

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nick Gresock at 7:23 p.m. immediately following the Citizens' Night Meeting.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session on August 30, 2023 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and before the Citizens' Night Meeting from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigation reasons. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at the September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of August 1, 2023, Council Work Session of August 1, 2023 and the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2023.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council considered approval of the Reports of Tax Collections.

There were no comments at this time.

LIST OF BILLS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS

Council considered the List of Bills in the amount of \$1,628,918.77, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,144,959.51 for the month of August 2023.

There were no comments or questions at this time.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Council will consider the vacancies on boards, commissions and authorities at the regular council meeting.

BIDS AND PROPOSALSMONROEVILLE DPW STREAM RESTORATION 23-04-STREAMMONROEVILLE HERITAGE PARK STREAM RESTORATION 23-05-STREAM

Mr. Hugus reported this goes back to the MS4 permit.

Mr. Storie reported one of the requirements of the MS4 Permit was to reduce sediment pollution and they are proposing three stream restorage projects. He pointed out one is located at the Public Works Facility, one is at Heritage Park but is located in the stream along McGinley Road and one is at Beechwood Park in the vicinity of Northwestern Drive heading down stream. He explained these are the first two of those projects and they have the simplest permitting paths and this will knock out half of the municipalities sediment reduction goal and Beechwood would be the other half which is approximately six months behind in the bidding. He proposed that the projects would be complete by the end of the year. He explained they would mimic the natural stream processes to take an urban stream that has been disrupted by too much flow and accelerated erosion due to the impervious area. He stated this would mimic the natural features to put them back to their previous condition and added it would include revegetating with live cuttings of dormant branches that will come back in the Spring and re-root. He reported it would imbed root balls from existing trees into the banks to reduce the erosion, install log veins and rock structures in the stream to redirect the erosive force of the water from the banks towards the middle of the creek to reduce erosion and create fish and wild life habitat.

Mayor Gresock inquired how far of a stretch would it be and Mr. Storie estimated that Public Works is about 500 feet, McGinley is closer to 1,000 feet and Beechwood is 2,000 feet. Mayor Gresock questioned how it is decided where it is done on the stream. Mr. Storie explained they first looked at property that the municipality already owns and it is all park property or public works and they looked for streams that were readily accessible and something that they had demonstrated that had issues with degradation and the public could see to assist with public education.

Mr. Poach inquired whether the Beechwood Project has been started and Mr. Storie stated it would lag behind approximately six months. Mr. Poach inquired whether the residents on Northwestern will need to be notified about entry. Mr. Storie explained access would be through municipal property and he did not see any disruption.

Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Poach questioned whether this work at McGinley would help with the flooding discussion of two to three years ago and Mr. Hugus answered negatively. He stated it is more of a restoration project. Mr. Storie explained that it is upstream from the four residences at the end. Mayor Gresock questioned whether it would address everything from McGinley Road and Mr. Storie reported they would clean up the pull-off and access will be made from there. Mayor Gresock inquired whether it would be done by public works and Mr. Storie answered negatively. He stated there would be two different contractors and they will monitor these projects to determine whether they can be done with in-house forces in the future.

Mr. Hugus reported this is part of the program for the MS4 Permit the municipality got five years ago which is maturing. He stated they have already made application for the next five-year cycle.

Mr. Biondo inquired when these would be completed and how long will it take individually. Mr. Storie reported they were supposed to be done by September 2023 but it was a tight time line. He stated these projects are approved by DEP and they were proposing to complete them by the end of the year.

Mr. Hugus reported they had many questions after they met with DEP so it is a learning curve.

Mr. Adams inquired whether the retention pond on McGinley Road is owned by the Senior Care Home and questioned whether it needs dredged and Mr. Storie answered negatively. Mayor Gresock inquired whether Forbes Hospital System drains independently and Mr. Storie answered ultimately, yes.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### CONDITIONAL USE 23-5-C

#### RT22 MTWP, LLC

The applicant is requesting Conditional Use Approval to install a billboard pursuant to Monroeville Zoning Ordinance, No. 1443, as amended, Section 307.14, Billboards. The property is located along William Penn Highway, Tax Parcel 743-J-297, in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of this application.

The applicant requested tabling this application until October 3, 2023 and waived all time limits.

### RESOLUTIONS

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A resolution under Act 205 of 1984, known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard Recovery Act, authorizing the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the police and nonuniform pension plans.

Mr. Sedlak reported these are the amounts that would have to be budgeted for 2024 for both pensions.

### ORDINANCES

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An ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, establishing an administrative procedure and guidelines for the issuance of permits and establishment of temporary on-street disability parking zones.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFFACTING MANAGER'S REPORTZONING ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sedlak reminded everyone that the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing is scheduled for October 3, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Gresock inquired when it could be approved and Mr. Whealdon suggested the following month. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Whealdon reported the updated draft of the ordinance and map have been posted on the website for over a week. He added he has not received any correspondence. Mr. Poach verified that the municipality will meet the requirements for notification by next week for public notification for the hearing. He inquired whether there is any advantage to having an alternate date to meet within the advertising requirement which can be cancelled if not needed. Mayor Gresock suggested council stick with this meeting and determine whether another meeting is needed after that meeting.

Mr. Biondo pointed out November 7, 2023 is the first Tuesday of the month which is election day so the meeting will have to be moved. After further discussion, it was the consensus of council to schedule it on Thursday, -November 9, 2023.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL

Mr. Sedlak reported the Heritage Day Festival is scheduled for September 30, 2023 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the McGinley Road Historical Houses. He stated there would be pony rides, crafts, farm animals and refreshments.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONIC COLLECTION EVENT

Mr. Sedlak reported the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Collection Event will take place on October 14, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works. He recommended everyone register at [nobleenviro.com](http://nobleenviro.com).

Mr. Sedlak sent his condolences to the D'Andries Family and sent get well wishes to Mr. Little.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTSSEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo sent condolences to the D'Andries Family.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN BOB WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams mentioned the unexpected death on the job of Andy D'Andries and he sent condolences and prayers to the family.

FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN MIKE ADAMS

Mr. Adams sent his condolences to the D'Andries Family.

SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ERIC POACH

Mr. Poach sent condolences to the D'Andries Family and explained how it was a surprise. He sent get well wishes to Mr. Wolfram and indicated he was hoping to return for the council meeting. Also, he sent get well wishes to Mr. Little and he welcomed Mrs. Gold to the meeting.

FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN JOE HYZY

Mr. Hyzy sent condolences to the Andy D'Andries Family. He congratulated the library for having a great fun fest. He reported it was a beautiful day and he was hoping that it would grow.

MAYOR NICK GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock wished Councilman Hyzy a Happy Birthday a day late. He sent get well wishes to Messrs. Wolfram and Little. He also welcomed Mrs. Gold to the meeting. He also recognized the good job the library did on the Fun Fest and the Monroeville Foundation for the Jazz Festival. He thanked everyone who worked to make it happen and he mentioned the parks and recreation department, public works, Monroeville Municipal Television and the Monroeville Foundation. He reported it was a nice event and the weather was perfect and he mentioned Mr. Chuck Summerville who organizes it.

Mayor Gresock sent condolences to the D'Andries Family and he mentioned the fundraising events that will take place at the Monroeville Senior Center and a golf outing is scheduled for October 15, 2023 and the information is available at the senior center. He reviewed that they are looking for whole sponsors and foursomes and public works is organizing the event and it is for a good cause. He asked everyone to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sedlak,  
Acting Municipal Manager

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