

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 10, 2022

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 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, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

No one came forward to give public comment at this time.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Gresock read into the record a Proclamation proclaiming May 15-21, 2022 as National Police Week in the Municipality of Monroeville. He stated May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day and he called upon all citizens of the community to especially honor and show sincere appreciation to the police officers by deed, remark and attitude.

Mayor Gresock shared his gratitude for the police officers and reported he joined them earlier for the Annual Torch Run for Special Olympics as the torch was taken from downtown Pittsburgh to State College over three days. He thanked the officers involved and all the support officers. He reported there were a lot of agencies involved and it was a nice event. He thanked Messrs. Little, Stevenson and Biondo for their donations. He felt it is also a way to recognize fallen officers throughout the commonwealth every year.

PRESENTATION

ENERGY TRANSFER

Mr. Chris Koop, Lead Specialist- Public Affairs, from Energy Transfer came forward to make a presentation concerning the petroleum pipe lines in Monroeville. He explained that his job is to ensure there is a good line of communication in the communities where they operate. He reported his presentation would help people to understand who they are, what they do and the many layers of safety in place to ensure safe operation and how it relates to the scope of work outline for Alpine Park. He reported he would review the pipeline operations and safety overview fact sheet distributed to council (see attached).

Mr. Koop reported Energy Transfer is one of the largest pipeline companies in the United State with 120,000 miles of pipeline in 41 states. He stated they are moving approximately a third of the nation's oil and gas commodities through their pipeline systems. He pointed out there is about 3,000 miles of pipeline in Pennsylvania and most of it is in liquid service such as gasoline, home heating oil and diesel fuel. He explained those assets were acquired with the acquisition of Sunoco or former Sun Oil Company. He reported Sunoco was focused on refining most on the east coast like greater Philadelphia and New Jersey and a lot of the pipeline assets were used to transport those refined petroleum products to Pittsburgh, Buffalo, New York and Syracuse. He mentioned how that is also true of the assets they have located in Monroeville. He presented a map that shows their active in-service pipeline that is refined petroleum products such as gasoline that is running between their marketing and terminal facility in Pittsburgh on Butler Street to their marketing and terminal facility in Delmont or Salem Township off of Route 66.

Mr. Koop explained the red lines represent out-of-service pipelines that are not currently transporting products. He stated they are still monitored and they participate in the one call system. He reported people that live in proximity of those pipelines will be sent their public awareness mailer to meet the federal regulation for communication. He again stated they are not currently in service. Mr. Koop pointed out a star which represents Alpine Park and it is located on their green line.

Mr. Koop stressed that pipeline safety is not just one thing because there are layer upon layer of safety measures in place to ensure a safe pipeline operation. He reported pipeline safety in the United States is regulated by the federal government or the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration or PIMSA. He stated in Pennsylvania Pipeline safety is also regulated by the PA PUC or the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. He reported the Department of Transportation pipelines are the safest way to transport petroleum products whether it is gas, crude or refined petroleum products because there are many layers of safety in place to ensure safe pipeline operations. He stated it begins with the high tensile strength pipe and periodically they run in-line inspections or smart pics through the pipeline to detect for petrol detrimental defects or corrosion on the pipeline then if something is found, it is investigated and explored and if necessary, a repair is made. He mentioned old pipelines are able to operate safely because those measures are in place. He reported there are warnings with yellow pipeline markers to alert the public of a pipeline asset. He added it is designed to alert excavators that a pipeline asset is in the vicinity. He stated they participate in the one-call system to ensure any excavation is planned safely and they have security around the above-ground facility which include valve sites and pump stations that are free and secure from tampering. He explained valves allow them to do maintenance and shut the pipeline down compartmentally and segment it in the unlikely event that there is an emergency. He mentioned cathodic protection but they have aerial patrols with low flying air craft that patrol the right-of-way and ground patrol. He reported they use Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System and their control center. He explained the pipeline is monitored and controlled by SCADA in real time around the clock. He added this is a brief review of the safety layers they have to ensure safe pipeline operations as required. He pointed out their goal is to meet or exceed them.

Mr. Koop referred to the Cathodic Protection because it is important to the scope of work to take place in Alpine Park. He explained cathodic protection is an effective way to prevent corrosion on a pipeline with a rudimentary electrode circuit which involves protecting the cathode or the pipeline rectifier. He stated a rectifier turns AC current to DC current then the current is used to stimulate

corrosion on a sacrificial anode bed. He pointed out Alpine Park has a sacrificial anode bed that is corroding so the cathode or pipeline does not. He stated they are required to do it and it is a good thing for pipeline safety. He reported this system has cathodic protection but periodically they are required to update it because the anode beds become depleted. He stated if the anode beds deplete then the pipeline is not.

