

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2023

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A 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, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Joe Sedlak, Bob Wratcher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, and Paul Whealdon.

TRICK OF TREAT

Mayor Gresock announced that Trick or Treat would be held on October 31, 2023 on Halloween Night from 6 to 8 p.m.

ELECTION DAY REMINDER

Mayor Gresock reminded everyone of Election Day in November and the Home Rule Charter amendment that will be on the ballot. He explained the amendment would increase the experience requirement for the manager and to waive the residency requirement. He further explained the residency requirement limits the pool of qualified applicants and a future council could change that requirement in the manager's contract. He pointed out the only way to make that change in the Home Rule Charter is with a referendum. He reported it would be on everyone's ballot and encouraged everyone to vote yes. He also encouraged anyone with questions to contact him or the acting municipal manager.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

ROBERT STERN

Mr. Robert Stern, property owner of 3813-3841 William Penn Highway, came forward to express his concerns. He explained his family has owned this property since it was the Monroeville Theater and owns the portion where Planet Fitness, the Cricket, the vacant building where Boaters' World and the furniture store were located. He reported they have had difficulty renting that building that sits back and there is also a vacant building next to them. He referred to the tabled item to be considered later. He explained the only way someone traveling east to west bound would know there is someone occupying the building would be a sign that is already there. He felt if someone puts a billboard there it will further compromise their ability to find a tenant for the building.

BRUCE WALKER

Mr. Bruce Walker from the Monroeville Historical Society came forward to express his gratitude to the public works employees for cleaning up the historical houses, McGinley and McCulley, for the Heritage Days this past Saturday. He reported it was a great success with approximately 200-250 people in attendance. He mentioned public works is also doing a great job on the Old Stone Church and reported the Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. He invited the mayor to speak at the ceremony.

GEORGIANA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgiana Woodhall, resident, came forward to express her concerns about the billboards. She was concerned because of driver inattention and driver distraction and the affect that billboards have on the health and safety of people in the community and people traveling through the community. She reported this is not the first-time billboards have been an issue in the community. She referred to several newspaper articles concerning billboards. Mayor Gresock inquired whether she was against any billboard and Mrs. Woodhall answered affirmatively for safety issues.

Mrs. Woodhall thanked the police for how they handled every telephone call for issues at the intersection of Haymaker Road and Broadway Boulevard. She mentioned there was a two-car accident on Labor Day Weekend. She reported drivers are multi-tasking which is an issue that needs to be addressed. She again thanked the Monroeville Police and the first responders.

Mayor Gresock explained there is a comment period at the beginning of the council meeting for items on the agenda and there will be another opportunity at the end of the meeting to comment on any municipal item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sedlak,  
Acting Municipal Manager

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