

MUNICIPALITY OF MONREOVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

JULY 7, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Josephine Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon. Mr. Wolfram was absent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

DAVID SHEATS

Mr. David Sheats, a resident of Berkley Way, came forward representing the people that live in Berkley Square. He distributed information to council and reported they have a safety issue that has caused a lot of problems over the years. He explained when an automobile wants to leave from Berkley Way onto Northern Pike, cars can converge on them because they cannot see vehicles coming because there is a dip to the right and left. He requested the residents present from Berkley to raise their hands. He reported they collected signatures from everyone and no one rejected. He stated the residents are requesting a traffic light similar to the one on Patty Lane and the one on the Old Westinghouse Drive. Mr. Poach stated it was Circle W Drive. Mr. Sheats explained those traffic lights only work when a car pulls up to it from the side streets. He asserted Northern Pike has a nice clean run and the through traffic gets the preference. He suggested if the traffic light is out of the question any other safety item would help. He recommended a mirror that could look both ways so the traffic could be seen coming. He explained it is for anyone traveling along Northern Pike not just the people from Berkley Drive. He encouraged other residents to express their concerns.

(A brief recess was taken at this time 7:14 p.m. to address a medical emergency.)

(The meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.)

Mayor Gresock briefly explained there was a medical emergency in the council chambers with the last speaker, Mr. Sheats. He reported he is on his way to the hospital and he is okay. He explained there was a quick response by Police Chief Cole with an AED and Councilman Poach. He stated there was a tremendous response with paramedics and fireman so the resident was in good hands. He commended the people involved.

Mayor Gresock explained how hard it was to resume the meeting after the incidence. He reiterated what Mr. Sheats and the residents of Berkley Way were requesting. He stated they requested Monroeville improve and install a traffic light or a mirror to be used by the drivers departing Berkley

Way onto Northern Pike. He reported they submitted a petition with 60 signatures supporting that request. He explained that is a PennDOT Road and Monroeville does not have jurisdiction over it. He stated PennDOT does not install mirrors. He inquired about the process when the residents make these requests and whether a traffic study would be done.

Mr. Hugus reported the municipality would write a letter to PennDOT requesting that traffic signal. He explained they may do the traffic and engineering study or may request the municipality to do it. He asserted someone would have to do a warrant analysis to determine what is going on. He stated there are a lot of different items that go into it such as the geometry of the road, the speed, the site lines and other components. He reported this was done when the blinking light was installed and he was uncertain whether many of the parameters have changed since that time other than the traffic volume. He was uncertain about the traffic accidents that have occurred at that location but they would review the past five-years for those statistics.

Mayor Gresock inquired about how council felt about moving forward on this item. It was the consensus of council to instruct the manager to have PennDOT review this again. Mayor Gresock questioned whether the municipality would have documentation about what was done the first time it was reviewed and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively.

Mr. Biondo questioned how long ago that happened and Mr. Hugus suggested it may have been 10 years ago but he was uncertain. Mayor Gresock suggested a lot of things may not have changed in that time but some of the traffic patterns may have changed and there is new development on that road. Mr. Hugus asserted the municipal paid for the construction of the blinking light. He reported he received a telephone call from a resident requesting a mirror who contacted PennDOT and he explained PennDOT does not install mirrors but they direct it back to the municipality. He stated the municipality has no jurisdiction and cannot install a mirror because it is a state road. He reported PennDOT does not install mirrors.

Mayor Gresock instructed the manager to make the contact with PennDOT to move the process forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time to make public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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