

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

MAY 5, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Eric Poach in Mayor Gresock's stead.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of former Mayor Tom Schuerger.

ROLL CALL

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

Deputy Mayor Poach expressed his sincerest sympathies for the passing of former Mayor Tom Schuerger and reported there will be a service for him at Corl's on May 9, 2022. He stated he served as a World War II Veteran, was on council for 24 years from 1964 to 1989 and served as mayor from 1990 to 1998. He mentioned how many places his name is posted around town on buildings. He felt he was a great person, dad and public servant. He pointed out the Mayor Schuerger qualified twice for the Boston Marathon and reviewed how much he ran. He again expressed his sympathies to his family.

MONROEVILLE LIBRARY

Ms. Pam Bozniak, Assistant Director of Monroeville Library, came forward to briefly review the activities taking place at the library. She reviewed a list of Save the Dates that she distributed as follows: Queens Jubilee Tea Fundraiser that is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Monroeville Library on June 12, 2022 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Pitcairn Park Building. She reported there will be a fundraiser luncheon with deserts, crafts, raffle baskets and a full high tea service. She stated tickets would be on sale at the library. Also, their second Summer Book Sale is scheduled for July 9, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$10/bag. She explained it is \$10 for as many books that can fit in a bag that the library provides. She reported the return of the Fun Fest that will be their fourth annual on August 27, 2022 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. She explained this community event is returning after a two-year break and there will food, games, music, and exhibitor booths. She stated there will be special guests, NCAA Athletes Calijah Kancey and Nick Patti. She reported their Summer reading program kicks off on June 6, 2022 and it is open to all ages. She encouraged everyone from young children to seniors to come to the library or check out their website to read books, try their Summertime challenges and take part in their great programs.

Ms. Bozniak expressed their appreciation to their partner PA Career Link who comes to the library every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist residents with job searching, resume writing and job training. She reported there has been a lot of interest and they are grateful for the help. She

pointed out they will assist in transportation services and getting access to clothing and uniforms. She reported a Job Fair will be held at the library on June 8, 2022 and more details will be provided. She stated they have the return of their live music program starting on May 11, 2022 at 7 p.m. with Lit Into Jazz that will feature Calvin Stemly, a saxophonist and his wife Jema, a poet.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgianna Woodhall, a resident of 4560 Broadway Boulevard, came forward to address council. She reported she was not present to discuss the Sunoco Gas Line but to discuss the meeting that was scheduled. She distributed copies of the emails she received through the right-to-know and read the one from Mr. Whealdon to Mr. Karastamatis specifically pointing out "You, or a representative, will need to be present at the council meeting to present your request." She reviewed she attended every citizens' night meeting and council meeting and Sunoco had months to send a representative to either of those meetings but no one attended to answer the questions she had and from a lot of other residents. She mentioned she contacted State Representative Markosek's office on April 21, 2022 requesting information about state regulations for the gas lines and she presented him with the information from meetings that occurred in 1989. She stressed the importance of the regulation that they require to educate the public. She reported Mr. Markosek's office was to contact the municipal manager to schedule a meeting in May or June. She pointed out she was initially informed the meeting would take place in June then the manager informed her it would be at the May Council Meeting. She felt that was not enough time for people to prepare for the meeting. She requested it be postponed until June and inquired why it was changed. Mr. Little explained he was initially informed it was May and he had another commitment for June. Mrs. Woodhall was adamant this company had from October 19, 2021 to be here in February, March or April to answer questions and the residents were only given five days to prepare. She referred to Chris Koop the representative from Beaver County and felt it would not be inconvenient for him to change the date of the meeting.

Mr. Little pointed out that Mr. Karastamatis did attend the March meeting but there were no questions so he did not come forward. Further discussion ensued regarding what Mr. Koop would present to council in a five-minute presentation. Mrs. Woodhall reported there are residents that want to attend and all the council members represent the people of their wards. Mr. Poach pointed out that the representative is on the regular council meeting agenda and suggested getting started from that point. He referred to the context of their role and their obligations to the municipality and suggested the representative will attend the regular council meeting. He encouraged the residents to make every effort to attend and to move forward on this issue. Mrs. Woodhall again requested the meeting be rescheduled to allow residents to prepare to attend and rearrange the schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward, at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

