

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
February 5, 2024

President Randall Schuster 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 Schuster questioned if anyone would like to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Ed Herd to adopt agenda as presented; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Schuster inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the September meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Todd Chamberlain to accept the minutes; Councilwoman Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Present for Roll Call: Randall Schuster, Ed Herd, Todd Chamberlain, Tanya Bevilacqua, Ed Lucas

Absent: Sean Granahan

Other Officials Present: Mayor Thomas LaMont, Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace

Misc. Correspondence:

Berkheimer
RE: Reports

Emergency Management
RE: Report from Paul Johnson

Parking Meter Info
RE: Information & quotes

Zoning Hearing Board
RE: Minutes

Kilmer
RE: Premium Quote

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

Recognition of Attendees: Paul Johnson, Chief Dale Smith, Joel Cook, Isaiah Cook, Nathaniel Cook, Abigail Cook, Naomi Cook, Chris Chapman, Lisa Burns, Margit Walters, Wyatt Ainey, Dan Zaleski, Aydan Zaleski, Joe Cuto, Liams Billets, Hudson Koch, Dan Koch, Ben Koch, Mark Darmafol

Speakers: Lisa Burns and Chris Chapman from PA Department of Community & Economic Development spoke to Council regarding all of the services they officer within their department from financial assessments to training employees and so on. President Schuster thanked Ms. Burns and Mr. Chapman for their time.

Boy Scout leader Dan Zaleski informed Council the Boy Scouts in the audience were there to observe the Council meeting to work towards new badges.

Approval of A/P: President Schuster inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Todd Chamberlain, motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilwoman Tanya Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: President Schuster 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 Chamberlain; Councilwoman Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Schuster inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. Motion was made by Councilman Herd to accept the Budget Report; Councilman Ed Lucas 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Street Department: President Schuster inquired if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. President Schuster stated that the Street Department is in need of a new

tool box. Motion was made by Councilman Chamberlain to allow the Street Department to purchase a tool box within their budget. Councilman Lucas 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Report: None at this time.

Code Enforcement Report: None at this time.

Police Department: President Schuster asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Chief Dale Smith stated the policer cruiser was back in service and running properly. Councilwoman Bevilacqua asked Chief Smith if the Police department could make their presence known around the small businesses in town around closing time. Some of our business owners in town are very nervous at closing time. Chief Smith stated he would discuss this with the other officers. No other comments.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor LaMont stated there was nothing major to report. Fire company officers were sworn in on January 13, 2024. United members were beyond excited to announce their 4 new members, hopefully recruitment will continue at this pace for the fire department.

Action Items:

1. **Accept Craig Reimels Resignation:** President Schuster read allowed the letter Councilman Remiel presented at the December Council meeting. Councilman Chamberlain made the motion to accept Reimel's resignation with regrets and thanks for his over 30 years of service to this community. Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Appoint David Rechlicz To A 5 Year Term to the Montrose Municipal Authority Board:** Council Chamberlain made the motion to appoint Rechlicz to a 5 year term. Councilman Lucas 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Sign Paperwork Regarding Polling Locations :** Councilman Chamberlain made the motion to sign the County's paperwork regarding the Montrose Borough being a permanent polling location within the Borough. Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approve AM Trust Worker's Comp Insurance:** Councilman Herd made the motion to continue to use AM Trust for workers comp coverage. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Adopt Resolution 2024-01 Susquehanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Councilman Chamberlain made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01. Councilman Lucas 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. **Approve Kilmer Insurance Premium:** Councilman Chamberlain made the motion to accept the Kilmer Premium at an estimated cost of forty-four thousand five hundred forty-five dollars and zero cents. Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

1. **Judy Kelly Frontier Point Person:** President Schuster informed Council that Judy Kelly would like to continue to be the point of contact on behalf of the Borough regarding the Frontier Poles. President Schuster stated he felt Judy Kelly should continue to be point of contact for the Borough. All in agreement.
2. **Parking Meters:** President Schuster reviewed quotes and meter information with Council and stated the Borough is currently losing money with the prices and such we have with our current meter systems. He would like council to put thought into new meter and tickets costs for the next meeting.
3. **Lathrop Street Traffic:** President Schuster stated council received a letter from an employee at Lathrop Street School asking for the Borough to close the Street during parent pick up times in the afternoon. Mayor Tom LaMont stated he spoke with the fire chief and he stated his opinion. That this would not be in the Boroughs interest to close a street down. This would cause major delays in an emergency situation. Councilwoman Bevilacqua stated that this is not a Borough issue that this is an issue that the school needs to resolve. Councilman Herd stated he could be the point person and contact the school and inform them that council feels this is not a Borough issue that this is their issue and they need to try to resolve this issue without the Borough closing streets.
4. **Emergency Management:** President Schuster stated he spoke with Montrose Borough Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Johnson. It was determined that Paul would be the deciding factor is the Borough shall need warming shelters, charging stations, and so on. This is not decided by Council, but the Emergency Management Coordinator that the Borough has appointed.

Councilman Chamberlain made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Lucas 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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