

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2023
7:00 PM

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

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

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

Absent: NONE

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

Misc. Correspondence:

True View
RE: Quote for security systems

Garrett Smith
RE: Letter of Resignation

New Milford Borough
RE: Donation Letter

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

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, Mark Darmafol, Reese & Dolores Foster, Bob Smith, Betty Smith, Lou Plauny, Margie Plauny, Larry Kelly, Jenny Olin, Brian Lione, Walter Meanie MBPD

Speakers: Borough residents came to voice their opinion on the proposed future plans of the old hospital. Multiple residents voiced concerns on rumors they heard for the property including traffic, pedestrian crossing, and property values. Councilman Sean Granahan stated the best thing residents can do is to stay engaged. Councilman Randy Schuster informed residents Council attended a meeting with County Commissioners and Real Estate Agent Patty Aiken making them aware Montrose Borough would not be financially involved with the proposed project. President Kelly reiterated Montrose Borough Council would not have any monetary involvement with the proposed project. Residents thanked council for their time and effort.

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

Street Department: President Kelly inquired if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report. Councilman Reimel updated Council on Street Department Manager Kenny DePhillips condition. President Kelly stated to let Kenny know Council thoughts and prayers are with him during this difficult time. No other questions or comments.

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 contacted the Powers-brothers to clean up the old hospital property on Grow Avenue. They promptly took care of the mowing and weed whacking. President Kelly inquired if the Montrose High School applied for the mural they wanted to paint in town. Darrow stated they had not yet come to the office for a permit. No other questions or comments.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Chief Smith stated no issues to report at this time.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor LaMont stated he would like a letter sent to Officer Garrett stating we accept his resignation with regret and if he wanted to return as a Police Officer in the future we would gladly have him return.

He stated there were no major issues reported on Memorial Day, numbers seemed to be down this year but United Fire Department did an excellent job. Mayor LaMont stated Council needs to look into getting volunteers for traffic control for special events held in the Borough and use the Special Event signs that were purchased for these events.

Action Items:

- 1. Appoint New Member to the Susquehanna County Tax Collections Committee:** Councilman Reimel stated he would like to recommend Alyssa Sprout Brace as his replacement on the committee; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Letter of Approval from DEP for PennDot Wash Bays:** Montrose Municipal Authority Representative Ted Cady presented the response to the planning mailer for the PennDot Wash Station. Councilman Granahan made the motion not to sign the mailer. Councilmen Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Approval to change the date of the July Council Meeting:** Councilman Granahan made the motion to move the July 3rd meeting to July 10th at 7PM. Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Motion to Pay Council and Mayor:** Motion was made by Councilman Granahan to pay Council and Mayor. Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 5. Approval to Purchase Security Monitor for Treasurer's Office:** Councilman Granahan made the motion to purchase the monitor and equipment needed to have True View install necessary security monitors in treasurer's office at the cost of one thousand three hundred ninety dollars and zero cents. Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 6. Appoint New Parking Enforcement Officer:** Councilman Schuster made the motion to hire Liana Ord at the rate of sixteen dollars per hour to fulfill duties of Parking Enforcement, with the motion to advertise the position when Liana returns to college in the fall. Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 7. Approve New Zoning Officer:** Councilman Granahan stated Council would visit this at the mid-month meeting held on June 19th. No other questions or comments.

Discussion Items:

- 1. True View Security Quote:** Councilman Reimel stated we asked for quote just as an informational inquiry. He stated our system is out of date and has some issues. Councilman Schuster asked for a list of any issues our systems may have and he will contact a representative directly and get any issues resolved. No other questions or comments.

- 2. Internet Sales Meeting Place:** Councilman Herd stated members of the community have contacted him asking for a safe place to meet up with buyers who they have purchased items from someplace that would be possibly on camera and where they could feel safe. President Kelly stated that maybe Interfaith would be a good location and Councilman Herd has the ok to continue looking into this. No other questions or comments.

- 3. Disability Insurance for Borough Employees:** Councilman Reimel stated Borough Employees have inquired about disability insurance one time was provided by the Borough. The Borough canceled the insurance and put the money from that account into the General Fund. Councilman Granahan agreed this is something Council should look into and the Finance Committee would work on it right away. No other questions or comments.

Councilman Schuster made motion to recess the meeting. Recessed meeting will be held on June 19, 2023 7 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Sprout Brace

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Borough Secretary

Montrose Borough Council
Mid-Month Meeting
June 19, 2023
7:00PM

President Judith Kelly called the recessed meeting back to order at 7:05PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Mayor Tom LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

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

Absent: Tom Follert

Other Officials Present: Alyssa Sprout Brace, Secretary

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 the Agenda as presented; Councilmen Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Recognition of Attendees: Mike Koscelnak,

Speakers: Borough Resident Mike Koscelnak asked Council what the Dog Ordinance was. He stated he has asked his neighbor multiple times to quiet his dog, with no success. Mr Koscelnak has also turned the neighbor in to the Borough Police. Council stated to continue turning in the neighbor to Borough Police and they would handle the situation. Mr Koscelnak thanked Council for their time.

Action Items:

- 1. Open Bid Packages for Interior Fit out Engineered Building:** Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace opened the bid package from Wodock Construction. The bid came in at four hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred dollars and no cents. Councilmen Reimel stated he would like to call a meeting with Project Manager James Barry and members of Council to review the bid package and discuss plans for the Interior Fit Out of the Engineered Building. President Kelly asked Councilman Reimel to come back with a report for the July Council meeting.
- 2. Approval to File DCED Paperwork & Apply for Line of Credit Loan:** Councilmen Reimel stated he and Councilman Randy Schuster met with the bookkeeper to discuss financial options for the Building Project. Councilmen Reimel stated he would speak to Peoples Bank to start the process on loan options. President Kelly mentioned speaking to Northern Tier for a Construction Loan; Councilman Granahan mentioned talking to Honesdale National Bank in Hallstead. Motion was made by Councilman Granahan to permit Councilman Reimel to start talking to banks on loan options. Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Approve Zoning Change:** Borough Solicitor Mike Briechle asked Council for more clarifications with the Zoning Changes before he places the ad in the paper. Council discussed Zoning changes with Solicitor Briechle and he stated he would work on changes.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Ideas for Bridgewater Be The Church:** Councilman Granahan stated Bridgewater should look into cleaning up their property for their Be the Church Event. Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace stated she already informed their contact person that the Bridgewater Church location needed to be cleaned up. No other discussion was held.
- 2. Generator for Traffic Signal:** Secretary Alyssa Sprout Brace stated she contacted Northeast Signal for details regarding the traffic light in town. They

informed her that the Borough would need a 3,000-volt generator as well as proper cords, which they would have to make to their specifications. Councilman Granahan made the motion to purchase the generator and the proper hook ups for the traffic light to be operational during a power outage. Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 3. Training:** Councilman Schuster stated Chief Dale Smith and Sergeant Jim Smith will be one on one training all Borough Employees on how to correctly operate Borough Security Systems. Councilman Schuster stated if the training does not help with the security system issues, we will get back in contact with Northeastern Security Systems. No other discussion was had.

Councilman Schuster made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41PM

Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:41PM

Respectfully submitted,

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