Mr. Koop reported that is the work for Alpine Park which is a conventional anode bed which takes approximately seven days to install then it will go back to meadow condition. He emphasized it is located in the meadow area of the Alpine Park that is not a real active recreational area. He pointed out the other alternative to achieve that cathodic protection obligation is lineal anode beds which run parallel to the pipeline and could encroach on neighboring properties to install lineal trench lines to achieve those cathodic protection obligations.

Mr. Koop recapped the cathode as the pipeline rectifier drives and stimulates direct current to a sacrificial anode bed so the pipeline does not corrode.

Mayor Gresock inquired whether there is a typical life cycle to an anode bed. He questioned whether the anodes are replaced or is an anode bed placed in another location. Mr. Koop pointed out if the soil changes condition and development occurs they perform close interval surveys to understand whether the cathodic protection is along the pipeline. He explained this is so they understand if there is any areas that needs to be improved or they can focus on other areas. He stated it depends on conditions and there is no standard for replacement and it depends on a lot of different factors. He added the survey gives them the capability to understand where they have adequate cathodic protection and how to stay ahead of things. Mayor Gresock asserted that one bed does not protect for a certain distance but is part of the whole system. Mr. Koop agreed and explained periodically when they have anode beds and lineal anodes situations the most important thing is that it is well protected and the close interval survey (CIS) helps them do it with great accuracy.

Mr. Biondo requested an explanation of the CIS like how it works and what it does. Mr. Koop indicated that may be beyond his technical expertise. He explained their right-of-way group or the group has communication with the land owners where they have an easement send out notifications of any CIS. He reported it is two guys with ski poles and a back pack which picks up data along the pipeline and that data is used to determine where they have adequate cathodic protection or there are areas that need to be addressed.

Mr. Poach mentioned the regulatory control, the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). He questioned the scope of those entities in terms of regulatory control over top of the pipelines in the community. He wanted to know their responsibility and what they would do if there were complaints or issues. Mr. Koop stated there are two codes of federal regulations that the federal government which is Title 49CFR195 that has oversight over liquid pipelines. He then referred to Title 49CFR192 which has oversight over gas pipelines or pipeline that are gas seeded services. He reported as a provider they are obliged to meet or exceed all of those regulations. He reported they periodically furnish the federal government with data to establish their compliance. Mr. Poach inquired whether it is a regular reporting mechanism for oversight of the pipeline and Mr. Koop answered affirmatively. Mr. Poach questioned whether they have a partnership with the state and Mr. Koop answered affirmatively. He explained PA PUC or PIMSA have enforced the code of federal regulations.

Mr. Poach referred to notification and the surrounding residents. He inquired how often and under what conditions people are notified of changes or information concerning the pipeline located close to them. Mr. Koop answered any time they are working on the right-of-way they want to communicate with the resident so they are informed. Mr. Poach questioned whether it is annually or a set schedule. Mr. Koop indicated for public awareness, the DOT and the 195 regulation, they have incorporated a specification RP1162 which establishes periodicity in terms of how often they are obligated to communicate with on-line landowners or people located within a certain proximity to a pipeline asset. He explained it is the people that live near a pipeline alerting them of the pipeline in the area and it is the operators' information of what to be aware of for the information on One Call. He reported for landowners or residents it is bi-annual for first responders it is a different type of information that is annual then municipal government receives their public awareness information on an annual basis. Mr. Poach asserted it is annually or bi-annually depending the property.

Mr. Poach mentioned there is approximately 428 miles of pipe in Allegheny County and inquired about the last time they had an emergency in this area. Mr. Koop could not ever recall an emergency situation in this area and he has been with the company for eight years. He stated there has not been any in Monroeville.

Mr. Biondo inquired whether the public awareness obligation extends to the out-of-service lines and Mr. Koop answered affirmatively.

Mr. Adams questioned whether the out-of-service lines are protected and Mr. Koop answered they focus their resources on the in-service. He emphasized that the market conditions change with out-of-service pipelines and before it would come into service it must meet the federal regulations. He felt it would include rigorous in-line inspection tools and integrity digs in certain places. He stated before it goes back into service it would need to meet the federal regulations for pipeline safety cathodic protection and in-line inspection.

Mr. Williams reported he lives within 100 yards of a pipeline and has never received any mail about it on Northern Pike. Mr. Koop took his address and would review it. He added they are meticulous about the public awareness in terms of the proximity. He explained he needed to check why he is not getting one to see if he is in the required area for communication.

