

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nick Gresock at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary, Sharon McIndoe, called roll and the following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Eric Poach, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS

Pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Article VI, Section, Section 606, (g) requires the mayor prepare and deliver an annual State of the Municipality report to the citizens of Monroeville.

Mayor Gresock reported this is customarily done in January. He read his State of the Municipality into the record (see attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Robert Serafini, a resident, came forward to express his concerns regarding the resurfacing of Route 22 and the sidewalks in front of the mall. He inquired what is the law governing sidewalks at the Monroeville. Mr. Little answered the municipality has a sidewalk ordinance requiring all developments to put in sidewalks. He added most municipalities in the commonwealth have to maintain them. Mr. Serafini inquired why when the movie theater moved into the mall the sidewalks were not constructed. Mr. Little was uncertain how the parcels are laid out but they have to be abutting the road where the sidewalks are required and he stated the reason why may be because the parcel with the movie theaters do not extend down to Route 22. Mr. Serafini pointed out the sidewalks would extend from Kohl's sidewalk all the way up under the underpass. Mr. Little concurred and asserted it ends at Kohl's and will be located under the underpass and will stop at Biondo Ford. Mr. Serafini inquired why CBL is not responsible for installing the sidewalks. Mr. Little reported PennDOT contacted him because the municipality has an Active Transportation Program done with a grant in 2018 for multi-modal, cars, buses, bikes and any type of transport. He explained that was the only area PennDOT thought they could get the sidewalks installed because of the Active Transportation Program. Mr. Serafini questioned whether the Monroeville Mall should be putting in the sidewalks since they own the property. Mayor Gresock explained the mall is grandfather in but any new development would be required to install them. Mr. Serafini inquired who would be responsible and liable for the sidewalks if they are installed. Mr. Little answered that is a question that would be decided by the courts if it went that far. He asserted the municipality has insurance to protect them concerning the liability. He suggested no one knows how much risk is in question. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Little stated

everyone would get sued if someone falls. Mr. Serafini inquired whether the municipality would maintain them concerning salt and snow removal. Further discussion ensued regarding who would be responsible for the maintenance.

Mr. Serafini inquired about the cost to the municipality for the sidewalks and Mayor Gresock answered just a small portion of it. Mr. Little added the municipality would pay for 20 percent or \$20,000. Mr. Hyzy stated that is \$20,000 out of \$100,000.

Mr. Ray Berendowski, a resident, came forward to express his concerns about the proposed ordinance for feeding the animals. He questioned what drove this to be proposed. Mayor Gresock reported the initial issue was a coyote attacked a small pet. Mr. Berendowski felt the municipality has enough ordinances and suggested there is a lack of knowledge of people understanding animals. He explained coyotes feeds on everything and he leave scat instead of feces. He stated it has hair and bones. He reported coyotes come into an area because there is an over abundance of food and further explained it. He explained to prevent coyotes from coming to a property, residents should get rid of brush and undergrowth. He suggested unattended food in a garbage can is inviting to coyotes. He stated coyotes are afraid of noise and light and do not like humans. He reported someone's dog got attacked by a coyote and he suggested dogs should not be taken out at night. He pointed out there are skunks, groundhogs, hawks and other things. He felt there are a lot of ordinances in Monroeville but not all of them are being implemented. He suggested if the people are educated there would not be a situation. He stated they do not like ammonia or moth balls or human urine. He mentioned people have chickens and rabbits. He felt the municipality will get into a situation where they are issuing fines. He stated he could provide literature about coyotes to distribute. Mayor Gresock clarified that this is not just about coyotes.

Mr. Berendowski felt the no feeding rule would be difficult to implement because someone would have to report the feeding before the municipality would act. He mentioned feeding dogs outside would attract animals and even a garden attracts wild life. He suggested the municipality should consider it further and implement the current laws by requiring residents to keep their places clean and secure their trash because that is how these animals survive. He recommended it be given a grace period then if it does not work the proposed ordinance could be implemented. Further discussion ensued concerning implementing the current laws. Mr. Berendowski again suggested literature be distributed to the residents before this proposed ordinance is implemented. Further discussion ensued about the wild life. Mr. Berendowski reported there are no more woods because they have been removed with the developments so the wild life is moving to the neighborhoods.

