

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Public Hearing
6:00PM
Followed by Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
September 18, 2023

Regular Meeting

President Judith Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM

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 Craig Reimel to adopt agenda as presented; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Absent:

Other Officials Present:

Misc. Correspondence:

Burkes Pest Contril
RE: Quote

MMO Worksheet
RE: MMO Pension Plan

John Deere
RE: Backhoe

Berkheimer
RE: Monthly Report

Area Agency On Aging
RE: Service Area Letter

Amy DeShong
RE: Thank you letters

Police Pension
RE: Calculations for 2024

President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. Councilman Tom Follert asked to move pages 26 and 27 into discussion items. No other questions or comments.

Recognition of Attendees: Cathy Roberts, Conner Roberts, Tanya Bevilacqua, Carmen DiDiano, Chief Dale Smith, Mark Darmofal

Speakers: Kathy Roberts stated she would like to talk about UTV's using Borough Streets to get from trail to trail, inquired if Council will be creating an Ordinance. Councilman Follert stated Council is currently working to build in travel routes for UTV's. Chief Dale Smith stated he spoke with Councilman Follert and he see no issues from a police perspective. Chief Smith did state this would be dawn to dusk only. No other comments at this time.

Carmen DiDiano from MDM Surveyors Engineers regarding the AutoZone Project attended with a picture presentation. Mr. DiDiano requested the Borough Council to approve the plan. Zoning Officer Dave Darrow stated all prior concerns have been addressed. Councilman Reimel made the motion to accept Autozon Plan. Councilman Herd 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 Sean Granahan, motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Randy Schuster 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 Todd Chamberlain 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 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 Granahan to accept the Budget Report; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Street Department: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. Councilman Schuster stated the Borough Street Crew is all set up with materials to do the sluice pipe at the Bible Conference. Street Department manager will speak with Bible Conference about money. A motion was made by Councilman Chamberlain to request Leatherstocking Gas to pay Kenny for his time to fix the Spruce Street and Maple Street storm drain failure, Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Council will set aside the Street Departments request to add a new backhoe until Council reviews the budget for 2024. No other questions or comments at this time.

Zoning Report: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions on the Zoning Report. No questions or comments.

Code Enforcement Report: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Code Enforcement Report. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Darrow stated he will speak with the Clifford's regarding demolition of the Chenango Street house. Councilman Herd inquired about unrelated people in single family homes in the Borough. Dave stated he would look into this. No other questions or comments at this time.

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

Municipal Authority: Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. Councilman Herd stated that Officer Meany did an excellent job handling an unruly teen in the Borough. He asked Council to recognize his good job. No questions or comments. President Kelly stated that past Borough Police Secretary Alice Walsh has passed away. Council sends condolences. No other questions or Comments

Mayor's Report: Absent

Action Items:

1. **Motion to Approve to move Funds from Tree Fund Account to General Account:** Council Granahan made the motion to move funds from the Tree Fund account to the General account. Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Motion to Approve MMO for 2024:** Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve MMO for 2024. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Motion to Approve Line of Credit Process:** Councilman Reimel made the motion to go with Peoples Security Bank for a loan of seven-hundred thousand dollars and no cents at five percent interest for twenty years. Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Motion to Approve Lake Avenue Parking Ordinance Change:**
Discussion was held regarding making end Lake Avenue and Maple Street, to a tow away and ticket zone. Motion was made by Councilman Follert. Councilman Remiel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Motion to Accept Extermination Bid :** Councilman Schuster made the motion to accept Burkes Pest Contril bid at a monthly service charge of fifty- five dollars and zero cents. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. **Motion to Approve Christmas in Montrose & Jingle Bell Run Route:**
Councilman Follert stated he discussed new route with fire Chief Preston Sprout. The new route should work out just fine. Councilman Follert made the motion to approve Christmas in Montrose and new Jingle Bell run route. Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

1. **Resident Safety Complaints:** Tabled for executive session.

2. **Public Avenue and Maple Street Drainage:** Councilman Chamberlain stated Street Department will set materials, property owners will pay. Roof Drains and Catch basins will tie in with others. No other comments at this time.

3. **Church Street Traffic:** Tabled until Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace is present.

4. **Lake Avenue Traffic:** Tabled until Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace is present.

5. **Budget Ideas to Bookkeeper:** Council has backhoe quote as a budget item for book keeper.

6. **Solar:** Councilman Schuster stated he would like to change Zoning and make a solar/wind plan. Schuster stated roof panels would be ok, solar fields in yards would not be ok. Council stated windmills would be too noisy for the Borough. Councilman Schuster would like have Solicitor Briechele to take into a Zoning change. No other questions or comments at this time.

Councilman Herd stated there was a complaint regarding the chopped down Christmas Tree in the triangle in town.

Councilman Schuster called an executive session at 8:09PM

President Judy Kelly called meeting back to order at 8:21PM

Councilman Schuster made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,
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