

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Greg Erosenko.

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 Erosenko, Linda Gaydos, Nick Gresock, Ron Harvey, Jim Johns, Paul Caliri, Steve Duncan, Tom Wilson, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Paul Hugus and Joe Sedlak.

PRESENTATIONS

LIBRARY WEEK

Mr. Little read into the record a proclamation declaring April 9-15, 2017 National Library Week in the Municipality of Monroeville. He reported the library has received a grant for \$100,000 to put in an elevator to the bottom floor.

FIRE CHIEFS

Mr. Harvey explained that he has been a fire chief with Mr. Harold Katofsky for many years and he presented him with an award for recognition of his service as chief for 34 years. He reported during that time, Mr. Katofsky ran his own business and managed his family while protecting the residents and visitors of Monroeville. He added he was also chairman of the fire chiefs' committee for a number of years. He was proud to recognize him for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Mayor Erosenko read a proclamation into the record recognizing him for 34 years of services as fire chief, 8 years on Monroeville Council and chairman of the Monroeville Fire Chiefs' Committee. He congratulated him on his retirement and wished him many years of happiness and good health. He added that he worked tireless and unselfishly for the good of the community. He thanked him for this service.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOME RULE CHARTER REVISIONS

Council then opened the public hearing on the Home Rule Charter Revisions. Whereupon, a motion was duly made by Mr. Wilson to open the public hearing and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wratcher declared this the time and date for the second public hearing for the citizens' comments on proposed amendments to the home rule charter. He explained this would not be the last opportunity for public input and there will be several meetings over the next few months to allow for it. Mayor Erosenko encouraged residents to review the copy of the revisions on line to give public input because it will be voted on in November. Mr. Wilson inquired when the public would be informed of the changes and Mr. Wratcher indicated a revised document has been on the website for approximately 60 days. Mayor Erosenko pointed out the cut-off date for the items to be voted on in November is August. Again, Mr. Wratcher stated the information has been open to the public. Mr. Wilson inquired whether council could verbally present that information to the residents and Mayor Erosenko recommended it. Mr. Wratcher suggested it could be covered at a future meeting.

Mr. Dave Kucherer, resident and former Chairman of the Home Rule Charter Committee, came forward to make comment. He expressed his appreciation for the faith and trust that council put in the committee that produced the document which is currently on the website for consideration. He reported that not one person on the committee did not have the good of Monroeville in mind when giving their input. He briefly reviewed how all the members contributed and he felt the recommendations before council are excellent proposed changes to the home rule charter. He commended the manager and solicitor for their time and effort and he mentioned the tax collector, police chief and independent auditor. He felt it is an all-inclusive report that encompasses the entire home rule charter. He reported they are still working on some provisions based on a citizen's comment but he anticipated additional comments from council for amendments. He stated there are some changes that they were unaware of because they are based legally but they should all be resolved before being submitted to the residents. He added then the information will be submitted to the county for their final recommendation on the wording for the ballot.

Mayor Erosenko agreed and encouraged council to submit any of their revisions as soon as possible.

Mr. Harvey suggested care should be given to the wording in the home rule charter of "resident" and "domicile". Mr. Wratcher agreed that issue was discussed.

Dr. Gresock explained the committee submitted their recommendations to council but none of them change the document until they are voted on a voter referendum. He suggested council will have to decide what questions to send to the county by the August 8, 2017 deadline for the November ballot. He pointed out there will be several meetings to allow for this discussion and it will be kept on the agenda for Citizen's Night and Council Meeting over the next several months for discussion. Mayor Erosenko suggested extra meetings could be scheduled if necessary.

JAY WRIGHT

Mr. Jay Wright, a resident, came forward to suggest that the proposed revisions be printed so residents can pick it up to review. He reported there are a lot of older residents that do not have computers to access it. Dr. Gresock stated there are already hard copies available at the library and senior center. Mr. Duncan suggested some be made available at the municipal building.