Ms. Karen Howell-Elder, a resident, came forward to discuss the proposed ordinance on feeding animals. She inquired whether it includes feeding feral cats and Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively. Ms. Howell-Elder pointed out it was not included with the agenda and she does not have a copy of the full ordinance. Mayor Gresock stated feral cats are included. Ms. Howell-Elder commented there are a number of other humane ways to handle that part of the situation. She reported it has been proven through other municipalities and cities that a trap, neuter and release program benefits everyone a lot more. She stated by banning feeding of feral cats it is harming the cats and impinging on the citizens that take the time and money and also have those colonies neutered to keep the number of cats down and decreasing. She reported it has been done and documented in cities all over the United States and in European Countries. She explained when that plan is followed there is a decrease in the number of

cats with no kittens and things come under control and the cats do not bother the neighbors. She pointed out cats are very scheduled so they come in and feed when the food is given then taken out of the area. She felt they are not a big problem here and she is not aware of what colonies may exist in Monroeville but suggested the municipality consider having a trap, neuter and release program. She suggested some of the pets in the colonies may not be wild cats. She again requested it be considered in the ordinance and suggested a time limit be set on the food put out.

Mayor Gresock reported a feral cat neutered by an owner would be considered a stray cat not a feral because of the ownership of the person caring for it. He stated that would be considered an outdoor cat. He explained the municipality is trying to avoid feral cat colonies where things get out of control then the animal control officer has a more difficult time handling them. He stated this would be a way of controlling that. He agreed with the neutering which will solve the problem.

Ms. Howell-Elder explained that if the left-ear of a cat is tipped then it has been neutered and no longer producing kittens.

Ms. Kaitlin Bledso, a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, came forward to express her concerns. Mayor Gresock explained the Citizens' Night Meeting is strictly for Monroeville residents only.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session before the Citizens' Night Meeting on January 3, 2023, and before this Council Meeting from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigations reasons. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at this, January 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council then considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of December 6, 2022, Council Work Session of December 6, 2022 and the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2022.

There being no corrections, additions or deletions, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve them, as submitted, and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council considered approval of the Reports of Tax Collections. There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve them, as submitted, and Mr. Adams seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### LIST OF BILLS, BUDGET TRANSFERS AND PAYROLL

Council then considered the List of Bills in the amount of \$1,132,289.03, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,203,253.79 for the month of December 2022.

Whereupon, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve the List of Bills and Budget Transfers and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, a motion was made by Mr. Biondo to approve the payroll and Mr. Wolfram seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIESOPEB EMPLOYEE TRUST COMMITTEE

There being no discussion, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to appoint Ms. Dara Brown to the one non-uniform employee unexpired term on the OPEB Trust Committee and Mr. Adams seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Petrilli, Ward Two, to the Monroeville Municipal Authority and Messrs. Stevenson and Hyzy seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to appoint Mr. James Rosipal to the Police Civil Service Commission and Mr. Williams seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

Further, Mr. Stevenson duly nominated Mr. John Washington, Ward Three, to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Tomas Pegg, Ward Four, to a second term on the Monroeville Municipal Authority and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY BOARD

Whereupon, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to appoint Ms. Emily Loffredo-Hoffman, Ward Six, to the Library Board and Mr. Poach seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There being no discussion, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Leonard Bertoni to a second term on the planning commission and Mr. Adams seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Whereupon, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Hutchison, Ward Six, to the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

There being no discussion, Mr. Biondo duly made a motion to nominate Mr. Scott Gallagher, Ward Seven to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for a second term. Mr. Williams seconded it.

PLANNING COMISSION

Whereupon, Mr. Biondo duly nominated Ms. Purdis Lewis-Burke to the Planning Commission.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

There being no discussion, Mr. Stevenson duly nominated Ms. Charlette Vogel, Ward Three, to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

CONSENT AGENDARESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION 23-1

A resolution adopting the Lodovico Development Sewage Planning Module.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve the resolution, as read, and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCESORDINANCE

An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County Pennsylvania, prohibiting the feeding of wild animals and providing penalties for the violation of such regulations.

Mr. Wratcher reported this matter has been tabled so council must remove it from the table to act.

Mr. Wolfram felt it should remain on the table for further discussion and Mr. Stevenson concurred.

ORDINANCE 2773

An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper officials of Monroeville to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the police department wage policy committee of the Municipality of Monroeville for the Contract Years 2023 through 2026.

Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to approve the ordinance and Messrs. Williams and Hyzy seconded it. Mayor Gresock thanked the administration and the police negotiating committee for getting it completed. Mr. Stevenson felt the municipality could do better on this issue and he wanted to see it go to arbitration. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with six affirmative votes and one negative vote by Mr. Stevenson.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL STAFFMANAGER'S REPORTROUTE 22 RESURFACING

Mr. Little reported this issue is for the resurfacing Route 22/William Penn Highway and the sidewalks at the Monroeville Mall in the Spring of 2023. He showed a brief video. He reported PennDOT would be letting out contracts for the paving of Route 22 from the Churchill Interchange to Route 48 or two and a half miles of road. He explained because the municipality has an active transportation program PennDOT inquired whether the municipality would have sidewalk installed at a nominal cost or 20 percent of the original cost in front of the Monroeville Mall. He reported this is council's decision.

Mr. Biondo felt it was a good idea to put sidewalks there and that Monroeville is trying to be a pedestrian friendly community. He mentioned the liability and stated there is liability with someone walking on the road as opposed to walking on the sidewalk. Again, he stated it is a good idea and the municipality is getting it for a discount with the municipality paying 20 percent and PennDOT paying 80 percent. He supported this issue to have PennDOT include the sidewalks.

Mr. Williams reported he has been fighting for sidewalks for 30 year and hoped that every sidewalk in Monroeville will connect. He felt a sidewalk is like a picture frame around a picture making a project look good. He felt it is a good price and a good start. He urged to the municipality to keeping connecting the sidewalks when possible.

Mr. Wolfram pointed out PennDOT would also upgrade the curb ramps at the McMaster Plan. Mr. Little reported that would be at a nominal cost of \$1,800 where the depressions have to be fixed by McMasters Drive. Mr. Wolfram mentioned it would be included in the PennDOT Bid and Mr. Little concurred.

Mayor Gresock added the municipality has been trying to do this for many years and even with current development it is required to put sidewalks in with the hope that over time they will connect. He felt this is a good opportunity to get this done now with the state paying for most of it. He mentioned how it satisfies some of the things outlined in the Active Transportation Plan.

Whereupon Mr. Williams duly made to approve.

Mr. Stevenson felt the mall should finance the sidewalk because it is on their property. He disagreed with the municipality entering into anything that is located on someone else's property.

Mr. Wolfram seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with five affirmative votes and two negative votes. The voting was as follows: Messrs. Hyzy and Stevenson voted negatively and Messrs. Poach, Wolfram, Adams, Williams and Biondo voted affirmatively.

Mr. Little reported he is working the RFP for the Park and Recreation Comp Plan and he was hoping to have it ready in February or March.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Mrs. Lois Drumheller, resident, came forward to express her concerns. She reported she reviewed the planning commission meetings since August and there was a motion last March for Strategic Solutions to review the zoning ordinance which was originally supposed to be updated in 2015. She pointed out Strategic Solutions basically stated the ordinance was a good ordinance based on a proposed ordinance back in 2014. She stated in the 300 plus pages of the re-proposal of the comprehensive zoning ordinance it was clear there was a minute of all those meeting spent on where and how the oil and gas operations will be updated. She discussed this with her councilman and felt some of these issues need to be reviewed. She mentioned the mixed use and how it would invite people down to a town center and crematoriums. She wanted to know specifically how oil and gas would be treated because in 2018 some members of Sustainable Monroeville came up to council with concerns over anything that was beyond the vertical wells that were in the 1984 ordinance and how it can be done safely. She mentioned the setbacks. She reported they distributed a ten-page document to council and planning commission at that time to show why oil and gas operations should not be permitted in every zoning district. She stated it needed to be delegated and they had someone from Food and Water Watch meet with the mayor, manager and solicitor. She reported the wise decision at that time in 2018 was to move oil and gas operations into an industrial zone. She stated that oil and gas operations did not have an ordinance that was moved to M-2. She wanted to know the status of that and whether it would be the same or whether there would be safety issues in a real zoning ordinance.

Mrs. Drumheller again stated no one was allowed to see the proposed ordinance and the public does not have the right to see those proposed changes. She explained she had discussions with Mr. Whealdon and Mr. Sedlak. She questioned why the public does not know what changes have been made and pointed out the public does not have anything to go on if they do not have access to them. She felt the denial of sharing it with the public is her concern. She wanted to know if council is considering any type of dialog with the planning commission because of the December 21, 2022 meeting with the planning commission tabling the zoning ordinance to allow for more time to review. She questioned whether council is planning on having any meetings for discussion with the planning commission or among council members. She requested that be shared with her now. She asserted it was a real concern because there are changes in the zoning that would allow a conditional use of oil and gas operations for unconventional wells and there are great examples over in the next county in Trafford. Again, she requested an answer to whether or not any meetings have been planned to discuss this with the planning commission. She felt the planning commission is pausing so the public might be able to see the language. She stated she has already seen that the conditional use of oil and gas wells has been put on top of the landfill. She reported Thomas Street is located 2,000 feet from the middle of the landfill and the Mellon Plan. She asserted there was a 1,200-foot setback and she questioned whether that was for structures when considering conditional use of oil and gas operations due to the M zone being too narrow therefore it was exclusionary. She asked who made the decision to do that and why the public cannot see that language, the proposed zoning map or the proposed use table. She pointed out this would not put anyone at risk but it would consider the input of the public toward that decision. She insisted that she asked a question and did not receive an answer.

