

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 8, 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 Recording Secretary, Sharon McIndoe, called roll and the following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Eric Poach, Robert Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Robert Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Robert Wratsher, Josephine Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

PRESENTATION BY MONROEVILLE FOUNDATION

Mr. Ernie Groover, President of the Monroeville Foundation, came forward to talk about their plans for 2022. He reported the pandemic limited the events the organization could do last year in reference to bringing the community together. He mentioned how they cancelled their CommUNITY Day but they were able to have the Jazz Festival which turned out to be their most successful in their history with 3,000 people attending. He thanked the municipality for allowing them to use the park and making these events available. He reported the CommUNITY Day is scheduled for July 30, 2022 along with the 5K Race with their premier sponsor, Forbes Hospital, Allegheny Health Network and Highmark. He stated they are looking forward to an exciting event this year. He explained how they are looking to bring people and businesses together and this event should bring in 2,000 to 3,000 people. He encouraged everyone to post this event and businesses to participate. He reported they could use any volunteer. He reported the next event would be the Jazz Festival on September 3, 2022 and the golf outing on September 12, 2022 then the Great Pumpkin 5K Race.

Mr. Groover explained the money they raise goes toward helping organizations and people in the community. He encouraged anyone that knows an organization or individual that needs financial assistance to contact him. He thanked the municipality and looked forward to its support.

Mr. Stevenson inquired about the date for the Pumpkin Race and Mr. Groover answered October 23, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

DAVID MINTZ

Mr. David Mintz, a resident, came forward to address council. He referred to Motion No. 1 on the agenda for the request for proposal to award the zoning ordinance review. He commented as a community member, member of Sustainable Monroeville and Protect PT which advocates for the health of the people of Allegheny County and Westmoreland County through environmental health and wellness. He suggested Monroeville has not yet exhausted working with community members. He

reported a few years ago through Sustainable Monroeville and Food and Water Watch they submitted an oil and gas ordinance to help update the protections for the people of Monroeville. He stated all of council and the manager should have received a copy of it. He explained it is a working document that was written a few years ago and pointed out one of the council members needs to champion it for it to be discussed. He reported at that time no one brought it forward and he requested council request the manager review the ordinance. Mr. Mintz reported the ordinance addresses issues for the protection of the health of the people of Monroeville such as impoundments, setbacks, pre and post testing of the air, the surface and ground water, soil, noise levels, light levels and traffic plans. He explained pre and post testing is for a base line before any kind of activity with oil and gas drilling with unconventional fracking or oil and gas development or horizontal drilling. He wanted to know what goes on before and after it happens and the differences. He pointed out disposal wells or injection wells are not in the ordinance. He reported when the ordinance was written they were told Pennsylvania was not interested in putting injection wells in Pennsylvania but Plum had one installed because it was not in their ordinance. He stated a second one is proposed that the council in Plum is appealing. He felt Monroeville could be ahead of having the first injection well and was hoping one of the council members would champion the ordinance. Mr. Little explained it would have to go before the planning commission and have a public hearing during the process. He agreed it is better to have one of the elected members champion it.

Mr. Mintz pointed out the members of all the groups he is involved with are completely voluntary with no cost to Monroeville to make the municipality a better place for the health and wellness of the citizens. He requested in addition to getting someone to champion it and ask the manager to review the information received, council should delay paying a company over \$27,000 when they could work with the planning commission, council, mayor and solicitor.

Mayor Gresock thanked him for his comments and concerns. He explained council is considering approval of an outside company to review the zoning ordinance which does not mean it will be approved. He felt this could happen because the company doing the review may implement what is being suggested. He supported the company review because the municipality can get a company that deals with these things and sees other long-term items. He explained if that does not happen there will be time for public comment for council to consider more things in the zoning ordinance. He stated if this is approved it does not mean the municipality will get the company and do everything recommended because it will still be a working document.