Mayor Gresock pointed out this is a regular council meeting and if the public questions and comments are too lengthy or there are too many people then he suggested they submit their questions to the manager to give to Mr. Koop and get answers back to the residents.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgiana Woodhall, a resident 4560 Broadway Boulevard, came forward to address council and present information from the Internet. She questioned when the pipeline went out of service behind her home and if there are any plans to put it back in service. She briefly explained her property. She read a letter from 1989 when Sunoco first took over Atlantic Richland. She again questioned when the line went out of service and Mr. Koop answered approximately 20 years ago. Further discussion ensued because council had informed her it was 10 years. Mrs. Woodhall referred to the comment that there have been no emergencies and she reported her neighbor at 4565 Broadway Boulevard informed her that he noticed a black substance near one of the poles at the end of his

driveway and part of it on her property. She reported the neighbor called Sunoco and they came out to do work at the site. Mr. Koop inquired what year that happened. Mrs. Woodhall was uncertain but estimated maybe three years.

Mrs. Woodhall submitted information to council of 195CRF195440 of the Safety Awareness Information that Mr. Koop reviewed. She submitted information about their responsibilities under federal law and a copy of PA PUC Act 127 Pipeline Act which is the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline act and the PUC giving the state the ability to regulate. She also submitted information through the PA PUC on public resources that are available but when she went door to door to people with the gas line on their property had never seen the mailer. Mayor Gresock asserted Mr. Koop could reassess to make sure that the right people are getting the information. Mr. Koop stated that every case that he is aware of they are meeting the regulation for the people required to get the information. Mrs. Woodhall submitted information about pipelines called OPS which is the Office of Pipeline Safety. She pointed out it is a shared responsibility about pipeline safety. She referred to a chart that shows the individuals that share the responsibility and she reviewed the information. She felt it was complicated for people to get information but she referred to information from the NPMS or the National Pipeline Mapping System and there is a representative for the Sunoco Line that can be contacted.

Mrs. Woodhall asserted that she just needs a little more information of what is going on behind her house and all the way up Haymaker Road because the people in her neighborhood are not aware. She reported the people that attended the meeting in 1989 are no longer around from the neighborhood on Ridgeview and all the current residents are unaware of it.

DAVID MINTZ

Mr. David Mintz came forward to address council. He inquired where he could access the map that was shown in the presentation about the location of the active and inactive pipelines. Mr. Koop referred to the federal government website called the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) where all the pipelines that fall under federal jurisdiction are located in that database or GIS mapping system. He explained it has a lot of different capability and will provide the service of the pipeline, the operator and various different levels of information. He asserted it is a good source for the public, stakeholders, local government and emergency responders to understand the location of the pipelines in the community. He stressed one of the most important things is pipeline safety and participation in the one call system. He suggested anyone who is getting ready to dig to call 811 for a pipeline, cable conduit or Verizon and it will be marked and identified.

Mr. Mintz asserted not everyone calls when they plant flowers. He inquired about the recommended depth that someone should be concerned and call 811. Mr. Koop deferred to the PA One Call system but he suggested calling 811 is required any time someone is using somethings as big as a spade to do any excavation. He felt anything above a handheld tool a call should be made or any time mechanical machines are used. He explained it is a simple process and it is available around the clock. Mr. Mintz again requested the name of the website and Mr. Koop answered it is NPMS. Mayor Gresock clarified that it is the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) and it is user friendly. Mr. Koop urged everyone to call 811 who is planning on planting anything. Mayor Gresock added they do not specify a depth but urged anyone who is digging to call. Mr. Stevenson inquired whether there is a charge for the One Call and Mayor Gresock answered negatively.

LOIS DRUMHELLER

Mrs. Lois Drumheller, a resident, came forward to inquire about the depth of the pipeline that is not out of commission. Mr. Koop answered that it varies between three to four and a half feet depending on its location. Mrs. Drumheller referred to the guys with the backpacks walking the line, returning things to meadow conditions and checking for adequate cathode protection and she questioned how it would be addressed if it is not protected. She requested an explanation of the worst condition and how it would be addressed. She questioned what the need would be if the cathode was not protected. Mr. Koop answered they are required to achieve adequate cathodic. Mrs. Drumheller questioned how it would be done and requested a scenario as to what would have to be done. She pointed out that it was already explained that it would be three or four and a half feet down depending and she wanted to know if there a section that was not performing and was a safety concern, what steps would be taken. She asked whether they would go into a right-of-way 20 feet either side or dig down the depth of the pipeline.

Mayor Gresock wanted to clarify whether she was asking about an issue with the pipe or with the anode bed or the cathodic protection. Mrs. Drumheller explained the whole reason to have this cathode protection is to prevent corrosion. She wanted to know how it would be addressed if it was discovered during the monitoring that there is not adequate protection. She requested a scenario of what would be done if there was not adequate protection and she asked for the worst-case scenario. Mr. Koop emphasized there are layers and layers of safety measures in place to ensure a safe operation. He explained with a close interval survey and that type of data collection, if they found the cathodic protection system was out of compliance they would prepare plans to bring it back into compliance. Mayor Gresock inquired whether that would include repairing an existing one or adding additional cathodic beds and Mr. Koop answered it could be a number of things. Mrs. Drumheller questioned what actions would be taken. Mr. Koop again stated they would prepare a scope of work to address the cathodic protection deficiency which could include the installation of a new lineal anode or it could be a problem with a rectifier or a lead that is connected to the pipeline. He stated there are too many scenarios to speculate what they might do in a given situation other than developing a scope of work to regain compliance. Mrs. Drumheller clarified that they would develop the scope of work, then someone would engineer it then they would determine what they need to do to correct it.