Mayor Gresock left the floor open for others to make comment before he would answer.

Mr. Berendowski again came forward to provide information with the name Velocity Roads which is a truck with asphalt in it. He explained it blows the hole out and puts the asphalt in and smooths it down in five minutes. He stated it is a permanent seal and it will save the municipality a lot of money when doing repairs.

Mr. David Mintz, a resident, came forward to express his concerns. He reported he also attended the planning commission meeting in December where they tabled moving forward with the amendments to the zoning ordinance so the public could get a look at it so they can be part of the process. He inquired whether the ordinances on the agenda for this meeting was made available to the public on the website. Mayor Gresock stated the one about feeding animals was but the police contract was not. Mr. Mintz questioned how it is decided. He inquired how long the ordinance for feeding animals was on the website before it was on the agenda for consideration. He questioned how long something is available to the public before it gets put on the agenda to be voted on. He asserted it would be nice if the public could to go over the details. He referred to the oil and gas development in Monroeville. He suggested the public hearing with the planning commission was difficult for the public to participate because they did not have access to ordinance. He asked how far in advance does the public get a chance to look at the ordinance and delve into it. He asserted the planning commission and council made a wise decision several years ago to vote to put industrial fracking as an industrial use in an industrial zone. He stated he is aware there are proposed changes to the current ordinance to open up such industrial activities not only to M-2 Industrial but also to the new zone of LF (landfill) as well as S, Conservancy. He explained S, Conservancy is every green space in Monroeville including the parks, and green spaces between neighborhoods and next to schools. He stated it is all the green spaces in Monroeville. He felt it is important that if unconventional oil and gas development is allowed under a conditional use, which is an industrial process, that the proposal made by Strategic Solutions could be overturned or changed if voted into law. He asserted the municipality does not have to go along with it and it would affect everyone in Monroeville. He suggested it may be a matter of trying to take an arbitrary setback number and change it. He stated the current Pennsylvania setback is 500 feet but scientific studies have shown it should be 2,000 or 2,500 at the minimum. He referred to an article where it was suggested there should be no drill zones in Pennsylvania from the required 500 feet to 2,500 feet. He stated the proposed 1,200-foot setback seems arbitrary which it does not match up with recommendations from a Grand Jury or science and he questioned where the 1,200-foot proposal came from. He mentioned that if Monroeville made it 1,200 feet whether that makes the M-2 Industrial exclusionary. He questioned if the setback is going to be increased why it should be an arbitrary number. He suggested it should be what the Pennsylvania Grand Jury recommended or from science. He questioned how far in advance the public gets access to the changes and where the proposed changes came from. He again stated the changes need to be studied because they affect all of us and they do not want an arbitrary number so this industrial process fits into another zone of Monroeville that is not appropriate. He felt it should be left in an industrial zone as an appropriate use.

Mr. Jesse Davis, a resident, came forward to express his concerns. He referred to Section 25 - 7 – C of the By Laws where it does not say that a citizen can speak. He asserted it can be a citizen but does not have to be a citizen of Monroeville. He asserted there is nothing in the by laws that states that his partner could not have spoken at this meeting.

Mr. Davis reported he would read to council the statement that his partner was going to present. He expressed the urgency that council not pass the wild animal feeding bill as it is currently



written. He stated trap, neuter, release or TNR is important to keep the feral cat populations down. He reported a lot of these animals have been abandoned by the people who used to care for them and some of them born into this life are rescued as kittens. He reported TNR rescue requires feeding of these cats to trap them successfully and release them back into their colonies or rescue or adopt them out if they are young enough. He stated there is a video on line where two women (one was 80 years old) were arrested for doing TNR because there was a law put in place that it was against the law. He described how a women 80 years old was put in the back of squad car for caring for animals that humans abandoned. He felt to removes the ability to TNR because of the banning of feeding of them which is a necessary portion but it is cruel punishment to animals that need humans to advocate for them because they cannot speak for themselves. He stressed they cannot help themselves and we must do it for them. He requested this portion be removed from the bill because to include it would set a horrible example for surrounding communities in addition to many other downsides.