Mr. Poach asserted the municipality does not want to delay this any longer and Mr. Mintz agreed. Further discussion ensued about someone championing it and the information sent. Mr. Little explained if the information is sent it will be incorporated into the review process that council passes. Further brief discussion ensued.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgiana Woodhall, a resident of 4560 Broadway Boulevard, came forward to inquire about the status of the completed zoning ordinance from 2015 and if anything had been added to it when it was being reviewed by staff. Mr. Little stated he would provide her with a copy. Mrs. Woodhall reported they were all given a copy of the ordinance in 2015. Mr. Little asserted that Mr. Whealdon has worked on it since then. Mrs. Woodhall pointed out the planning commission is not fully staffed with all its members at this time. She mentioned there are three people who were nominated for the planning

commission and she was hopeful that when they got appointed they would be given a copy of the Home Rule Charter, the Zoning Ordinance, the 2015 Zoning Ordinance and the Sunshine Act. She mentioned how one member of the planning commission received nothing.

Mrs. Woodhall submitted a copy of some of the pages out of the Home Rule Charter with Section 1806, Planning Commission. She read, the Planning Commission shall consist of seven residents of the municipality. She referred to Letter (e) require that the Comprehensive Plan in affect on the effective date of this Charter be retained and the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed every ten years or more frequently if recommended by the Planning Commission. She suggested the planning commission is being left out of the process. She again mentioned there are not enough members on the planning commission and when they do get appointed they need to become familiar with the Comprehensive Plan, the Home Rule Charter and the Zoning Ordinance.

Mrs. Woodhall was hopeful that council would table this item with the \$27,000 cost and allow the planning commission and the new members of the planning commission to get familiar with the ordinance before this company is paid to work on it. She felt it was premature and an injustice to the planning commission. She stated it is the job of the planning commission to work on the zoning ordinance and the comprehensive plan. Mayor Gresock pointed out it says comprehensive plan in the home rule charter not the zoning ordinance. Mrs. Woodhall agreed and referred to the state enabling act. She stated the municipality has a planning commission which some communities do not.

Mrs. Woodhall inquired about the 25-foot easement at Alpine Park for Sunoco. She questioned whether the monitoring equipment being installed is to monitor the pipeline just in Alpine Park or whether it would go a distance to monitor the gas line through out Monroeville. Mayor Gresock explained it is not to monitor anything but to protect the pipeline. Mrs. Woodhall reported this is the same pipeline that she has 400 feet going across her property which is 87 years old. Mayor Gresock further explained what council is considering at this meeting is just the section located in Alpine Park. Mrs. Woodhall inquired whether there is gas flowing through that line currently and Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively. Mrs. Woodhall reported during the seismic testing, she was concerned with whether there was gas running through it because of the age of the gas line and Sunoco informed her it was down for maintenance at that time. She explained someone from Sunoco was in her front yard last May looking for the gas line and they told her there was no gas going through the gas line and there may never be gas going through it. She wanted to know whether there is gas going through this 87-year-old gas line. Mayor Gresock inquired whether she was inquiring about the section of pipe going through Alpine Park and Mrs. Woodhall mentioned the easement. She pointed out there is no lot and block number included just Alpine Park. Mayor Gresock felt it would be included in the actual agreement. Mr. Wrtcher stated the deed references are included that would be relevant. Again, Mrs. Woodhall questioned whether gas is going through that 87-year-old gas line. Mayor Gresock was uncertain but assured her the municipality would try to get the information for her. Further discussion ensued. Mrs. Woodhall reported back in 1989 which are reflected in the minutes there were safety concerns back there and there was a recommendation to condemn the line.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session before the council meeting on March 8, 2022 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigation reasons. Council legislative action, if any shall be taken at the March 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of February 3, 2022 and the Council Work Session of February 3, 2022, a motion was duly made by Mr. Poach 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

There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve the Reports of Tax Collections and Mr. Hyzy 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 \$1,430,410.39, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,154,619.56 for the month of February. There were no questions or comments at this time.

