

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nick Gresock at 7:08 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, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Robert Wratcher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon. Mr. Wolfram was absent.

MONROEVILLE PROCLAMATION AND PENNSYLVANIA CITATION

Mayor Gresock reported how proud Monroeville is of their emergency management and it was showcased last month in Council Chambers when a resident became unconscious and was saved by Councilman Poach and Police Chief Cole.

Mayor Gresock explained he would read into the record a proclamation and State Representative Markosek would read the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Citation commending the life saving actions of Councilman Poach and Police Chief Cole. He then presented the proclamation and he recognized Mr. David Sheats and his wife, Darlene.

Mayor Gresock thanked Council Poach and Police Chief Cole for everything they do for the community and thanked Representative Markosek for attending the meeting.

COMMUNITY DAY

Mr. Ernie Groover came forward to report that it is a privilege to live and work in a community where there are great amenities and hospitals and great people on council. He thanked them for allowing him to be a member of the Monroeville Foundation. He reported they have three events a year and Monroeville Community Day took place a few weeks ago. He explained there were 2,500 in attendance and he referred everyone to the You Tube video. Again, he thanked all the municipal employees who helped them during off hours to make it a successful event. He reported the upcoming events are the 17th Annual Monroeville Jazz Festival and he reviewed the event activities. He suggested the Mayor of Pittsburgh may be in attendance and he was anticipating how he could be shown how things are done in Monroeville. Mr. Groover reported the golf outing is scheduled for September 12, 2022 at Meadowink Golf Course and he encouraged everyone to support it.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session before the council meeting on August 9, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigation reasons. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at the Regular Council Meeting on August 9, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council considered approval of the minutes of the Capital Improvement Program Budget Hearing of May 19, 2022, Citizens' Night Meeting of July 7, 2022, Council Work Session of July 7, 2022 and the Regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2022.

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to approve them, as submitted, and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council 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 approval of the List of Bills in the amount of \$941,637.68, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,150,600.67 for the month of July 2022.

Whereupon, Mr. Biondo duly made a motion to approve the list of bills and budget transfers and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

VACANCIES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Vacancies exist on the Boards, Commissions and Authorities for 2022.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

There being no discussion, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to nominate Mr. Jonathan Pawlowski to the Police Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Stevenson urged anyone interested in volunteering to meet with the manager to discuss the vacancies on the boards, commissions and authorities. He reported there are a lot of vacancies to fill.

CONSENT AGENDAREZONING 22-1-Z
LAW FUNERAL HOME

The applicant is requesting to rezone the portion of Tax Parcel 587-M-195 that is currently zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential to C-2, Business/Commercial. The total area of the property is 4.411 acres. The property is located at 2555 Haymaker Road.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

The applicant requested tabling until the September Council Meeting.

Mr. Little reported there is a letter in the council packet requesting the tabling.

Whereupon, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to table Rezoning Application 22-17-Z and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONSMOTION

A motion to accept the resignation of Ed Lewkowicz from the Police Civil Service Commission.

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 to accept the resignation of Dr. Dennis McDaniel from the Ward 2 position of the Library Board.

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

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION 22-34

A resolution approving the disposition of records as set forth in the municipal records manual.

Mr. Little reported there are two vehicles that are not worth putting on Govdeals.com and also some file cabinets. He stated this resolution would dispose of those assets that are less than \$2,000 pursuant to the Borough Code.

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

RESOLUTION 22-35

A resolution to change the agenda setting meeting, work session and citizens' night meeting from the Thursday prior to the second Tuesday of the month which is the Regular Council Meeting to the first Tuesday of the month, a week prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to place the resolution on the agenda and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, Mr. Adams duly made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gresock clarified this would take place at the next meeting in September and Mr. Little agreed. Mayor Gresock pointed out there are some advertising requirements so a motion was in order to authorize to advertise this for the remainder of the year.

Whereupon, Mr. Adams duly made a motion to advertise and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Little reported the next Citizens' Night Meeting and the Agenda Setting Meeting will be on September 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL MANAGERPROPOSALS

Mr. Little distributed copies of three invoices from Tudi Mechanical Systems for a center ductless system to provide air conditioning and HVAC if the power goes out in the dispatch center. He reported currently the dispatch center has no HVAC if it has no power. He requested council support to moved ahead with it.

Mr. Little explained there are two boilers in the library and one has stopped working. He stated they will not have heat if they do not have a boiler and it will take two months to get it. He reported the cost is \$48,850 and he already signed the invoice for Tudi to move ahead. He asserted it would not have to be a sealed bid because they are on Co-Star.

