

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Nick Gresock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Eric Poach, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratsher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

KIM KRIVDA

Mrs. Kim Krivda, a resident of Jamison Lane, came forward to express her concerns about the Subdivision 21-5-SUB, Kenneth Nacin. She reported she provided everyone with a printout. She requested this be tabled at the council meeting because there are documents coming from the Allegheny County Water Authority, the Conservation District from Allegheny County and the Department of Environmental Protection within a week to ten days. She suggested if she has the documents for council at the meeting then they could review them to decide at the next month's meeting.

Mrs. Krivda reported the adjacent neighborhoods around Jamison Lane per the Monroeville ordinance criteria have not been posted. She pointed out there are neighbors on Hemlock Drive that are unaware of what is going on with the subdivision.

Mrs. Krivda submitted the minutes from the 1987 council meetings and included the ones where a covenant was discussed. She reported a revision was made to the Comprehensive Plan for the rezoning and that covenant was included in the revised minutes.

Mrs. Krivda presented a blueprint that was provided to them by submission of the subdivision. She pointed out it designates the entire DCI area as a water shed and wetland. She reported there are specific regulations that apply to a water shed area which allow and prohibit things. She added there are serious penalties by allowing the destruction of the land, bulldozing or bob catting the property. She stated these are regulations set forth by DEP and the Conservation District which is why they are reviewing it. She read the regulations carried strict and serious repercussions if not followed and severe penalties can also be executed if the destruction of vegetation within the area of specific vegetation is required. She stated there are specific vegetations required in a wetland and water shed.

Mrs. Krivda reported the county did a site visit and they are going to review their records and how the property was laid out historically. She felt that would be pertinent to the approval.

Mrs. Krivda pointed out it falls under the Municipality of Monroeville's Comprehensive Plan Wetland Criteria. She pointed out DCI was provided a stormwater management plan at the time of purchase but they only recently checked the drains. She reported she reviewed the nine-minute video that went 135 feet but there is almost 400 feet of property where the lines go. She reported they were there two entire days, with dredging, water trucks, and pumps and stated they had a difficult time. She suggested that it has not functioned for the past 15 years and she does not know if it is currently correct.

Mrs. Krivda referred to a copy of a letter from Allegheny County. She reported when the municipality submitted the subdivision to the county, they send back comments. She inquired whether the issues were addressed and whether it is then sent back to the county for further review.

Mrs. Krivda pointed out on the Colonial Plan the buffer zone area is a 15.6-foot area not 10 feet. She suggested it was cut down to ten feet when the comprehensive plan was redone and that area was rezoned and made an S, Conservancy and a buffer zone. She felt those issues need to be clarified. She stressed that her biggest issue is that it is a water shed and wetland and there are serious concerns surrounding that because a lot of the trees have been removed and more trees will be removed. She reported the county told her that trees cannot be removed because it does not leave anything to suck up the water. She mentioned how the land is wet all year.

Mrs. Krivda stressed it is critical to properly maintain a water shed or wetland. She asserted the corridor serves at an animal refuge which the Conservancy of Allegheny County is reviewing to see what transpires.

#### MONROEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

##### AERIAL LADDER TRUCK

Chief Logan Stadler from Fire Company No. 4 came forward to discuss the replacement of their aerial ladder truck covering Ordinance No. 2724 part of the fire agreement. He distributed documentation to council for review.

Chief Stadler referred to a specified drawing of the truck currently proposed from Pierce Manufacturing and explained it is similar to what they have currently. He stated it would have updated features and components and reported their current ladder truck is from 2003. He explained how they have had this style truck since 1982 and they updated what they are familiar with. He referred to the bid proposal from Pierce Manufacturing through PA CoStars. He pointed out the quote of the vehicle, the performance bond, the MFD required loose equipment and the options to be paid by the department, the new contract price, the options for the prepaid discount and the end total price.

Chief Stadler referred to the signed letter from December 7 from the Monroeville Fire Chiefs to the manager which took place before he took office on January 1. He referred to the next letter in the packet is an addendum which lists what is in the contract bid price. He stated the total price is for the vehicle with the options paid by the MFDC No. 4 and prepaid discount. He pointed out not included on the bid proposal is the portable equipment and mounting of it. He stated Monroeville Fire Company would like to pay for all the loose equipment to outfit the vehicle and mounting.

Chief Stadler pointed out at the end of the list is an itemized Excel Spread Sheet with all the equipment they intend to purchase, the MFD required equipment and the extra optional equipment, quantity, unit cost and total cost.

Mr. Little referred to the November Work Session where several fire chiefs attended with questions of whether or not this was National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) compliant and it now is. Chief Stadler concurred and reported the vehicle meets full NFPA compliance as per the ordinance. Mr. Little pointed out there is a motion for council's consideration at the council meeting to purchase it. He explained the municipality has a fire services agreement with the five volunteer fire companies to purchase the ladder truck. He stated the bid prices from Pierce will increase beginning February 1, 2022 as all of the fire vehicle manufactures because of the price of steel. He reported the municipality will get a discount if it is purchased through CoStars which would not require bidding and not include the price increase. He recommended council move ahead with purchasing the truck with cash. He suggested it could be paid for out of the OPEB funds because it owes the general fund approximately \$4.6 million over the last five years. He recommended now is the time to do it because the investments are good and the OPEB fund has \$7.2 million. He reported he would meet with the OPEB Committee the next day and keep council abreast of what happens.

Mayor Gresock further explained those are monies for the Other Post Employment Benefits that over the years that fund did not pay for those post employment benefits. He stated the money was taken out of the general fund to make the payments to keep the investments going. Further discussion ensued regarding the general fund. Mr. Little reported the municipality has taken funds out of the OPEB funds through the years and then replenished the general fund. He stated the general fund has been able to sustain approximately \$1.6 million of retiree benefits which is owed back to the general fund. Mayor Gresock pointed out this would save the municipality \$51,000 and Mr. Little concurred.

Mr. Poach reported council suggested the manager look at all the different options to determine the best way to finance it. He thanked the manager and the chief for their work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time to address council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little  
Municipal Manager

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