

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVOLLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Nick Gresock.

Mayor Gresock opened the meeting with sincere condolences to the Andy D'Andries family on his recent passing. He reported he worked for the municipality for 20 years and died of an unfortunate accident during working hours. He requested everyone to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers. He mentioned how there are some fundraising activities at the Senior Center. He requested a moment of silence in Andy's honor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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, Joe Sedlak, Mallory Gold, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Paul Whealdon and Jamie Storie. Messrs. Stevenson, Wolfram and Wratcher were absent.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

ARIEL SEARCY

Ms. Ariel Searcy, a resident and the general manager of the Adult Mart located on Stroschein Road for five years, came forward to express her concerns. She expressed her concerns with safety issues coming down Stroschein Road at the intersection of the exit from the Miracle Mile. She reported she has seen over 100 car accidents from motorist pulling out of the Miracle Mile and turning left on Stroschein Road and pointed out the speed limit in that area is 25 miles per hour. She suggested most of the accidents are from motorists making a left out of the Miracle Mile and a left out of the PNC Mortgage lot. She stated the accidents range from minor fender benders to serious injuries. She reported she has tried to address her concerns at the scene of the accident and other sources but there has been no resolution. She added the accidents have become worse in severity and more frequent. She reported in December there were five accidents in a single week and there was a very bad accident on Saturday. She expressed her concerns for the individual involved and was uncertain of his condition. She felt it is getting so bad that it is a safety concern for anyone traveling on Stroschein Road but also for anyone who shops in the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. She pointed out a majority of the motorist do not go the posted speed limit on that road which does not allow enough time to make those turns. She suggested a resolution may be to install speed bumps along the road or a stop sign banning left turns out of the shopping center or PNC Mortgage or a traffic signal that could work in tantum with the light at the intersection of Route 22 which is a busy roadway. She felt there may be a better solution to save the municipality a lot of its resources with EMS and authorities being called several times a week and make it safer for everyone traveling and shopping in the area.

SANDRA STANLEY

Mrs. Sandra Stanley, a resident of Monroe Street, came forward to report a dangerous situation on her street. She stated she contacted two municipal officials but nothing has been done. She explained how Monroe is a narrow, L-shaped street and at the bend at 205 Monroe there are very tall hedges which makes it impossible to see oncoming vehicles. She reported of some near miss collisions. She further explained how she has started to use Madison Street which is a narrow, L-shaped street which intersects with Monroe but it did not help because 215 Monroe has huge hedges as well that block the view of vehicles coming. She reported as a result of a storm in July there was a large tree uprooted in back of the 205 property and is laying on the property but the branches at the top of the tree are adding to the visibility problem. She explained both of these properties are rentals but there is only one owner for both. She was hopeful that the municipality could contact the property owner to resolve this issue. She mentioned a proposed day care in the area which will generate additional traffic.

Mayor Gresock explained that Stroschein Road is a county road and the Miracle Mile Parking Lot is a private entity. Mr. Hugus indicated he could pass the comments to the county. Mayor Gresock reported the code enforcement could investigate the situation on Monroe Street to ensure that the line of site and visibility are not impeded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sedlak,
Acting Municipal Manager

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