

**MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 7, 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.

**Adoption of Agenda:** President Kelly questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Action Item #4 Open Bid for Police Vehicle accidentally omitted but advertised was added. Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Ed Herd; Councilman Craig Reimel 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 January 17, 2022 minutes. Councilman Todd Chamberlain stated Councilman Tom Follert's name was omitted in the Present for Roll Call section. Motion was made to accept minutes as amended by Councilman Reimel; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman Chamberlain abstained; motion carried.

Councilman Reimel motioned to accept the minutes of January 3, 2022 as presented; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilman Follert abstained; motion carried.

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

**Absent:** Randy Schuster (arrived at 8:07 p.m.)

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

**Misc. Correspondence:**

Beirne Wealth Consulting  
RE: December 2021 Investment Report

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RE: Quarterly Report Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2021

Montrose Borough Zoning Hearing Board  
RE: January 18 ,2022 Meeting

PA Dept. Of Environmental Protection  
RE: HoMart Storage Tanks

Coterra  
RE: Proposed Gas Wells

Susq. Cty. Housing & Redevelopment  
RE: Seminar Fair Housing for Local Governments

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

**Recognition of Attendees:** Jeremy Arndt, Caleb Sheldon, Danielle Lewis, Steve Summer, Eric Aepli, Ed DeWitt, Hunter Lewis, Staci Wilson

**Approval of A/P:** President Kelly inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Sean Granahan 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.

Councilman Reimel motioned to move two hundred thousand dollars to the Capital Reserve account from the General Fund; Councilman Granahan 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. No questions or comments.

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

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

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

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

**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 there are no cops applying for positions and police hours are limited.

Mayor LaMont informed Council he swore in fire company members.

Alex Edwards is going for an Eagle Patch and would like to do something for the Borough if Council could think of something needed stated Mayor LaMont.

Regarding the complaint from Hunter Lewis and Councilman Follert concerning comments on Fire Police not having enough people to cover the event and the police not covering the event he said he spoke to a person working for a professional traffic control company out of Scranton. Area Wide Protective is the name of the company if Councilman Follert or Ms. Lewis wanted to give them a call to inquire on their rates.

**Action Items:**

**1. Appoint Jeremy Arndt as Alternate Civil Service Commission:**

Councilman Herd motioned to appoint Jeremy Arndt as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission; Councilman Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor LaMont swore in Jeremy Arndt.

**2. Appoint Danielle Lewis as Alternate Civil Service Commission:**

Councilman Herd motioned to appoint Danielle Lewis as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission; Councilman Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor LaMont swore in Danielle Lewis.

**3. Ability of Council Members to Join Borough Insurance:** Tabled until the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Open Bid for Police Vehicle:** One bid was received for the police vehicle. President Kelly opened the bid from Matt Wambold who offered twenty-five hundred dollars for the 2012 Dodge Charger. Councilman Reimel motioned to accept the bid; Councilman Granahan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Speakers**

Ed DeWitt asked to speak on behalf of the Kiwanis Club to thank all involved at the Borough for the Kiwanis Toy Drive. He informed Council Patrolman Andy Genneken had the cruiser filled for the first time within one hour. Mr. DeWitt said he took the toys from the cruiser

and delivered it to the drop off location. He said not only did the cruiser fill up two times they also received four hundred and fifty dollars in cash.

Mr. DeWitt stated it is only a small portion of what Interfaith does for the community and it should be recognized. He thanked Council, Patrolman Genneken and Borough Secretary for all their assistance in making it a success.

Caleb Sheldon, Kilmer Insurance was the second speaker of the night making a presentation to Council. Kilmer Insurance is our current agency and Mr. Sheldon reviewed the policy and provided the 2022-2023 cost.

Steven Sumner, Gannon Insurance was the third speaker of the night making a presentation to Council in competition to Kilmer. Kilmer presented our current carrier EMC and Gannon Insurance presented Selective Insurance. Both insurance companies are very reputable,

Council could not make a decision at this time and would need to review the two policies and stated they would inform the companies their decision at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion Items**

- 1. Upcoming Events – Blueberry Festival, Chocolate & Wine, Fireman’s Picnic:** Councilman Follert informed Council the Chocolate & Wine Festival will be called the Wine Walk and will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 5 p.m. The Fireman’s Picnic will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> and the Blueberry Festival will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Training for Elected Officials Susq. County EMA:** Councilman Granahan, President Kelly and Councilman Herd will be attending the training. Secretary will contact EMA office to inform them of who will be attending.
- 3. Garage Street Department:** Councilman Reimel stated he consulted with Jessup Township and they were able to build their new building

for five hundred thousand dollars. He also spoke with People's bank and a loan amount from them would be three percent fixed for ten years then adjusting to a variable rate.

***Executive Session:***

President Kelly closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Kelly opened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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

**Meeting Adjourned 9:16 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lillian T. Senko*

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Borough Secretary abdicating

**MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Mid-Month Meeting**  
**February 21, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

**President Judy Kelly called the meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Adoption of Agenda:** President Kelly questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Councilman Ed Herd motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Councilman Tom Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Present for Roll Call:** Judy Kelly, Craig Reimel, Ed Herd, Tom Follert

**Absent:** Todd Chamberlain, Sean Granahan, Randy Schuster

**Other Officials Present:** Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

**Recognition of Attendees:** Eric Aeppli, Caleb Sheldon

**Action Items:**

- 1. Accept Insurance Policy (Kilmer or Gannon):** Motion was made by Craig Reimel to accept the proposal from Kilmer; Councilman Follert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Approve Closed Roads for UFC 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve closed roads for the United Fire Company 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade to be held at 6:30 on June 18<sup>th</sup>; Councilman Herd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Adopt Resolution 2022-02 United Fire Company AmTrust Insurance:** Councilman Follert motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-

02 United Fire Company approval and authorization Operational Support activities; Councilman Reimel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 4. Approve Spend for UFC Anniversary:** Council all agreed to do something and several suggestions were tossed around. Borough Secretary will research and bring to next meeting.

### *Discussion Items*

- 1. Mayor LaMont and Tom Follert Update on February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Discussion:** Mayor was not present and Councilman Follert had no further information .

- 2. Upcoming Events:** Spoke for a few moments on the upcoming events. Will continue discussion next month.

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

**Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

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