinance and would appreciate any feedback before she met with Solicitor Briechele later this month.
5. **Special Events Committee:** Councilman Herd stated he was approached by Jan Krupinski and Tammy Bevilacqua regarding the borough hosting events for the school. They informed Council Susquehanna Borough goes out of their way hosting different events for the kids such as parades and painting the town for homecoming weekend. They would like to have a Special Events Committee to coordinate these type of school activities with Council members.

Council President Kelly said Montrose always had the same events when her kids were in school. She suggested kids should be asked if they want these events or just the parents – kids should be the ones asking for events to guarantee participation.

6. **Union Street Parking:** Councilman Reimel stated there was a huge gathering for Angle Beginnings at Memorial Park. The host of the event never informed the Borough Secretary they were planning this. Union Street was reduced to a one-way street with the number of cars and trucks parked extending into the road. Jackson Street was also packed with cars two deep. Unless the Borough is advised there will be a very large gathering we can do nothing to provide special consideration to park cars.
  
7. **Nonprofit Construction Permits:** Council President Kelly stated she received a Building Permit application from the catholic church and seemed to recall other nonprofits obtaining permits and Council waiving the fees. She didn't know if it was based on a one on one or if it was across the board.

Council stated it was across the board and maybe Solicitor Briechle could create a Resolution or some type of paperwork stating this for future reference.

Councilman Reimel motioned to waive the three hundred sixty-four dollars and fifty cent fee; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillian T. Senko  
Borough Secretary