

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

APRIL 4, 2023

MINUTES

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

Mayor Gresock briefly explained the Citizens' Night Meeting and Council Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting. He reported no vote would be taken at this time but at the Regular Council Meeting which is the second Tuesday of the month. He explained there is a public hearing for the zoning ordinance update and changes but it is not on the agenda to be voted tonight or next week. He stated this is a multi-step process and the public hearing is a big part of it and he appreciated everyone who attended the meeting. He explained the public hearing is for residents and taxpayers or business owners and property owners. He pointed out there would be a five-minute time limit which is enough time for the public to make comment. He also reported if anyone wanted to submit testimony for the public hearing going forward, he would leave a window open for ten days or until next Friday, April 14 2023 at the end of the business day. He explained anyone attending the meeting or from the community can submit testimony and all the details will be available on the municipal website. He suggested it can be done through email, US mail or dropped off to the municipal manager. He added there will be multiple opportunities for residents to comment on the ordinance as it moves forward until it is ultimately acted on which may be a few months.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Doug Webster, a resident of Penn Lear Drive, came forward to report in his capacity as treasurer of the Friends of the Monroeville Public Library. He was happy to report that their drive to help pay for the relighting of the library was very successful and they were able to pay for all the interior bulbs and labor. He added it would be a savings of thousands of dollars a year in energy and labor costs. He reported they are reviewing the final figures and it looks like they will be able to also pay for the exterior lighting. He stated they were very happy with their results. He added this was with the support of the Monroeville Foundation, Monroeville Rotary, a major grant from the Monroeville Lions through their state foundation, private donors and numerous small donations from Buy a Bulb. He reported it has been a community effort and a big success story.

Mrs. Lois Drumheller, resident, came forward to ask a question. She reported of a very successful Comic Con at the Monroeville Convention Center which she attended. She mentioned the Mercantile Tax and inquired of some of the exhibitors about whether or not anyone collected for the

gross sales receipts at the end of the day because it would be subject to the mercantile tax which is a source of revenue to the municipality. She reported she inquired of someone else at the convention center but they could not answer and she sent a letter to the liaison to convention center. She questioned whether those gross sales tax receipts are tallied because it was a wonderful source of revenue for all of the people that attended all three days. She did not know whether there was an accounting so that tax could be collected. She questioned whether or not that is being collected and again she mentioned it is a great source of income. She hoped there are more Comic-Cons because they are the friendliest people and enjoy themselves.

Mrs. Georgianna Woodhall, a resident, came forward to address an issue that is continuing in her neighborhood. She reported there is panhandling and it needs to stop. She stated she calls the police at least once a week about individuals on her property, obstructing the flow of traffic and creating a hazardous situation. She thanked PennDOT for getting the signs posted and reported there at least three signs posted on her property and the Forbes part and on the island area. She reported of an incident on the Wide Water Property of panhandling even though it is posted otherwise. She was uncertain where to go with this problem. She mentioned more police are being hired but this needs to stop. She further explained the situation with the panhandlers and how she called the police. Again, she stated this needs to stop and it is absolutely unacceptable.

Mrs. Woodhall inquired when the Dreamers and Achievers Academy Daycare would open. She felt this has to stop and felt children should not be exposed to this atmosphere. She questioned where she should go and reported the police have been helpful but there are not enough police officers. She suggested the panhandling at the intersections has to stop. She pointed out Burger King in the shopping center is hiring and there are other stores hiring in that plaza alone. She stated there is no reason why someone should be obstructing traffic. Again, she suggested the municipality needs to speed up the process and there are not enough police officers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

No one else came forward at this time to make public comment. Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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