Mr. Davis suggested Monroeville is who Pittsburgh looks to and other community also look to Monroeville. He agreed there is a feral cat population problem and TNR is the best way to handle it. He suggested council has to consider it.

#### REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

##### SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ERIC POACH

Mr. Poach encouraged anyone interested in serving on a board, commission or authority to participate.

##### THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN BOB STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson reiterated his new year's resolution, to be kinder to each other than we have been in the past. He felt there is way too much violence. He encouraged everyone to be kind to their neighbors and animals.

##### FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE WOLFRAM

Mr. Wolfram commented about the proposed ordinance concerning feeding the animals. He stated the municipality is trying to do the best for Monroeville. He understands that there are many cats around and he has been to houses with hundred of cats. He suggested it be tabled so it could be further reviewed and again he stated council is trying to do the best for Monroeville.

##### SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN BOB WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams reported the mayor's state of the municipality address was well taken. He pointed out that the mayor mentioned no new tax hike and he felt it is because there are a lot of new businesses in Monroeville. He suggested everyone should be happy when there are traffic jams in Monroeville because the businesses is what keeps the taxes down. He reported he is pro-business and Monroeville is the second highest generator of sales tax in Allegheny County next to the City of Pittsburgh. He felt Monroeville does a good service and he urged people to shop and do business in Monroeville.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo commended the mayor for his State of Monroeville address. He agreed with Councilman Stevenson's new year's resolution and he hoped everyone would abide by it.

Mr. Williams explained there are certain steps that have to be taken with the comprehensive zoning ordinance. He stated first it goes to the planning commission then it goes to engineering to review then to the county then to council which public hearings will be held. Mr. Whealdon agreed all those steps happen. He explained it first goes to the planning commission then council then to the county. He stated once the county is finished with their review it is sent back to council to be adopted. Mr. Williams inquired whether there are public hearing before it is adopted and Mr. Whealdon answered affirmatively. Mr. Williams stressed it would not be adopted without input from the public. Mr. Biondo inquired whether the public hearings are before the county review and Mr. Whealdon answered affirmatively. He added they can also be concurrent.

MAYOR NICK GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock reported there will be a public hearing on the that zoning ordinance. He stated prior to that public hearing the ordinance will be available for review by residents. He explained there would be a public hearing where residents will have time for input and to speak. He would not recommend putting that ordinance on the agenda the same month it is to be adopted and the public hearings are scheduled. He further explained if the public hearing is in February the soonest it would be acted on would be the March meeting. He suggested it probably would not be ready for council for the public hearing process until March or later. Mr. Whealdon concurred.

Mr. Biondo inquired whether the public would get it before council has a public hearing and Mayor Gresock stated the public will have it before council has the public hearing for the residents and interested parties. He added it will not be voted on that same month. He explained the process with the regular monthly meetings and how the public can make comment. He stated the public hearing would probably be held the first Tuesday of the month which would be an advertised meeting. He further explained how there would be many opportunities for public comments to address council to make changes and raise concerns. He stressed this is from 1984 and there are a lot of amendments and everyone wants to get it right. He reported no one is trying to rush anything or hide anything. He encouraged the public and business community to give input even if it takes longer. He stated council and staff agree.

Mayor Gresock referred to the wild life feeding ordinance and suggested it can be discussed further. He agreed that initially it was because of a coyote attack but it got into a deeper conversation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission which is not in favor of feeding wild life. He suggested it does more harm than good, spreads disease with the deer, can ruin the habitat and he read part of it. He asserted no one is against the deer but feeding them in the wild does more harm to them than good. He further explained. He did not support dedicating resources to checking every back yard to see if people are feeding but this would give the animal control officer some authority to take care of some of the problem situations that come about with excessive wild-life feeding. He mentioned deer destroy landscaping, spread Lyme Disease to human, carry ticks and a whole host of other reasons why this should not be done. He felt there are no positives to feeding wild life or deer other than the enjoyment of viewing the wild life. He stated it is doing more harm than good but it is tabled so it can be discussed

and further reviewed. He indicated there may be suggestions from residents so it may be tweaked to cover resident's concerns. He stated it will be considered at the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little  
Municipal Manager

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