Mrs. Drumheller inquired whether there is any other website so someone could better understand about rectifying on sacrificial anode beds. Mr. Koop was not aware of any other website other than the public awareness or public affairs materials that they have developed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session before the council meeting on May 10, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigation reasons. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at this May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council then considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of April 5, 2022, Council Work Session of April 5, 2022 and the Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council then considered Approval of the Reports of Tax Collections.

There being no discussion, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to approve the Reports of Tax Collections and Mr. Poach 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 \$2,348,897.70, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,589,821.99 for the month of April 2022.

There being no discussion, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve the List of Bills and Budget Transfers and Mr. Biondo seconded it.

Mr. Adams inquired whether the traffic signal cabinet at the Miracle Mile is from an accident and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. Mr. Adams inquired whether the municipality got reimbursed for the \$83,000 and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. Mayor Gresock confirmed the municipality received the money and it is now being paid; Mr. Hugus concurred.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, a motion was duly made by Mr. Stevenson to approve the payroll and Messrs. Poach and Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

LIBRARY BOARD

There being no discussion, Mr. Poach duly made motion to appoint Michael Crane, Ward One, as an at-large member to the Library Board and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, Mr. Poach nominated Ms. Ruth Payne, Ward Three, as an at-large member to the Library Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Anthony Pokusa to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Further, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Leonard Bertoni to the Planning Commission and Mr. Adams seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

PROJECT 22-01-ST

MONROEVILLE BOULEVARD AND WYNGATE DRIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Mr. Little reported the municipality received two bids for the traffic signal at Monroeville Boulevard and Wyngate Drive from Bronder Technical Services and Traffic Control and Engineering. He recommended the bid be awarded to Bronder in the amount of \$299,999.99. He noted the municipality has a reimbursable PennDOT Green Light-Go Grant in the amount of \$226,709.17 and the municipality will be responsible for the remaining balance which will be part of the capital improvements budget.

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

CONSENT AGENDANEW BUSINESSRESOLUTION 22-23

SITE PLAN 20-4-ST (R)

KDP ROOSEVELT 369, LLC

PENN MONROE-TACO BELL

The applicant is requesting site plan approval to construct a 2,722 square foot restaurant and associated site amenities. The property is located at 204 Duff Road and known as Tax Parcel No. 743-G-066 in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District. The application is a revision to Application No. 20-4-ST, Penn Monroe Shops.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

RESOLUTION 22-24

SUBDIVISION 21-4-SUB(R)

PENN MONROE-TACO BELL

KDP ROOSEVELT 369, LLC

The applicant is requesting preliminary and Final Subdivision approval to subdivide Tax Parcels 743-G-066 and 743-G-70 into three lots. Lot One is 2.26 acres, Lot Two is 2.201 acres and Lot Three is 0.642 acres. The property is located at 24 Duff Road in the C-2, Business/ Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

Whereupon, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to approve Site Plan 20-4-ST and Subdivision 21-4-SUB(R) and Mr. Poach seconded it. Mr. Biondo referred to the timeframe for this development. He read the tentative schedule from the developer, Aldi will open on June 22, 2022, Key Bank in late July, Mission Barbeque and First Watch construction will start in June or July with November completion and Taco Bell will be started in June and completed in January 2023. He noted within the next 45 days the property will be cleaned up with paving and landscape completed for the original development. He reported the dust and construction will be reduced by the end of June. He added the Taco Bell will have

its own schedule but the site is small and the work will be contained. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-25

SITE PLAN 22-6-ST (R)

PATASKY HOMES

SPRING RUN

The applicant is requesting site plan approval to construct 12 townhouse units and associated site amenities. The property is located at the end of Spring Run Drive and known as Tax Parcels 857-P-233, 857-P-235, 857-P-237, 858-B-239, 858-B-241, 858-B-243, 857-P-245, 858-B-247, 858-B-249, 857-P-253, 857-P-255, and 857-P-257 in the R-4, Multi-Family Residential Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

Mr. Ray Gusty from Farringer, McCarty, Grey came forward representing the applicant.

