

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

APRIL 5, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Josie Rock, Jamie Storey, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Gresock read into the record a proclamation recognizing National Library Week, April 3, 2022 through April 9, 2022. He encouraged all residents to connect to the library by visiting online and in person to access their resources and services.

Mayor Gresock expressed appreciation to everyone involved at the library including the board members and employees.

Mrs. Debbie Iszauk, President of the Monroeville Library Board, came forward along with Ms. Mary Frances Thorn, Vice President of the Board and Ms. Emily Hoffman, Secretary. Ms. Hoffman distributed their newsletter. Mrs. Iszauk sincerely thanked council, manager and mayor for supporting the library and allowing the staff to fully reopen at this time and reinstitute all of the important services they provide to the community. She stated they are thrilled to be open at this time and reported their maker lab will be open for the first time since the pandemic this week. She reviewed some of the activities and classes offered. Ms. Thorn encouraged everyone to join them for National Library Week and reported they have surprises and goodies each day. She pointed out the next day is Library Giving Day and mentioned how the library also depends on donations. She invited everyone to stop at the library on Thursday to learn how to volunteer with sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. She reported applications are available for anyone that cannot attend and she reviewed what people could volunteer to do.

Mrs. Iszauk reviewed some important dates to remember; High Tea on June 12, 2022, Outdoor Book Sale on July 9, 2022, and Fun Fest on August 27, 2022.

Mr. Poach mentioned how the parking lot would be different now than the last time it was open. He inquired whether they are accepting books for the book sale and Mrs. Iszauk answered negatively. She stated the Book Nook is open all the time and books are being accepted for donation for that but not the book sale.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgiana Woodhall, a resident of 4560 Broadway Boulevard, came forward to distribute information to council. She mentioned that at the last meeting she had several questions that she could not get answers to in reference to the easement in Alpine Park and the installation of the cathodic equipment.

Mrs. Woodhall pointed out that she brought up the fact that the Sunoco Gas Line runs the entire length of her property and reported it would be 87 years old. She reported that she pulled information from 1989 when Atlantic Richfield came into Monroeville to clear their right-of-way. She mentioned there was a question concerning the amount of their easement. She reported according to her deed and survey there is three and nine feet. She read a letter into the record dated October 5, 1989 from Councilman Anthony LaGorga concerning the gas line easement.

Mrs. Woodhall inquired whether it was possible for the mayor to schedule a Town Hall Meeting and invite Sunoco or whoever met with the manager and solicitor so she could get her questions and concerns answered. She felt certain that she could pack the room with concerned citizens who are interested. She questioned whether that could be done and Mayor Gresock suggested they attend one of the regular council meetings or citizens' night meetings. Further discussion ensued.

Mrs. Woodhall then referred to a flyer sent to all the residents from Energy Transfer. She explained the reason she is concerned is because Sunoco has a responsibility to educate the public and the meeting for the cathodic equipment was held behind closed doors. Mayor Gresock inquired whether she was referring to the pipeline located behind her house or the cathodic system. Mrs. Woodhall referred to the gas line that goes through ward one from her house through ward two and through the neighborhoods. Mayor Gresock was uncertain about what meeting she was referring to with the manager and solicitor. Mrs. Woodhall stated whatever meeting the manager and solicitor had and she questioned whether it should have been at a public meeting. Again, Mayor Gresock questioned what meeting she was referring to and Mrs. Woodhall inquired how the municipality entered into the lease agreement. She inquired whether the municipality extended the easement to 25 feet. Mr. Adams asserted she was referring to Alpine Park. Mayor Gresock indicated that is for the replacement of the cathodic system. Mrs. Woodhall explained she asked if there was a problem and if they placed that equipment anywhere else along the two-mile stretch. Mayor Gresock pointed out council was only discussing the Alpine Park portion. Mrs. Woodhall inquired why they are requesting to place it at that location and Mayor Gresock explained it is a maintenance type device put near the pipe so it would corrode before the pipe.

Mrs. Woodhall read from the Energy Transfer flyer something from Sunoco for Special Protective Measures – Certain pipelines are designated as being in “High Consequence Areas” due to their location in high population or environmentally sensitive areas. In accordance with regulations, we have developed and implemented a written Integrity Management Program that addresses the risks on certain pipeline segments. Baseline and periodic assessments are conducted to identify and evaluate potential threats to our pipelines. Any significant defects discovered are remediated and the company monitors program effectiveness so that modifications can be recognized and implemented. She stated the entire two-mile stretch is located in a high consequence area and she pointed out no one could answer her about whether or not there is gas running through that gas line.

Mr. Poach referred to Alpine Village which is a natural gas line and Mr. Adams asserted it is petroleum. Mr. Poach pointed out that Sunoco is for gasoline transmission not natural gas. He stated it is for petroleum and there is a monitoring station on Haymaker Road.

Mayor Gresock inquired whether staff had more insight and Mr. Whealdon stated it is liquid petroleum but it is in continual use. Mayor Gresock inquired whether the Alpine Village pipe is the same pipe that Mrs. Woodhall is referring to and Mr. Whealdon answered affirmatively. Mayor Gresock asserted it is just the section in Alpine Park that was discussed. Mr. Whealdon explained that protection bed does have a long segment of pipe but he was uncertain of the exact number of lineal feet it protects. He stated the cathodic bed in Alpine Park protects a large portion of that line. He explained the reason they picked Alpine Park is because it is open space with no fences around. He added it is most affective if the bed is perpendicular to the line not parallel and at that junction they could get a long perpendicular section of that Anode bed. Further discussion ensued.

Mrs. Woodhall then referred to Page 2 of the minutes from a meeting held on November 14, 1989 and read, Mr. Markosek referred to the Federal regulations and was concerned with Section 195.440 regarding public education on an on-going basis. He indicated it was not done in this case when they came here to clear. She felt it should have been done in this case and they should have been here when it was on the agenda for the easement to allow people to ask questions. Mayor Gresock asserted the representative was present at the meeting. Mrs. Woodhall wanted to know why they did not answer any questions. Mayor Gresock explained he was at the meeting either at the work session of regular meeting. Mrs. Woodhall felt every single person living along the gas line should be concerned. Again, she felt there should be a representative present because there is a concern. She indicated she would go door to door to distribute information so people understand. She pointed out the gas line is located just 15 feet from some of the residents' deck. Again, she mentioned there was discussion about condemning the line back in 1989.

Mayor Gresock suggested the municipality can contact Sunoco and there may be annual reports that must be submitted to the municipality on the status of their lines which could be reviewed. He added there are probably state documents submitted also.

Mrs. Woodhall submitted the flyer sent to the residents from Energy Transfer and suggested every resident that lives along that gas line should have a copy of it. She stated she would be very happy if the entire gas line would be replaced.

Mr. Wratcher clarified that he did not have any meetings with Sunoco. He reported he received an easement document at his office and reviewed it, made comments then referred it back to the municipality. He pointed out he did not speak with anyone but he was introduced to the representative after the meeting.

Mayor Gresock explained they approached the municipality for this protective system. Mr. Whealdon was uncertain of his name but reported he attended the meeting for the easement in the park. He reported no one had any questions for him so he never spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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