

**MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING Followed By**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 7, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

President Sean Granahan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

President Sean Granahan opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.  
Hearing was recorded by stenographer Ruth Lynch  
Public Hearing allowing members of the public to speak on opinions of the  
revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance  
President Sean Granahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

President Sean Granahan called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Councilman Craig Reimel motioned to approve the revised 2021 Subdivision  
and Land Development Ordinance number 2021-04; Councilman Todd  
Chamberlain 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adoption of Agenda:** President Granahan questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the agenda. The following items were added: Action Item #3. Pay Council and Mayor; Discussion Item #5. Monument Street, #6 Brieche Letter. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Councilman Chamberlain; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Granahan inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the May 3, 2021 minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as presented by Councilman Randy Schuster; Councilman Ed Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Present for Roll Call:** Sean Granahan, Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Todd Chamberlain, Randy Schuster

**Absent:** Tom Follert, Judy Kelly

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

**Misc. Correspondence:**

Beirne Wealth Consulting  
RE: March 2021 Investment Report

PA Dept. of Transportation  
RE: Answer to Council's Inquiry

United Fire Company  
RE: Financial Audits 2020

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

**Recognition of Attendees:** Chief Dale Smith, Jenny Olin, Bob Templeton, Staci Wilson, Rachel Owens

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

**Approval of Payroll:** President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilman Reimel motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Accounts Receivable/Deposits:** President Granahan 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 Granahan 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 Chamberlain 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Budget Report:** President Granahan inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

**Street Department:** President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. No questions or comments.

Councilman Schuster motioned to purchase items needed for catch basin repairs in the amount of one thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-three cents; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Schuster motioned to approve rental of milling machine for road and ditch repair at a cost of two thousand seventy-five dollars; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Code Enforcement Report:** President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report. No questions or comments.

**Police Department:** President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Smith stated another Officer just completed "Investigative Training".

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

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Tom LaMont stated the Police Department received another resignation of a full time Patrolman, Michael Badyrka. Officer Badyrka stated he would like to be moved to a part time status.

Councilman Reimel motioned to accept Michael Badyrka's resignation from full time Officer to part time Officer; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor LaMont informed Council Chief Smith will schedule the two officers to fill the schedule. If the officers do not work at the scheduled time after two to three months they will be terminated.

Chief Smith obtained the CoStars contracted price for a new police vehicle to replace the 2012 Dodge Charger. Turnkey is at forty-eight thousand two hundred ninety dollars and fifty-four cents. To fit the camera, radio and Vascar to the new vehicle would be an additional five thousand dollars.

Councilman Herd motioned to approve the spend of forty-eight thousand two hundred ninety dollars and fifty-four cents plus the additional five thousand dollars for the new vehicle; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Revisit Submitted Subdivision Request Vermeersch:** Council reviewed the paperwork submitted by the Montrose Planning Commission and the Susquehanna County Planning Commission regarding their recommendations. Both commissions agree the regulations for minimum lot size and configuration do not meet with the proposed subdivision request.

Councilman Reimel motioned to deny the Application for Subdivision of Dean Vermeersch and Tory Long; Councilman Chamberlain 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Approve National Night Out – August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Chief Smith informed Council National Night Out was approved by the National Council to move forward and asked Council's permission to spend up to fifteen hundred dollars on the event. The money would be allocated to rent the bounce houses as in previous years and some giveaways. Chief Smith said they normally receive donations that cover the expense, but he wants to be assured that he would have the money just in case donations are short this year.

Councilman Herd motioned to approve the fifteen hundred dollars spend for National Night Out; Councilman Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

- 3. Pay Council and Mayor:** Councilman Schuster motioned to pay Council and Mayor; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

### *Discussion Items*

- 1. Activities in the Park:** Councilman Herd shared an idea for an activity in the park to be held on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting in July. He was thinking about a slip and slide and would personally staff it. Council spoke for a few moments and recalled past years when activities were available for children in the park.
- 2. Food Truck Update:** Solicitor Briechele did not attend this meeting.
- 3. Parking Downtown:** During a prior meeting of Council they discussed the idea of raising the parking ticket fine from the current five-dollar fee and asked the Secretary to advise them when it was time to reorder the tickets so they could make a definitive decision at that time.

Rachel Owens, the Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) asked to speak on this topic. She stated the amount of the ticket was not an issue the issue is residents, employers and employees parking in the spaces. Ms. Owens feels raising the ticket fee would bring hard feelings and resentment. She conveyed to Council what she has observed working

as the PEO. Council agreed to keep the current fees and to reorder the parking tickets.

Ms. Owens brought a proposal to Council to allow “permit parking” for residents, employers and employees in town that have health problems. She said residents who have health problems find it difficult to walk down several flights of stairs every two hours to pay the meter due to not being able to walk the distance to the municipal lots.

She suggested criteria to be met before issuing a permit such as proof of residency and/or employment and proof of disability or doctor’s note. Mayor LaMont was concerned about the condition of their vehicle and whether or not they wanted the town represented by the type of cars parked on the main avenue. Ms. Owens stated these cars are already parked on the avenue they just do not have a permit.

Mayor LaMont stated he was also concerned about them parking for extended amounts of time, to which Ms. Owens replied they already do.

Council referred the suggestion to Solicitor Briechele to research if there would be any legal issues arising from issuing temporary permits.

- 4. Chickens:** Borough Secretary informed Council she has been receiving multiple calls per week from new residents asking if they would be able to have chickens. Council members replied no farm animals in the borough; first a chicken then horses and goats.
- 5. Monument Street:** Councilman Chamberlain passed along to Council information he learned about the sewer replacement on Monument Street.
- 6. Briechele Letter:** Council reviewed a letter penned by Attorney Briechele responding to a letter received from the Wooden’s regarding their response to a Condemnation Notice on 467 Church Street. Council approved the letter.

*Executive Session*

President Granahan closed the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

President Granahan opened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lillian T. Senko*

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