

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2022
7:00 PM

Vice President Ed Herd called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.
Meeting was scheduled for 7:00 – did not have a quorum until 8:06.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor Tom LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

Adoption of Agenda: Vice President Herd questioned if anyone would like to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Under Action Items: #7. Donate \$1,000. To Christmas In Montrose; #8. Approve Ad for Fill the Cruiser for Veterans. Motion was made to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Todd Chamberlain; Councilman Craig Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Vice President Herd inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the September 12, 2022 minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Councilman Chamberlain; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Absent: Tom Follert (arrived at 8:11), Judy Kelly, Sean Granahan

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: August Investment Report

Susquehanna County Municipal Waste
RE: Update on County's Municipal Waste Mgmt. Plan

Notice of Violation - EPA
RE: Fowler Oil Company

Little White Community Church
RE: Donation

Coterra
RE: Tucker Pad

PA State Constable
RE: Follow up

Vice President Herd inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. Councilman Chamberlain suggested a letter be sent to the Pennsylvania American Water Company asking how they are going to preserve the water from the newest well known as the Tucker Pad since it is so close to Lake Montrose. Council members agreed.

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, Mark Darmofal, Jason Beardsley, Staci Wilson

Speakers: None

Approval of A/P: Vice President Herd inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: Vice President Herd inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Vice President Herd 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 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Street Department: Vice President Herd asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report.

Councilman Randy Schuster motioned to place an ad for leaf collection in the newspaper; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement Report: Vice President Herd asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report.

The house on the corner of High Street and Maple Street has been sold. Council would like Code Enforcement Officer Williams to question the new owner to see what plans they have for the structure.

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

Chief Dale Smith updated Council on the recent bank robbery at First National Bank. The tellers do not have panic alarms and by the time the thief left and they called 911 it was too late for Montrose to get involved. Chief

Smith said the getaway car was in HoMart parking lot and the FBI is handling everything since it's the same crew that hit banks at Athens, Plains and other locations.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont informed Council he had a meeting with the Officers on the 16th of September going over policy, procedures, covid protocol and radar. Officers need to get out a little more and have more visibility.

Its tough being the County Seat and losing tax rolls to another government entity especially one who requests the same or more coverage.

A new state bill out for review discusses doing away with Civil Services for departments of ten or less. It'll be interesting to watch.

Action Items:

- 1. Approve Contribution to Fire Company \$42,000.00:** Councilman Schuster motioned to pay the annual contribution to United Fire Company in the amount of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00); Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Approve Contribution to Library \$1,000.00:** Councilman Follert motioned to contribute the annual one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Susquehanna County Library; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Approve Fire Relief Payment to United Fire Co \$7,531.94:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve transferring the Fire Relief Payment of seven thousand five hundred thirty-one dollars and ninety-four cents (\$7,531.94) to United Fire Company; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 4. Approve Halloween Ad:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve the Halloween ad to be placed in the local paper; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 5. Hire Parking Enforcement Officer:** Councilman Schuster motioned to hire Daryan VanNostrand at fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Approve \$6,241.00 Spend for 100 Ton Salt Order:** Councilman Schuster motioned to approve spend of six thousand two hundred forty-one dollars (\$6,241.00) for a salt order of one hundred (100) ton; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Approve Donation of \$1,000.00 for Christmas in Montrose:** Councilman Schuster motioned to donate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Christmas in Montrose committee; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 8. Approve Ad for “Fill the Cruiser” Veterans:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve an ad for Fill the Cruiser to collect food for Veterans for the upcoming holidays; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

- 1. Upcoming Events :** Next event will be Christmas in Montrose, December 2, 3, 4th.
- 2. Update: Mobile Food Vending Ordinance:** Council spoke about the procedures for the Mobile Food Vending applications and collection of fees.

Vice President Herd informed Council he thought it best to have the Police Department purchase a roll a way bed with bedding and towels since most of the officers and Secretary live so far away. If the weather

turns bad they could always stay at the station. Council thought it was a good idea.

Executive Session:

Vice President Herd closed the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Vice President Herd opened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillian T Senko

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