There being no further discussion, a motion was duly made by Messrs. Johns and Harvey to close the public hearing and Dr. Gresock seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons prior to Citizens' Night on March 9, 2017 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at this March 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council then considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of January 5, 2017, Council Work Session of January 5, 2017, Citizens' Night Meeting of February 9, 2017, Work Session of February 9, 2017 and the Regular Council Meeting of February 14, 2017. There being no additions, corrections or deletions, a motion was duly made by Mr. Wilson to approve and Mr. Johns seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, a motion was duly made by Mrs. Gaydos and Mr. Johns to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 10, 2017, as amended, and Mr. Duncan seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

There being no questions or comments concerning the Reports of the Tax Collections, a motion was duly made by Mr. Harvey to approve them, as submitted, and Mrs. Gaydos 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 \$586,601.47, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$925,336.87 for the month of February.

There being no discussion, Mr. Wilson duly made a motion to approve the payroll and Mr. Duncan seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Further, Mrs. Gaydos made a motion to approve the list of bills and budget transfers. Mr. Wilson seconded it and upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSION AND AUTHORITIESHUMANS NEEDS AND RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Whereupon, Mr. Wilson duly made a motion to appoint Ms. Christina Ella Lee from the Seventh Ward to the Human Needs and Resources Advisory Board and Messrs. Caliarì and Johns seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, Mr. Wilson duly made a motion to appoint Ms. Katie Baumgarten from the Seventh Ward to the Human Needs and Resources Advisory Board and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ETHICS BOARD

There being no discussion, Mr. Duncan duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Edelstein from the Sixth Ward to the Ethics Board. Messrs. Caliarì and Harvey seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Whereupon, Mr. Harvey duly made a motion to appoint Mr. Brendan Kerns from the Third Ward to the Personnel Board. Mr. Johns and Dr. Gresock seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY BOARD

Furthermore, Mr. Caliarì duly made a motion to appoint Mandal Singh from the Third Ward to the Library Board and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDARESOLUTION 17-4NEW BUSINESS

17-1-SUB

KEITH J. BALASCHAK/ESTATE OF LEONARD A. O'CONNELL

The applicant is requesting Final Subdivision approval for a lot line revision of Parcels 859-D-231 and 859-D-310. The properties are located at 2309 Haymaker Road and 1004 Harvard Road in the R-2, Single-Family Residential Zoning District.

Mayor Erosenko indicated this was discussed at work session. Mrs. Gaydos explained this property was left to Mr. Balaschak by the deceased Mr. O'Connell and would like to add it to his property. Whereupon, Mr. Harvey duly made a motion to approve Application No. 17-1-SUB and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONSMOTION

A motion authorizing to advertise an ordinance for refunding the Series of 2011, Series of 2012 A&B and restructuring.

Mr. Little explained this was to authorize to advertise to allow for the opportunity to refund the bonds. Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Wilson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion to advertise the rescheduling of the April Citizen's Night and Council Work Session from Thursday, April 6, 2017 to Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wilson duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Harvey seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION 17-5

A resolution authorizing the distribution of grant funds for the Memorial Day Parade in the amount of \$5,000.

Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve the resolution, as read and Mr. Wilson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-6

A resolution authoring the distribution of grant funds for the Monroeville Independence Festivities in the amount of \$10,000.

There being no discussion, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Johns seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-7

A resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) in the amount of \$150,000 for the Monroeville Community Park Project.

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

RESOLUTION 17-8

A resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2017-2018 Storm Sewer Lining Project.

There being no discussion, Mr. Harvey duly made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-9

A resolution authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Insync Adaptive Traffic Signal Implementation Project in Allegheny County along the William Penn Highway (S.R. 0022) Corridor.

Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Caliari seconded it. Mr. Hugus briefly explained last year the municipality participated in a similar project to install an Insync Adaptive Program on Route 22 from the Murrysville line to Cochran. He stated this would continue it from the intersection of Routes 22 and 48 through the light at Kohl's Driveway. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Duncan commended the project. Mr. Johns voiced his concerns for the intersection of Route 22, Alpine Village Drive and Route 286 because of the traffic back up. Mr. Harvey suggested the traffic backup problem is for traffic going both ways. Mr. Hugus reported the geometry of the road and the volume of traffic makes it very difficult and the traffic signal has been adjusted several times but the problem cannot be fixed. He stated the problem is the volume of traffic and the proximity of the traffic signals located together. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION17-10

A resolution exonerating the Real Estate Tax Collector from the collection of uncollected taxes for the Year 2016.