Mr. Little referred to the HVAC units at the senior citizens center and stated it is already in the capital improvement program budget. He inquired whether council supported moving ahead with it now or waiting for the capital improvement program. He asserted it is not as serious as the library and the duct system at the dispatch center. Mr. Poach inquired whether this would be affected by the extended delivery and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. He explained both the library and senior center have antiquated systems and antiquated HVAC control systems and there is a long lead time. Mr. Stevenson inquired whether this is a cooling and warming center in case of an emergency in the municipality and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Little asserted this is the cost of running the municipality. Mr. Adams inquired whether the municipality has the \$222,00 to cover these expenses and Mr. Little answered affirmatively.

Mr. Hyzy questioned whether the HVAC for the dispatch center would cool everything where all the electronics are stored. Mr. Hugus explained the original system installed for the dispatch center was located where the COG is and currently works off of the emergency generator but when the dispatch was moved downstairs it never got programmed to have a stand-alone HVAC system so during an emergency power outage it does not operate.

JAZZ FESTIVAL

Mr. Little reported the Jazz Festival will be held on September 3, 2022 at 2 p.m. to dusk at the Tall Trees Amphitheater.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Mr. Little reported the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event will be held on August 20, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boyce Park Ski Lodge Parking Lot. He stated it is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Resource Council.

CLOSING OF WILMERDING AND MONROEVILLE ROADS

Mr. Little reported the closing of Wilmerding and Monroeville Roads has been changed to August 22, 2022 at 9 a.m. due to inclement weather.

REPORTS OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

Mr. Hugus reported of a recent development with the road resurfacing program which is the Municipal Authority has to replace a water line in the Caruso Plan on Caruso Drive and Thomas Street. He explained it would begin next week and take approximately six weeks to complete. He reported they planned to chip seal that neighborhood but he recommended it be delayed until next year to avoid damaging the work when the water line is replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MUNICIPAL ITEMS

DARLENE SHEATS

Mrs. Darlene Sheats, a resident of Berkley Way, came forward to inquire if there has been any response from PennDOT regarding the traffic study for the traffic signal at Berkley Way. Mayor Gresock reported the municipality is still waiting for their response and to review the options. He stated no concrete decision has been made. Mr. Hugus explained with PennDOT it is usually a six to eight-week process to do the study.

KIM KRIVDA

Mrs. Kim Krivda, a resident of Jamison Lane, came forward to inquire who would do the maintenance around a sewage drain on a property. Mayor Gresock answered it would be the Municipal Authority. Mrs. Krivda questioned who would take care of the area around it and Mr. Hyzy stated the Municipal Authority.

DANIEL BEGGS

Mr. Daniel Beggs, a resident of Jamison Lane, came forward to inquire about the water coming off of the retention area on the DCI property. He mentioned the water going through the pipes and the spillover coming down his property at 160 Jamison Lane. He wanted to know if there has been a response from the environmental group. Mr. Hugus was uncertain of his question. Mr. Beggs referred to the sewer area that Mrs. Krivda mentioned and explained there has been erosion, land is being undercut and pulled away, and the retaining wall has fallen over. He wanted to know if anything has been planned or reviewed because of environmental issues. He reported the cap was taken off then it was being put back on up farther up toward the DCI area. Mr. Stevenson inquired whether it is storm water and Mr. Beggs answered affirmatively. He added it is an overflow of storm water that is affecting where the sewer lines run. He stated part of the confusion is that the sewer area is being washed away and he wanted to know if anything needs to be done to make sure that they do not have the water coming through the storm water and overflowing so it washes it away again. Mr. Hugus inquired whether the storm water overflows or has it been contained in the conveyance system. Mr. Beggs stated it overflows. He explained there has not been any heavy long rains but with the upcoming seasons it may be a concern.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERSSECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ERIC POACH

Mr. Poach thanked everyone for the recognition earlier in the meeting. He was glad to see the Sheats in attendance.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN BOB STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson reiterated that the municipality needs people to volunteer for the boards, commissions and authorities to help out the community.

FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN MIKE ADAMS

Mr. Adams felt it was a well-deserved proclamation for Councilman Poach and Police Chief Cole. He was also happy to see the Sheets in attendance at the meeting.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN BOB WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams congratulated Mr. Sheats on his speedy recovery and was glad to see him. He sent his prayers to Councilman Wolfram as he takes care of his father's affairs. He congratulated Councilman Poach and Police Chief Cole for their swift, appropriate response to the emergency that occurred in council chambers. He reported it was good to see how their experience and training paid off when needed.

Mr. Williams reported there is a bin in the police station lobby to drop off unwanted drugs.

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo echoed the two previous councilmen's report and he welcomed back Mr. Sheats.

Mr. Biondo reported there are great videos on You Tube and he mentioned the video for Monroeville Night Out and the Community Day. He commended the Monroeville Municipal TV and You Tube.

MAYOR GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock echoed all the previous comments. He congratulated Councilman Poach and Police Chief Cole. He thanked State Representative Markosek for attending the meeting and he indicated how happy he was to see Mr. Sheats.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council at this time, Mr. Poach duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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