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

Furthermore, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve the Payroll and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIESPLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Stevenson nominated Mr. Anthony Pokusa to the Planning Commission.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson made a motion to appoint Mr. Andrew Wilkins to the Police Civil Service Commission and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Furthermore, Mr. Adams duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Ronald Massung to the Planning Commission and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Adams made a motion to appoint Ms. Heidi Lawrence to the Planning Commission and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDANEW BUSINESSRESOLUTION 22-9

SITE PLAN 21-8-ST

MANILLA GROUP, LLC, SELF STORAGE

The applicant is requesting site plan approval to construct a self-storage facility consisting of six buildings with a total of 56,000 square feet of storage space and associated site amenities. The property is located at the intersection of Frey Road and Thompson Run Road and known as Tax Parcel ID 637-J-139 in the M-2, Industrial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to approve Site Plan 21-8-ST and Mr. Hyzy seconded it.

Mr. Stevenson referred to No. 8 concerning the requirements of the sidewalk ordinance and stated it would not apply if the waiver is approved. Mr. Wratsher suggested council consider the waiver first.

Mayor Gresock referred to resolutions Item No. 3.

RESOLUTION 22-15

A resolution approving a waiver releasing the applicant, Manilla Group LLC/John J. and Susan M. Sciarretti, from installing sidewalks as required by Ordinance No. 1016 along the Thompson Run Road and Frey Road frontages.

Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Biondo seconded it.

Mayor Gresock briefly explained the sidewalk ordinance and waiver.

Mr. Wratsher reported there is a requirement to provide sidewalks in any site plan. He explained council can grant a waiver if there is an identified hardship and the developer requests one. He stated if the developer accepts the waiver, the developer is obligated to pay a designated amount into the sidewalk fund based on the lineal feet and a formula from the planning department. He suggested council has to determine whether there is a sufficient hardship then consider the waiver. He stated an affirmative vote for the waiver would excuse them from building the sidewalks but they have to contribute to the sidewalk fund for the value calculated based on the formula.

Mr. Williams inquired about the process and the costs of the sidewalks. Mr. Whealdon explained it is the lineal feet of the frontage along Frey Road and Thompson Run Road multiplied by a five-foot wide sidewalk at a cost of \$8 per square foot which calculates to \$48,000. He added that would be to install the sidewalk with no hardship or excessive grading or moving guiderails.

Mr. Williams reported he did a site visit and it is a flat property. He felt some of them could be done easily with grading and filling but some would be rough. He suggested the cost could be increased.

He questioned whether the applicant can be asked what he is willing to do and Mr. Wratcher answered negatively. He explained there is a designated formula which assumes it is flat land with no problems. Mr. Whealdon reported the \$8 comes from the accumulation of cost estimates for all the land development projects that have happened in Monroeville and he took an average over the last five to six years. He added it states in the sidewalk ordinance concerning the fee in lieu that it has to be calculated as though there were no hardships. Mr. Wratcher explained pursuant to the ordinance the municipality cannot negotiate above what the formula allows. Mr. Williams pointed out the \$48,000 is a good price because it does not have any hardships. Further discussion ensued regarding the contribution to the sidewalk fund.

Upon a roll call vote the motion for the sidewalk waiver resolution was approved unanimously.

Council then considered Site Plan No. 21-8-ST and Mr. Wratcher suggested Item No. 8 can be taken out. He added there will be no obligation for sidewalks.