Mr. Williams inquired whether they have plans to continue the sidewalk from Cambridge Square on Tilbrook Road to the existing sidewalk. Mr. Gusty answered they are required to have sidewalks along Tilbrook Road on the frontage within the developer's property but there will still be a gap. Mr. Williams inquired about the size of the gap and estimated it is probably a couple hundred feet along Tilbrook Road. He stated he would like to see it continued the whole way instead of leaving gaps. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Williams inquired whether Spring Run owns the whole thing and Mr. Gusty answered it was done in the 1980s before sidewalks were required. Mr. Williams questioned whether Spring Run still owns the whole complex and Mr. Gusty answered Patasky bought that section of Spring Run. Mr. Williams again questioned the amount of gap that would exist and Mr. Gusty indicated it would have to be determined. Mayor Gresock questioned whether Spring Run owns all the way down Tilbrook Road until it gets to Cambridge Square or whether there are other property owners in between. Mr. Gusty answered only Spring Run. He explained it is from the intersection of McBeth and Tilbrook Drives at Cambridge where they installed sidewalk but there is gap, then Spring Run and Mr. Patasky needs to add sidewalk at the frontage but there will be a gap. Mr. Williams pointed out it should be a smooth transition to the existing sidewalk which is not going to happen. Mr. Gusty explained Patasky is required to put sidewalk within his property frontage along Tilbrook Road but not all of Spring Run and a gap will still exist. Mr. Wrtcher requested an estimate of how much sidewalk is being discussed for the gap and Mr. Gusty estimated 150 to 200 feet.

Mr. Hugus explained the sidewalk on Tilbrook Road is for Malcom Court which is a newer development and where Malcom Court property ends is now Spring Run. He reported the section of sidewalk at Spring Run was never built because it was before the standards were in place so there is a section of sidewalk that will be missing where the Patasky Property starts. He pointed out what is considered to be part of Spring Run is actually the Malcom Court's development. Mayor Gresock asserted Mr. Patasky does not own the other part in question where the gap is located and Mr. Hugus concurred. He added it is owned by the Spring Run Home Owners Association. Mayor Gresock explained this is an example of why the municipality strictly adheres to the sidewalk ordinance and this is potentially a spot where those funds could be used. He suggested this should be discussed with the Spring Run Homeowners Association.

After further brief discussion, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to approve Site Plan 06-16-ST and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS

MOTION

A motion authorizing to advertise an ordinance to adopt the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC).

Mr. Little reported this is a housekeeping item which was explained at the council work session.

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

MOTION

A motion authorizing to advertise an ordinance amending the Administrative Benefits Ordinance No. 2630 to include the Police Cadets. (Act 120 Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC)).

Mr. Little reported this is for the cadets that do not have their Act 120 Certification but will go to the police academy and they will be considered for cadets. He explained council would decide their salary and benefits.

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

MOTION

A motion authorizing to advertise an ordinance amending the Administrative Salary Ordinance No. 2753 to include the Police Cadets.

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

MOTION

A motion authorizing to advertise an ordinance to amend the non-uniform pension plan.

Mr. Little reported this motion is to amend the non-uniform pension plan to include the family medical leave act.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-26

A resolution adopting the Modwash Sewage Planning Module.

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

RESOLUTION 22-27

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 this is for the library to advertise the Fun Fest.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve and Messrs. Biondo and Poach seconded it. Mr. Poach inquired whether the manager has been notified about other events and Mr. Little was uncertain. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 22-28

A resolution authorizing the participation of the Municipality in the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's Vacant Property Recovery Program subject to certain requirements.

Mr. Little reported this is so the municipality would be part of the vacant property recovery program. He explained this is for a vacant or occupied property that is too small to build on and the property is a remnant. He stated the information is available on the website and the application is sent to the redevelopment authority, it is not sent to the municipality. He added the property has to be under one acre and other stipulations are available on the website. He encouraged everyone to review the website for additional information.

Mr. Adams inquired whether there is a list of properties on the website and Mr. Little answered negatively. Mr. Whealdon reported typically people will ask him about any piece of property they would like to purchase. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Williams reported the minimum building lot in Monroeville is 7,500 square feet so anything less than that may qualify for it.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Adams seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with six affirmative votes and one negative vote by Mr. Stevenson.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wratcher reported the municipality received a favorable decision in some litigation. He stated one was for a developer that wanted to put a billboard up at the Meineke Muffler on Monroeville Boulevard. He reported council denied it and it made its way through the common pleas court and the appelland courts and all the courts sided with the municipality. He stated there is a provision in the ordinance stipulating that cannot be done unless pursuant to a certain process and the developer did not follow the process. He reported the municipality prevailed and the opinion is on the council-only website.

Further brief discussion ensued. Mayor Gresock felt these are the kind of things that should be included in the update of the new zoning ordinance where these electronic signs should be addressed

and regulated because that technology did not exist when the zoning ordinance was put together. Mr. Wratcher pointed out there was some concern because there were undefined terms in the zoning ordinance which was the weak part of the case. He reported these terms have been defined with the new ordinance so the municipality can be confident going forward.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT

COUNTY PAVING WORK

Mr. Little reported council has a letter from Allegheny County regarding the proposed paving work for Monroeville on Haymaker Road between Penn Lear Road and Broadway Boulevard. He asserted it would depend on the weather but he was uncertain when the work would begin. He stated all work would take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week days. He reported there would be milling and paving, base repairs, drainage improvements, and shoulder and guiderail replacement on Patton Street/Wilmerding and Monroeville Road between Jefferson Street and Monroeville Boulevard.

