

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
June 3, 2024

President Randall Schuster called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Councilman Ed Lucas 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 Tanya Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Schuster inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the tabled March meeting minutes or the April meeting minutes. No questions or comments. Councilman Todd Chamberlain made the motion to accept both March and April's submitted meeting minutes. Councilwoman Tanya Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Present for Roll Call: Randall Schuster, Ed Herd, Todd Chamberlain, Tanya Bevilacqua, Sean Granahan, Judi McHale, Ed Lucas

Absent:

Other Officials Present: Secretary Alyssa Sprout, Mayor Thomas LaMont

Misc. Correspondence: President Schuster asked if there were any questions or comments regarding correspondence. No questions or comments at this time.

Fidelity
RE: Monthly report

Montrose EMC
RE: monthly report

Penn Dot
RE: Culvert Replacement Notification

Briechle Law
RE: Intermunicipal Transfer of Retail License

Susquehanna County EMA
RE: Emergency Operations Plan Resolution Copy

NEIU
RE: Early Intervention Classrooms

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, Karen Van De Griek, Welsey Campbell, Carol Canfield, James Zub

Speakers: Grant Coordinator Wesley Campbell introduced himself to council and offered assistance in finding grants that could be beneficial to the Borough.

Karen Van De Griek spoke to council regarding Zoning issues with her rental home located on the corner of Post and Grow Avenue. Council President stated she would need to get in contact with the Borough Solicitor on this matter.

Approval of A/P: President Schuster inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Sean Granahan made the motion to accept accounts payable report. Councilwoman 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 Granahan motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Ed Herd 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. Councilman Granahan made the motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented. 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. No questions or comments at this time.

Street Department: President Schuster asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the Street Department Report. Councilman Granahan would like to thank the Street crew for their assistance with the flowers around the Borough. No other questions or comments at this time.

Zoning Report: None

Code Enforcement Report: None

Police Department: President Schuster asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Councilman Granahan asked Chief Smith why there are so many medical call responses. Chief Smith stated police are dispatched to assist with possible entry issues, lifting issues, or to be there to be with patients until medical services arrive. Councilman Chamberlain stated there needs to be more vascar lines painted. Chief Smith stated more would be painted, waiting for paving projects and gas line projects to be completed. No other questions or comments at this time.

Municipal Authority: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor LaMont stated he had a wedding and the couple would be dropping of the license. He would also like a design made for a certificate of appreciation or accomplishment it is our own Borough design and not something purchased. Secretary Alyssa Sprout and the mayor will work on this. The mayor stated he received complaints regarding the Veterans Memorial below the courthouse. Residents felt it was disrespectful to not have it weed whacked or looking proper for Memorial Day. Secretary Alyssa Sprout stated she would get in contact with County Commissioners. The mayor wanted to thank council for the large rock placed in his mother in laws yard. Mayor stated the weather on Memorial Day had attendance down, but overall, a great service. Nothing else at this time.

Action Items:

1. **Approve 4th of July Parade & Festivities:** Councilman Herd made the motion to approve all 4th of July activities. Councilwoman Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Review & Approval of the engagement of Cohen Law Group/ Spectrum Agreement:** Tabled.
3. **Approve Squatters Ordinance:** Tabled
4. **Approve United Fire Company Convention Parade:** Councilman Herd made the motion to approve the parade. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Adopt Resolution 2024-02 Emergency Management Operations Plan :**
Councilman Herd made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-02.
Councilwoman Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. **Approve Free Little Art Gallery at Pocket Park:** Councilwoman McHale stated council needed to see plans for what they plan to place in park before approval. Secretary Alyssa Sprout stated she would get in contact with them directly. No other questions or comments at this time.
7. **Approval to pay Council & Mayor:** Motion was made by Councilwoman Bevilacqua to pay Council and Mayor. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Motion to Extend the decision on the Montrose Wine Sales LLC intermunicipal liquor license transfer for an additional 60 days:**
Councilman Granahan stated the client needs to cover all costs involved with the public hearing. This will be included in the letter sent to their Solicitor.
Motion was made by Councilman Granahan. Councilwoman Bevilacqua 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

1. **Bicentennial Event:** Councilwoman McHale and Bevilacqua stated they are working on plans for this event. President Schusted stated the parade was posted online to the public before maps or permitting were given to the Secretary to get proper approval through Penn Dot. Secretary Sprout stated all of this needs to be completed and approved before any advertising can happen and it can take up to a few weeks for approval. Councilwoman Bevilacqua stated plans are coming along and will have more updates at a later time. No other questions or comments.

Executive Session: None

Councilman Granahan made the motion to adjourn meeting at 7:53PM Councilman Herb 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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