Mr. Whealdon inquired whether there is an opportunity for the applicant to make payments or whether it has to be paid in full in one lump sum. Mr. Wratcher stated that the ordinance does not address that and suggested that could be a condition of the occupancy permits. He explained a developer could not get an occupancy permit until the site is completed. He suggested council could extend that opportunity to the applicant because the ordinance is silent on it. Mayor Gresock agreed because sidewalks would be the last thing done on the site. Mr. Williams questioned whether that would be covered under the bond for the project. Mr. Whealdon stated sidewalks are part of the bond. Mr. Wratcher reported council could bond the required payment to the sidewalk fund. He suggested the value of the sidewalk be included in the spread sheet so it is made part of the bond. Mr. Little pointed out there would still need to be a payment schedule. He explained to put it in the bond guarantees that the municipality gets the money but the developer is still looking for a payment schedule. He suggested it be done by motion so that it is included in the developer's agreement that it is over a certain period of time. Mayor Gresock inquired how it would be handled with the occupancy permit. Mr. Wratcher reported this is something that would be included in a developer's agreement. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Chris Sciarretti came forward to explain. He reported there were a couple of things that were tough on the project. He stated the cost of steel went up 150 percent and they are taking a site that drained into the creek for 100 years and making it drain backwards by putting in a \$200,000 detention tank. He indicated it is a very challenging site and he would appreciate anything council would allow him. He reported it takes a year to build the project. Mr. Williams inquired how long he needs. Mr. Sciarretti requested three years. Mr. Williams questioned whether the occupancy permit can be issued as long as there is a developer's agreement. Mr. Wratcher answered negatively and felt that would breach the legal responsibility of council to make developers complete their development. He pointed out the occupancy permit is the last thing the municipality has to guarantee all the improvements are made. Mr. Sciarretti inquired what is a good way to do this and Mr. Wratcher explained there is no way to do it because that would be financing part of the developer's project. He suggested it can be done in the developer's agreement up until the time he needs an occupancy permit at which time the municipality has to have those funds. Mr. Sciarretti inquired whether the number could be discussed and Mr. Wratcher answered negatively. He stated the ordinance sets the number and it is not negotiable.

Mr. Williams inquired whether it would be a year to fill the property and a year to build it so it would be two years. Mr. Sciarretti reported it would be one year to build it then he has to have the occupancy permit to fill it. He added he would have to have the funds as he is building. Mr. Wratsher explained the developer would have to have an occupancy permit before he can start to utilize the facility.

Mr. Biondo asserted he would be willing to negotiate the fee but it cannot be done because of the ordinance. He reported this is not a place where sidewalks are going to be done and he agreed with the waiver. He could not see what else would fill this space because it is located in an industrial area. He pointed out the site is challenging. Mr. Sciarretti agreed the site is challenging and reported every bridge used for access is old and trucks cannot get under the tunnels. He asserted they are trying to do something with a piece of property that used to be a junk yard. Mr. Biondo briefly explained the site and felt nothing would ever be done on the site.

Mayor Gresock agreed this is a challenging site but the issues are something every developer has to deal with coming into Monroeville. Further discussion ensued. He explained council already approved the waiver which triggers the in lieu of payment which will be stricken from the conditions for the ordinance. Mr. Wratsher suggested a motion for an amendment to strike Item No. 8 from the resolution. Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to strike Item No. 8 from the resolution and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Furthermore, a roll call vote was taken on the motion, as amended, to approve the site plan and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-10

SITE PLAN 22-1-ST

GD DEVELOPMENT, LLC (AROMA JOE'S)

The applicant is requesting site plan approval to construct a 791 square foot drive-through coffee shop and associated site amenities. The property is located at 2524 Mossie Boulevard and known as Tax Parcel ID 857-R-046 in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

RESOLUTION 22-11

CONDITIONAL USE 22-1-C

GD DEVELOPMENT, LLC (AROMA JOE'S)

The applicant is requesting conditional use approval to construct a 791 square foot drive-through coffee shop and associated site amenities. The property is located at 2524 Mossie Boulevard and known as Tax Parcel ID 857-R-046 in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Whereupon, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve Site Plan Application No. 22-1-ST and Conditional Use Application No. 22-1-C. Mr. Stevenson seconded it.

Mr. Williams reported it was stated that this site would have a right turn in and right turn out only and he pointed out there is already a turning lane there. He stated it is a full-service entrance and

exit. Mr. Wratcher explained there was a follow up comment from the engineering firm. Mr. Whealdon agreed.

Mr. Garret Varner, from Morris Knowles and Associates came forward to clarify that the entrances are full service. He added there is a left-turn lane there. He reported the front of the property is 139 feet. Mayor Gresock questioned whether both entrances are in and out and Mr. Varner answered affirmatively.

Mr. Williams pointed out there is circulation around the building so it could not be in and out. Mr. Varner explained the entrance at the bottom is in so the southern entrance is in and the northern is out but a left or right turn can be made in to each entrance. Mr. Whealdon further explained traveling down Mossie Boulevard a left turn in can be made and a left turn can be made coming out of the site.