Mayor Gresock reported this is a continuation of what the county did on Haymaker Road last year and it will continue down the hill. He explained different streets in Monroeville involve different agencies. He felt it was good news for Haymaker Road.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT HEARINGS

Mr. Little reported the Five-Year Capital Improvement Hearings will start on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and another hearing is schedule on May 19, 2022. He stated the department heads would give their presentation on their capital improvement programs.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Mr. Little reported the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Collections Event will be held on July 16, 2022 at the Public Works Building. He explained the municipality will collect hazardous waste, old computers, and TV monitors.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING REPORT

VALLEY PARK TRAIL BRIDGE

Mr. Little requested an update on the Valley Park Trail Bridge and reported the municipality received a matching grant. He explained it involves a hookup with the Westmoreland Heritage Trail down at Valley Park.

Mr. Estok gave a brief update of this project. He reported in 2017 the trail was completed down there and Monroeville owns 1.2 miles of it but the overall project was 5.5 miles. He stated the municipality received a \$100,000 grant for the parking lot at the bottom of Saunders Station Road. He explained then during the process the idea developed to potentially add another location to park in Monroeville. He contacted Streamline Engineering and in 2018 Martha Frech submitted a proposal and it was presented to the municipality in late 2019, early 2020. He stated he applied for a DC&R grant for a project that would include a bridge, bathroom and a pavilion. He explained Monroeville wanted to consider the potential of installing a bathroom because Trafford and Murrysville has a restroom 5.5 miles away but there is a lot of work. He reported the municipality received a letter right before

Christmas stating the municipality received a matching grant for \$243,500 and it was executed in 2021. He reported council approved it with the matching funds from the sale of the pool to the Turnpike.

Mr. Estok reviewed the existing site and pointed out the skate park, asphalt, Abers Creek Road, Turtle Creek, a BMX Track and hills. He suggested it is an out of the way space and does not get used a lot but has a lot of graffiti. He referred to a plan when Ms. Frech came back to identify the location for the potential for a bridge. He pointed out an overlay of the existing location with the orange area is a restroom and the purple area is a pavilion then there is a bridge going across that will start again in the area of the skate park but it would all have to be redone to cross over and land at the existing trail on the other side. He felt it is a great opportunity to do different things with it. He showed a color rendering of the site with the bridge spanning over top of the creek. He showed a 3-D model of what the bridge would look like and it would be strictly for pedestrian and ADA accessible bridge. He reported there is no pavilion but the basic concern was the sanitary connection. He mentioned there is a potential to put in a vault system with its own water to help with the current issues.

Mayor Gresock inquired whether there is water there currently. Mr. Hugus answered there is water but no sanitary. Mayor Gresock questioned whether there would be a vault for the sewage. Mr. Estok explained there would be a vault under the bathroom with two chambers one with clean water and one with the waste. He stated it would only be a commode and an area to wash hands. He reported it would be cleaned twice a year. Mayor Gresock inquired whether there would still be a water hookup for an outside fountain and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively.

Mr. Adams inquired about the size of the holding tank and Mr. Hugus answered it varies depending on usage. He added there are different styles and shapes of the facilities. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Adams stated it has to be a good size vault for cleaning once or twice a year. Mr. Estok reported each one holds 1,000 gallons of waste or 15,000 uses. Mr. Hugus stated it has to be a water tight system because of the nature of Valley Park.

Mr. Stevenson inquired whether the \$487,000 covers all of it and Mr. Estok answered affirmatively. Mr. Little explained the municipality got a matching grant and half of it will come out of the swimming pool money. Mr. Estok asserted that includes the core drilling, installing the support system and the parking lot.

Mr. Williams questioned the material on the decking of the bridge. Mr. Hugus explained it is a proposed light-weight, fiberglass bridge because it is a pedestrian footbridge and it is not built for any type of motor vehicles.

