

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 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. Discussion Item #4 Review Bid for Baseball Field; #5. Fire Company Anniversary. Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Todd Chamberlain; Councilman Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Kelly inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the February 7, 2022 or the February 21, 2022 minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Councilman Follert; Councilman Craig Reimel 2nd the motion. Councilman Chamberlain, Councilman Sean Granahan and Councilman Randy Schuster abstained for the February 21, 2022 minutes; motion carried.

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

Absent:

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: January 2022 Investment Report

Montrose Borough Zoning Hearing Board
RE: 2021 Annual Report to Borough Council

Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains
RE: Grant of \$1,485.00

Susq. Cty. Conservation District
RE: Save the Date Notification

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

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 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 Schuster motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Granahan 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. No questions or comments.

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

Councilman Reimel motioned to approve Supervisor DiPhillips request to purchase 150-200 yards of salt; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

President Kelly provided Council with additional information regarding the Food Vending Unit ordinance she along with Councilman Follert and Councilman Herd have been working on.

Code Enforcement Report: President Kelly asked if anyone had any questions on the Code Enforcement Report. No questions. Council asked Borough Secretary to inform the Code Enforcement Officer to follow up on the Baptist Church on Church Street its still in bad shape. Have them provide an update on the situation.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Smith stated things are going pretty well. This past month was busier then normal. All the officers participated in the updates at the county office and their CPRs are also up to date.

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 he had nothing to report. He received an invitation to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and he stated he would be honored to do so.

Action Items:

- 1. Move Money From Impact Fee to Capital Reserve:** Councilman Reimel motioned to move nineteen thousand two hundred sixty one dollars and forty cents from the Impact Fee to the Capital Reserve account; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Borough Council Insurance:** Councilman Reimel motioned Council and Mayor serving on Council would be permitted to join the borough's health insurance at no cost to them consistent with PA Law; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. Vote as follows:
Councilman Herd voted nay
Councilman Schuster abstained
Councilman Reimel, Granahan, Chamberlain and Follert voted yay;
motion carried.

- 3. Approve Memorial Day Parade:** Councilman Reimel motioned to grant permission to the Ayres Stone Post No. 5642, Veterans of Foreign Wars to conduct their annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30, 2022; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 4. Approve Wine Walk – May 21st:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve the Wine Walk to be held on May 21, 2022; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. Councilman Follert abstained; motion carried.

- 5. Approve 2 Uniformed Officers to Walk Streets (Committee to Pay)**
Councilman Schuster motioned to approve 2 uniformed officers to assist with the Wine Walk on Saturday, May 21, 2022; Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

- 1. Upcoming Events – Blueberry Festival, Chocolate & Wine, Fireman's Picnic:** Chocolate & Wine Festival will be called the Wine Walk and will take place on May 21st from noon to 5 p.m.
Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30th ; Fireman's

Picnic will take place on June 18th and the Blueberry Festival will be August 5th and 6th.

2. **Dimock Water:** Council discussed an article written in the paper regarding issues with Dimock water and residents demanding public water, Council decided to be proactive and send a letter to PA American Water Company vehemently protesting an extension of the water lines from Montrose Lake.
3. **Borough Sidewalk Along Fence to Livery Lot:** Council discussed the sidewalk from Montrose Square side entrance to Public Avenue. The maintenance man for the Square in the past cleared the sidewalk for the tenants to be able to get to Public Avenue. He is no longer providing this service and the business on Public Avenue use this alley to get to and from their cars parked in the Livery Lot. Council spoke of different methods for clearing the space and the Street Department will take over maintenance of the walkway.
4. **Baseball Field:** Councilman Herd shared a quote from Holbrook Landscaping to repair the ballfield. He informed Council RHL declined supplying a quote. Councilman Reimel will work with Councilman Herd and the vendor on the repair.
5. **United Fire Company:** Conversations were conducted regarding the fire company's upcoming anniversary.

Executive Session:

President Kelly closed the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

President Kelly opened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Refer to above Action Item# 2 regarding outcome of the Executive Session.

Old and Tabled Business

1. **Fence Modification:** An issue regarding fences came up in 2018, Zoning Officer was asked to review and revise. After revision was presented to Council on April 2, Solicitor Briechle stated he would report back at the May 7, 2018 meeting. At the May 7, 2018 meeting

Solicitor Briechle stated he needed to review the language – at that time it was added to Old Business with no further action. President Kelly will contact Solicitor Briechle and see if this can be brought to light and finalized.

- 2. Sidewalks – address Article 96-9:** Borough Secretary will include Article 96-9 to Council's packet for the April meeting for discussion.

Councilman Granahan motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillian T. Senko

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