

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2023
7:00 PM

President Judith Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:02PM

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 Sean Granahan 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 February meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Granahan to accept the minutes as presented; Councilman Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Absent: Ed Herd

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Bernie Wealth
RE: Investment Report

PA DEP
RE: Fowlers Assessment & Violations

Montrose Borough Zoning & Hearing Board
RE: Annual Report

Community Foundation
RE: Grant

Susquehanna County Commissioners
RE: Resolution 2023-03

Susquehanna County Library
RE: Blueberry Festival

United Fire Company
RE: Fire Contracts

Penn Dot
RE: Liquid Fuels

Kilmer
RE: Insurance Policy

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

Recognition of Attendees: Jack Lasher, Police Chief Dale Smith, Ed Lucas, Dave Darrow

Speakers: Jack Lasher spoke about Frontier Communications and their lack of service and response to our area. He spoke on the issues in our area, dead trees on or near wires, lack of response in a power outage or emergency situation. Mr. Lasher stated he received a phone call from a representative, stating the issues wouldn't be fixed overnight, but they would be dealt with at some point in time. President Kelly thanked him for speaking on behalf of our town and asked Council if they would let herself and Mr. Lasher proceed with the Frontier Communications issue. Council agreed to let President Kelly and Mr. Lasher proceed.

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 Reimel 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 Granahan to accept the Budget Report; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Zoning Report: No report at this time.

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 took care of all complaints turned in to him and he will look into the house on Owego Street. No other questions or comments.

Police Department: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report. Chief Smith stated there are no issues to report at this time. He stated the Police Department is in need of two new camera systems for the police cruisers at the cost of eight hundred dollars and zero cents per unit plus installation. Mayor Tom LaMont asked Chief Smith if there was any type of warranty. Chief Smith replied there was a 60-day warranty. Councilman Reimel made the motion to purchase two new camera systems with installation. Councilman Todd Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Montrose Municipal Authority: President Kelly asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. Board member Dave Darrow stated we cannot transfer the EDU from the old garage to the new garage. Darrow stated there is already an EDU on the Cherry Street property where the garage is being built. No other questions or comments.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont stated he met with the fire chief and members of Christmas In Montrose & Wine Festival Committees regarding both events. Christmas In Montrose will have a new race route this year. Halloween was also discussed. It was decided to kindly inform the Bridgewater Church they need to move their Halloween stand elsewhere. Council would like them to remain in town. For the safety of children, LaMont suggested they move their stand in front of the County Office Buildings instead of in the middle of a 5-way intersection. Someone will get in contact with Rick Craig regarding this issue. LaMont and Councilman Tom Follert discussed the Wine Walk. Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve the Wine Festival road closure, Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items:

- 1. Swear in Civil Service Commission:** Councilman Ed Herd and no one from the Civil Service Commission were in attendance.
- 2. Motion to Approve 2023 Paving Project :** Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve the 2023 Paving Project. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion to Approve Advertisement for 2023 Paving:

Councilman Reimel made the motion to approve advertising of the 2023 Paving Projects. Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Motion to Accept Engineered Building Project Bid:

Councilman Reimel stated after Delta reviewed and submitted their recommendation per document dated March 2, 2023, I councilmen Craig Reimel make the motion to award the Engineered Building Project bid to Wodock Construction LLC at the amount of three hundred and seven thousand dollars and no cents. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Motion to Accept Site Work Bid: Councilman Reimel stated after Delta reviewed and submitter their recommendations per document dated March 2, 2023, I Councilman Reimel make the motion to award the site work bid to Machiesky Construction at the cost of two hundred and seventy nine thousand dollars and zero cents. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03: Motion was made by Councilman Reimel to Adopt Resolution 2023-03 to have records shredded by company Shred It. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Motion to Accept Killmer Group Insurance Policy: Motion was made by Councilman Reimel to accept Killmer Group Insurance Policy. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Motion to Approve Blueberry Festival to Barricade Requested Spaces: Motion was made by Councilman Reimel to allow

Blueberry Festival to barricade the requested spaces. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Motion to Pay Karen Vandergrick Retention from Insurance:

Motion was made by Councilman Reimel to pay Karen her five thousand dollars from insurance retention. Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Review United Fire Company Fire Contract:

Councilman Reimel stated Council reviewed contract but will not be signing. No other comments or questions.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Bonding of Secretary** Councilman Reimel stated we need to check into the Treasurer being bonded. Councilman Granahan stated he thought that the Treasurer already was and if she isn't, then Council needs to get her bonded. Granahan stated the Secretary does not need to be bonded.

President Kelly called an executive session at 8:06PM

President Kelly Closed the meeting at 8:15PM

Councilman Schuster made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Granahan 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Respectfully Submitted

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