Mr. Hugus reported Streamline Engineering did an analysis in 2018-2019 which was partly done for the bridge which was a hydraulic analysis. He explained this is a flood plain so it has to be proved, if construction is to be done, that there is no adverse reaction upstream. He stated part of the analysis was to remove the skate park, the fencing around it and the guide rail between the parking lot and the soccer fields. He pointed out it would not be detrimental because those things would be removed but the bridge structure would be added. He reported the plan came later with adding the restroom facility, pavilion and the additional parking lot. He explained because it is located in a flood plain the municipality has to submit a joint permit application to the DEP and Army Corp of Engineers for approval. He stated it also requires approval from the zoning hearing board because the zoning ordinance stipulations for developing in flood plains. He asserted the application to the DEP and Army

Corp or Engineers is a 10 to 12-month permit process. He explained when the permit is submitted a detailed explanation must be provided for adding those additional features like what is going to be done and how it would be constructed. He mentioned how it would be built, the foundation, the kind of tank system and construction of the pavilion. He reported the municipality engaged in a geo-technical investigation to determine the makeup of the soil on the Monroeville side and Murrysville side. He pointed out a lot of the fill came from Radio Hill which is a non-engineered fill that is basically dumped. He reported the geo-technical investigation showed that the municipality has three to four feet of unsuitable fill before getting to rock. He explained because of that the foundation system for the bridge and other amenities will be costly but all of that has to be shown when the permit is submitted to DEP. He stated the original hydraulic study did not include the amenities and it does not appear to be a problem but it has to be provided in the original application. He reported it is a long application process and the municipality has to wait to see if it is approved.

Mayor Gresock inquired whether there is a time line for the grant money and Mr. Little answered affirmatively. He stated it is scheduled to expire in 2024 but the municipality could get an extension until 2026. Mr. Hugus explained from a time line stand point, projected out a year it would be 2023 then if it is approved it has to put out for public bid for the construction which could be another 8 to 12 months or the end of 2023 or 2024. He stated the municipality has not executed the proposal to submit the applications to the DEP or Army Corp of Engineers so it needs to be moved forward quickly. Mayor Gresock inquired whether the municipality has had contact with the Westmoreland Heritage Trail people and Mr. Estock answered affirmatively. He added he is trying to schedule a meeting with Murrysville to determine what it is needed.

Mr. William questioned whether a house is located across the street from the park on Cavitt and Mr. Poach answered negatively. Mr. Estock indicated it was farther down. Mr. Williams inquired whether it is hooked into the sewage line and why can't the municipality hook into it. Mr. Hugus explained the sanitary sewer line is located in Turtle Creek which is the main trunk line that is maintained by ALCOSAN. He reported a private lateral cannot be tied into a main trunk line. He again stated it is a flood plain and pointed out the limits of the 100-year flood plain but this past week-end it was full of water. He reported whatever is built there, it is not a matter of if but when it will be inundated with water so that has to be considered from a maintenance standpoint.

Mayor Gresock questioned where the sewage from the house on the corner hooks in and Mr. Hugus was uncertain. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Poach inquired whether it was considered moving to a waterless restroom to the other side of the trail. Mr. Hugus reported relocating it was discussed with it down at the Westmoreland Heritage Trail existing access point because it is above the 100-year flood plain. He stated it does not get flooded there and this would be an ideal location for it. He asserted this proposed location will flood. Mr. Poach reported across from it is a bend and an opening in the trail but it is Franklin Township's Water Authority and Mr. Hugus agreed. Mr. Poach questioned whether that is a better consideration because there were recently a couple of emergencies on the trail this past weekend. He agreed there is no restroom until Murrysville. Mr. Hugus was uncertain because of the grant whether it can be taken out of Monroeville. He stated the grant is specifically for that area but there is an area between the parking lot and the trail where the kiosk is located that a restroom could be located but pointed out there is no water there. Mr. Poach pointed out there are plans for potentially rerouting the trail with the expansion

of the Turnpike so the restroom would be located closer to the current and the access points would not be affected as opposed to what will be changed. Mr. Estock reported it would change. Mr. Poach referred to the recent emergency where they had an issue that this kind of bridge is not wide enough for access of certain emergency vehicles. He inquired about the width of the bridges and Mr. Estock indicated it is ADA compliant. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Stevenson questioned whether all the foundations have to go to bedrock and Mr. Hugus answered in this case it would have to tie in so that it does not become buoyant and floats. Further discussion ensued regarding relocating the restroom. Mr. Hugus pointed out the municipal flood plain ordinance talks about those types of facilities located in flood plains. Mr. Poach questioned whether it would facilitate the permitting process to move it closer to the access point because there is no a restroom until Trafford and Murrysville. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Hugus stressed at this point time is of the essence because of the length of the permit process. He stated the municipality needs to finalize what they are going to do. Again, Mr. Poach asked whether it would lessen the impact on the permitting process if it is not done in the flood plain. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Little reported he meet with Ms. Frech from Streamline Development and if council decides to move forward the cost would be \$21,000 for them to do the site development, \$2,400 for the coordination with Murrysville and Westmoreland Park and Recreation and \$10,000 for the joint application process, \$5,440 for construction and monitoring the joint permit and \$3,500 for the as-builts for a total of \$42,342 to get the project moving forward. He felt relocating the bathrooms could be adjusted as the project develops because of the lengthy application process with the DEP and Army Corps of Engineers. Further lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of council to move the project forward.