Further discussion ensued. Mr. Wratcher inquired where they were in the PennDOT approval process and Mr. Varner answered they are still waiting approval. Mr. Wratcher explained getting the PennDOT Permit that reflects that condition is something they will have to adhere to so council could approve.

Mr. Wolfram inquired whether there will be signage with right turn only for people exiting the site. Mr. Varner pointed out they can turn left coming out of the northern entrance and there are Do Not Enter signs posted so no one can enter the site from the northern entrance.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-12

SUBDIVISION 22-1-SUB

CLOVER COMMUNITIES MONROEVILLE, LLC

The applicant is requesting preliminary and final subdivision approval to subdivide Tax Parcel 741-R-333 which is currently 57.982 acres into two parcels. One parcel is 10.502 acres and the second parcel is 47.421 acres. The property is located at 3926 Logans Ferry Road in the R-4, Multi-Family Zoning District and R-2, One-Family Residential Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

There being no discussion, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to approve Subdivision Application No. 22-1-SUB and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS

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A motion to award the Zoning Ordinance Review Request for Proposal (RFP) agreement to Strategic Solutions, LLC through Gateway Engineers, Incorporated for the total project in amount of \$27,584.

Whereupon, Mr. Adams duly made a motion to table and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with four affirmative votes, and three negative votes. The voting was

as follows: Messrs. Williams, Adams, Wolfram and Stevenson voted affirmatively; Messrs. Biondo, Poach and Hyzy voted negatively.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-13

A resolution authorizing the distribution of grant funds for the Memorial Day Parade in the amount of \$6,000.

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

RESOLUTION 22-14

A resolution authorizing the distribution of grant funds for the Monroeville Independence Festivities in the amount of \$12,500.

There being no discussion, Mr. Biondo duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-15

A resolution authorizing the display of various event banners at the corner of the intersection of State Routes 22 and 48 within the right-of-way of property belonging to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Mr. Little reported the banners are listed on the resolution for council's review.

Whereupon, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Poach seconded it. Mr. Little reported this is a PennDOT regulation and any other banner that is not on the list would have to be sent to PennDOT to be included. Mr. Stevenson inquired whether the municipality has approval for the ones currently on the list and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. He further explained any new requests would be sent to PennDOT to be included on the list. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 2689 to revise the Pollution Control and Flood Reduction Credit Manual Rules and Regulations.

Council tabled this ordinance at the February 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Wratcher recommended this item remain tabled because no additional information has been received from CBL.

ORDINANCE 2758

An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 2754, the 2022 Fee Schedule, to amend the Timber Harvesting Permit Fees to \$200 per parcel.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve and Messrs. Poach and Williams seconded it. Mr. Stevenson asserted this was designated by the state to match what was supposed to be done originally and Mr. Wrat cher agreed. He added part of the settlement with the attorney general is relative to the statewide ordinance that regulates timbering. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2759

An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper officials to enter into an agreement granting a 25-foot wide easement to Sunoco Pipeline LP to install underground cathodic protection equipment to maintain and protect an existing underground pipeline in Alpine Park.

There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Hyzy seconded it.

Mr. Wrat cher explained there is an underground pipe that runs through Alpine Park which has been there for many years. He reported one of the ways the pipeline companies protect these pipes is by installing a cathodic protection system that is a charge that causes less rust and corrosion to occur in degradation of the pipe. He stated it is a passive thing with wires attached to the pipe which feeds the pipe and keeps it from decaying. He reported they are probably located all over the municipality at this point on the pipes because they are located in places where the municipality does not control the right-of-way so the municipality does not have to agree to allow the equipment to be installed. Mayor Gresock asserted this is with the hope that the cathodic degrades before the pipe and Mr. Wrat cher agreed. Mayor Gresock noted this is Sunoco's pipeline and they are overseeing all the work and Mr. Wrat cher concurred.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wrat cher reported he met with the tax collector and the municipality is going to embark on an endeavor to update the business tax rules and regulations. He pointed out they have not been updated since 2005 and there has been a lot of state legislation and judicial decisions during that time aimed at allowing the municipality to more efficiently collect delinquent taxes. He reported some of the issues are who can be taxed and who cannot be taxed have changed over that time period. He explained it is primarily a housekeeping item but is something that has not been done in almost 17 years. He reported he would present those rules and regulations at a future meeting for council's approval in the form of an ordinance.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORTCOMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Little reported they are seeking volunteers because they are trying to reconstitute the Comprehensive Plan Committee to review the comprehensive plan passed in 2018. He encouraged public officials, appointed officials on the planning commission and any residents to contact him and his information is on the website. He explained Monroeville, Wilkins and Churchill have a Joint Comprehensive Plan and they scheduled a tentative meeting date for late April.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
AND ELECTRONIC COLLECTION EVENT

