

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Rescheduled from November 1, 2021 to
November 8, 2021
7:00 PM

President Sean Granahan 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 Granahan questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the agenda. The following items were added: Discussion Item #2. Donation towards Ballistic Vests; #3. Updates for Municipalities. Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Councilman Randy Schuster; Councilwoman Judy Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Granahan inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the October 4, 2021 minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as presented by Councilman Schuster; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Absent: Todd Chamberlain, Tom Follert

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

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: September 2021 Investment Report

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RE: 2021 Quarterly Investment Report

Girl Scout Troop 52286
RE: Thank you

Lackawanna College
RE: Police Academy

President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence.

Mayor LaMont stated Councilman Follert should respond to the Girl Scouts regarding their suggestions informing them the borough is always appreciative when youth organizations create fund raising events for items needed at the park.

Recognition of Attendees: Adam Rhynehart, Chief Dale Smith, David Darrow

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

Approval of Payroll: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilman Reimel motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: President Granahan 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 Granahan 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 Schuster; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Granahan inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

Street Department: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report.

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

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

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

Chief Dale Smith reported they are still busy and numbers are up, nothing outstanding. The officers did their qualifying the previous week and next years training is already scheduled by Lackawanna Community College.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor LaMont stated he met with the fire department and there was another incident on South Main Street when a compressor filled a building with smoke.

He stated he met with the police and there is definite recruitment issues and discussions included sponsor someone with a scholarship.

Action Items:

- 1. Approve Zoning Hearing Board Page on Montrose Borough Website:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve the Zoning

Hearing Board to have a page on the Montrose Borough website;
Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Approve Corporal Andy Genneken Toy Drive November 27th 11-3:**
Councilman Herd motioned to approve Corporal Andy Genneken to head up Toy Drive on November 27th from 11-3; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Approve Ad in Paper for Toy Drive:** Councilwoman Kelly motioned to approve placing an ad in the newspaper for the Toy Drive; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. MMA Requested Funds:** Councilman Schuster took the lead informing David Darrow of the Montrose Municipal Authority Council still has not reached a decision on the MMA request for seventy-five thousand dollars from the Covid Relief money to help with projects to replace and/or repair sewer lines. Tabled until next month.
- 5. Approve \$1,800.00 for Duct Mapping Heating System:**
Councilman Reimel motioned to engage with R. J. Walker to conduct a duct mapping for the current geothermal system which is not working correctly; Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Approve Ad in Paper for Budget:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve placing an ad in the paper for the 2022 budget to be approved on December 6th; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Approve JHA 2022 Hourly Rate Schedule:** Council will explore other options before approving JHA 2022 hourly rate schedule. Tabled until January 3, 2022 meeting.
- 8. Choose New Phone System – Frontier vs Vonage:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve the Vonage quote supplied by Montrose Borough I.T. team Boxer Tek; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

- 1. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Request – Adam Rynehart:** Adam Rynehart came to speak on his request to dedicate the borough roads he currently cleans to “Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful”. Mr. Rynehart informed Council he and his young daughter walk several blocks per day and they pick up trash along the way.

He said they walk along Grow Avenue where they live onto Turrell Street up to Lake Avenue, down Maple Street along High Street, and Locust Street mainly that corridor of town. Mr. Rynehart stated he picks up some garbage not a whole bunch.

Councilman Reimel motioned to allow Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful signage to go up in town and to provide the signpost and installation by the Street Department; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Ballistic Vest Donation:** Councilman Herd informed Council donations toward Ballistic Vests for the Police may be forthcoming. He stated the vests do have a shelf life and the replacement cost is approximately nine hundred dollars each. Councilman Herd said he will have more information to share at the next meeting in December.
- 3. Update for Municipalities:** Councilwoman Kelly stated she attended a meeting at the Montrose Bible Conference Center for an update for municipalities. She informed council Representative Lisa Baker was there along with the Susquehanna County Commissioners who shared information on the I81 Toll and how to spend Covid Relief Funds.

Executive Session:

President Granahan closed the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
President Granahan opened the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Councilman Schuster stated Council was entertaining a retention bonus for current full-time employees at two thousand dollars and part time current employees at one dollar per hour prorated for FY2021.

Councilman Schuster informed Council members he looked into legality of obtaining insurance for Council and part time employees with PSAB and per Code 1202, Clause 26, Subsection ii, and Entitlement 1001, Subsection e, premium it would be permissible.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillian T. Senko

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Borough Secretary