Mayor Gresock was concerned with losing the skate park and suggested another home could be found for it. Further discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MUNICIPAL ITEM

KIM KRIVDA

Ms. Kim Krivda, a resident of Jamison Lane, came forward to discuss the storm water problem in her yard. She reported they are still having excessive flooding and explained last week with the heavy rain the water is coming out of the draining and the metal grate was floating. She stated it is causing flooding on her property with the full back yard being saturated and causing problems at 158 Jamison Lane where a tie wall was washed out. She explained there is a sanitary manhole in the area and the water washed the tie wall out. She felt it might need to be cleaned out. She reported 160 Jamison Lane is getting the water under their fence through their yard and washing all the river rock out. She pointed out Mr. Nacin is suffering on the opposite side because he is now part owner of that back property. She stated the storm drain is an easement that belongs to DCI and the storm water is coming off the highway from their property and the adjacent property through a pond that is not working. She felt it is substandard because of its age and all the cleaning out of the lines have done no good but got worse. She mentioned Mr. Nacin is trying to work with the adjacent property owners but the easement and drain system belongs to DCI. She requested the municipality support this because she got an attorney and is working with Moody Engineering, a storm water management company to develop a plan to resolve this

issue with DCI. She felt this could be resolved if DCI would do what is necessary with the pond and put in an updated system.

DAN BEGGS

Mr. Dan Beggs, a resident of 158 Jamison Lane, came forward to address the water problem on his property. He reported the water is coming out of the drain, going down the side of the yard where the manhole sewer entrance cover is located and eroding away the cement area. He felt if the water keeps eroding that it will start to float. He reported he can see where the ground has been sliding into a gully. He pointed out the ties that held back the yard have collapse because the water is flowing too quickly underneath. He was concerned because this is his property that is being damaged.

ARON SINHA

Mr. Aron Sinha, a resident of Trotwood Drive and Haymaker Drive, came forward to express his concerns about someone putting markings on his landscape. He inquired about the blue and green markings on the sidewalk in front of his house. He reported the workers that placed the orange lines indicated there was a gas leak and he could not get any answers from Duquesne Light or the Municipal Water Authority. He called 811 Dig and got answers that People's Gas has opened a ticket number that they are going to do a standard dig. He wanted to know what is going on and who he should contact to determine whether they are going to dig on his property because he has not been notified.

Mayo Gresock suggested he contact People's Gas and Mr. Hugus indicated a PA One Call has been made which only provides a vague description of what is going on. He stated that is the only information the municipality is provided. He recommended he contact the gas company. Mr. Sinha explained how he made calls and still got no answers. Further discussion ensued about the right of way. Mr. Wratcher recommended he contact the Public Utility Commission to inform them he did not get any response because the utility companies are answerable to the PUC who investigates complaints. Further discussion ensued.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgiana Woodhall, a resident of 4561 Broadway Boulevard, came forward to address council. She referred to the cathodic easement protection and reported she had her attorney review the two deeds. She stated they found the one dated October 23, 1967 but the one for the cathodic easement dated January 24, 2021, the volume and page number are incorrect. She contacted the recorder of deeds office and she read from the 4450 where it referred to the clerical error. She inquired whether this is something they need to correct.

Mr. Wratcher reported the municipality is aware of the clerical error and requested it be corrected. Mr. Little asserted he has a corrected copy. Mrs. Woodhall requested a copy.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN JOE HYZY

Mr. Hyzy wished Mr. Little a happy birthday.

SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ERIC POACH

Mr. Poach sent condolences to Police Officer Mike Lynch and Family for the recent passing of his mother, Lillian.

Mr. Poach reported Election Day is May 17, 2022 and encouraged anyone needing assistance about where to vote it is on the website under the residence section at the bottom for voting.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson urged everyone to vote on Election Day.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams sent belated Mother's Day wishes to all the mothers and wished everyone a happy Memorial Day. He encouraged everyone to attend the parade and everyone needs to remember those who died defending our country in realizing that Freedom is Not Free. He read a page from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He reported a lot of blood was shed. He stated God Bless America, Monroeville, the people of Ukraine as they fight and the police officers. He sent birthday wishes to Mr. Little, a speedy recovery to Councilman Wolfram and reminded everyone to vote.

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo reported how much his family enjoyed the Clean Up Day. He referred to the skate park.

MAYOR NICK GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock reported the Clean Up Day was a success and he commended Mr. Sedlak for all his work. He reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Festivities with the parade and ceremony. He pointed out there will be a parade and fireworks for the Fourth of July. He mentioned the Community Day in June and Jazz Festival later in the year.

Mayor Gresock again recognized the police officers and National Peace Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day. He commended them for all the work they do for the community.

Mayor Gresock wished Mr. Little a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, a motion was duly made by Mr. Stevenson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