Mr. Little reported a household hazardous waste and electronic collection event has been scheduled at the public works building on April 16, 2022 and registration is encouraged. He added all the information is on the website.

BANNER COMMUNITY

Mr. Little reported Monroeville has again been named a banner community by the Allegheny County League of Municipalities and it is for the administration, financial reporting, and public communication. He pointed out there are approximately 60-70 municipalities in Allegheny County that receive this award. He reported there will be a luncheon at the Allegheny County League of Municipalities' Conference at Seven Springs next month.

MONROEVILLE FOUNDATION 2022 EVENTS

Mr. Little reported the Monroeville Foundation has set dates for its four events this year as follows: COMMUNITY Day on July 30, 2022 at the Community Park West; Monroeville Jazz Festival on September 3, 2022; Golf Outing on September 12, 2022 at Meadow Wink; and a Pumpkin 5K Race on October 23, 2022.

Mr. Williams inquired whether there is a cost to the public to dispose of hazardous waste and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. He added it depends on what is being disposed of. Mayor Gresock added all the rates are included on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MUNICIPAL ITEMKIM KRIVDA

Mrs. Kim Krivda, a resident of Jamison Drive, came forward to address council. She provided council with the information regarding the TMB to Dialysis Deed and the indenture. She reported the indenture affects the property owner at 160 because of the drain where the overflow exists. She inquired whether everyone watched the video. Mr. Little stated council was provided the video but it would not be shown. Mrs. Krivda wanted to make sure the video is part of the record and in the minutes because it is very important. Further discussion ensued. Mayor Gresock asserted the municipality would have staff have a discussion with DCI to move forward on this. Mrs. Krivda inquired whether DCI would be provided a copy of the video and Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively. Mrs. Krivda inquired whether the residents or the adjacent property owners would be notified. Mayor Gresock stated whatever information is available will be shared. Further discussion ensued. Mrs. Krivda

reported that indenture makes them responsible for all the way through. Mayor Gresock indicated that is what the municipality is reviewing. Mrs. Krivda pointed out they have never done maintenance on the property until a few months ago. She reported she is having Moody, an erosion and storm water management expert, come out to give her and the other property owners an estimate of what needs to be done to resolve this situation. She felt DCI needs to know their responsibility. She reported it is causing damage and residents are spending thousands of dollars on their property and it is not doing any good.

Mr. Wratcher suggested she keep in touch with Mr. Whealdon so the municipality has feedback and Mrs. Krivda agreed. Mayor Gresock asserted the municipality will look at some of the surrounding storm sewers and go through the whole area. Mrs. Krivda felt that part of it is because it is a water shed and now that the pond is not properly working. She stated it was put in 30 years ago and things change and it has to be maintained. She felt it is a hardship on the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Wratcher reported he had a telephone conference with Mr. Whealdon and Mr. Hugus to discuss some of these issues. He stated he understands it better because of the information provided and he pointed out one of the things is the municipality will contact DCI soon relative to some of those issues. Mrs. Krivda asserted the indenture follows that property no matter who owns it. She felt it would be an ongoing problem if they do not completely update the system.

NINA VECCHIO

Mrs. Nina Vecchio, a resident, came forward with questions on the comprehensive plan. She inquired whether Paschek was still the engineering firm for the zoning ordinance. Mayor Gresock clarified that she mentioned two different things the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance. He stated she wanted to know about the joint comprehensive plan which was done between Monroeville, Wilkins and Churchill that was approved a few years ago. He reported that is what the manager referred to in his report and that they were trying to get the committee reconstructed to have meetings but that is separate from the zoning ordinance. Mrs. Vecchio questioned whether the municipality would upgrade the comprehensive plan because it was all approved. Mr. Little answered negatively and explained it is an implementation of the comprehensive plan which has a whole process with six points that the public said they wanted through surveys. He asserted they would not take all six items all at the same time. He mentioned communications and park and recreation were the two items chosen. He also pointed out there were no other meetings because of the pandemic.

Mrs. Vecchio inquired whether they were looking for volunteers and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. Mrs. Vecchio questioned whether there is anything open for residents that have done work with zoning ordinances. Mr. Little reported there is one opening on the planning commission but there are no openings on the zoning hearing board. Mrs. Vecchio was uncertain about appointments and she wanted to volunteer to help. Mayor Gresock pointed out all the vacancies are available on the website. Mrs. Vecchio inquired whether it would be updated in a couple of days with the appointments made tonight and Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTSSECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ERIC POACH

Mr. Poach pointed out there are a lot of vacancies that need to be filled on the boards so anyone interested should review the website.

Mr. Poach reported he attended the quarterly League of Municipalities and Borough Council's meeting last week. He pointed out one of the interesting things was information on the website that the municipality should improve its ability to advertise meetings. He mentioned how it would go to the legislature in May to give municipalities relief from having to advertise in newspapers and the website can be used. He felt it would save money and be positive to move forward.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson reported he is a veteran and he just found out that 22 veterans commit suicide every day. He was very upset and urged everyone to contact their federal and state government officials to try to get something done. He stressed how wrong that is and that something needed to be done.

FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE WOLFRAM

Mr. Wolfram agreed with Mr. Stevenson and thanked him for his service.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams reported his grandfather came from Ireland. He wished his Irish friends a Happy St. Patrick's Day and invited everyone to have a drink with one of them.

Mr. Williams mentioned the zoning ordinance that was worked on years ago and how the committee worked a couple days a week for two years to get it done. He reported they were only a couple of months away from having public hearings or sending it to the county. He could not understand why the municipality has to spend \$27,000 to have it worked on. He felt public meetings should be held and send it to the county as planned 12 years ago.

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo agreed with most of what Mr. Williams said but felt the zoning ordinance needs updated because it has been seven years. He suggested it is something that should be considered and discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Biondo also expressed St. Patrick's Day wishes to everyone.

Mr. Biondo mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled and pointed out there are QR Codes that can be scanned on the website for registration. He stated it will be held April 9, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He reported the Jack Sedlak Memorial Clean Up Day will be held on April 30, 2022 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Councilman Adams will be cooking the hot dogs for the picnic after at Monroeville Community Park.

Mr. Biondo reported the municipality will no longer send out seasonal brochures to the residents but everything is available on the website and there are QR Codes available to register. He stated it lists all the classes and activities offered and all the information is available on line.

Mr. Biondo mentioned a recruitment flyer for course instructors, certified swim instructors, camp counselors and directors and office and public works interns. He reported when he was in college he worked for the Water Authority and his brother worked for the Municipal Authority and his sister worked in the planning department in the office. He suggested these are great jobs for college students and it will help pay for books.

MAYOR NICK GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock reviewed that a lot of great activities are available and everyone is eager to get out and socialize. He also mentioned the 27th Annual Jack Sedlak Clean Up Day on April 30, 2022 from 9 to 11 a.m. and registration is through the recreation department on line and the QR Code mentioned. The new logo was shown on Monroeville Municipal TV for the free tee shirts the volunteers will receive. He encouraged everyone to participate in helping to clean up the community and mentioned the picnic after with entry into a raffle for prizes.

Mr. Williams inquired whether the college students would be given credit for public service if they volunteer for cleanup day and Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council at this time, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and Mr. Poach seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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