Mr. Little reported this is for real estate taxes. Whereupon, a motion was duly made by Mr. Johns to approve and Mr. Caliari seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCESORDINANCE 2665

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 848 regulating parking on both sides of the cul-de-sac on Harper Lane.

There being no discussion, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Duncan seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFFMUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wratcher congratulated Mr. Katofsky and explained how he served with him for 20 years. He stated that for every good thing Mr. Katofsky has done for the community there are probably three more that no one knows about. He recognized him as the ultimate public servant.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORTHAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

Mr. Little reported the municipality scheduled its third Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Public Works Building on Starr Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. He indicated the information is on the website and anyone interested has to register. He explained how there are currently problems in the Pittsburgh area with recycling electronics.

ALCOSAN'S CLEAN WATER ASSISTANCE

Mr. Little reported Alcosan has a Clean Water Assistance Fund which is based on household income. He read the details.

LIBRARY ELEVATOR GRANT

Mr. Little reported the Monroeville Library has received the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to install an elevator. He congratulated the library staff for receiving the grant and praised their fundraiser. He congratulated Mr. Katofsky for his 34 years of service to the community. He mentioned Messrs. Paul Estock and Mike Adams who were instrumental in getting the grants for the trail. He also thanked Mr. Jamie Storey in the Engineering Department who put in a lot of effort to getting that 9/10 of a mile in Monroeville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MUNICIPAL ITEMJAY WRIGHT

Mr. Jay Wright, resident, came forward to inquire what is going on with storm sewers for homeowners. Mayor Erosenko inquired whether he wanted to know about the MS4 Project and Mr. Wright answered affirmatively. Mayor Erosenko explained that it needed further review and it will be addressed sometime this year. He added it is not just for homeowners but every building and impervious surface in Monroeville and would come out in mid-Summer. He stated all the information will be made available to the public. Mrs. Gaydos mentioned how there has already been a public meeting and more informational meetings will be held. Further discussion ensued.

NANCY LAPCEVICH

Mrs. Nancy Lapcevic, a resident, came forward to express her concerns about having a millage increase. Mr. Duncan mentioned there would be a fee for the MS4 which is mandated by the

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Harvey explained that it is like a garbage fee. He stated it is a fee and not a tax and he pointed out that everyone pays it even the nonprofits. He explained how everyone causes storm water runoff and it is now time to fix everything that has not been done in 50 years. He stated the federal government is tired of fixing what gets flooded and no municipality funds were allocated to repair them so it was mandated. He indicated they suggested implementing a fee which had to be fair and to everyone. He recommended she review Mt. Lebanon. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Harvey also pointed out that money has to be put into a separate account and can only be used for storm water management and it will be audited. Mrs. Gaydos inquired whether the municipality has already been audited to determine whether they are up to date on the processing of the MS4 and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Wilson explained the municipality is mandated by ALCOSAN where storm water has to go into the river and waste water goes into ALCOSAN. He stated currently they are both flowing into ALCOSAN so it is more costly to process the waste water and storm water because of the volume. He explained this would financially support separating the water.

Mrs. Lapcovich thanked the unsung heroes such as the fire department and the police department. She mentioned the librarian and how the library is the place to be and she commended the staff and looked forward to getting the elevator.

JAY WRIGHT

Mr. Jay Wright, resident, came forward to inquire whether the fee would be imposed every single year and for how long. Mr. Wrtacher indicated that is an open question. Mr. Harvey explained the fee can be started for projects required of the engineering department and it can be lowered after everything is brought up to date. He stated the fees can be adjusted. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Wilson reported \$22 million is projected for the storm water program but it is mandated by the federal government without giving municipalities any financial support. Mr. Wright inquired how much would be collected a year and Mrs. Gaydos indicated that it has not been determined.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN TOM WILSON

Mr. Wilson congratulated Mr. Katofsky on his 34 years as chief and all his years of volunteering for the Municipality of Monroeville. He felt it was a remarkable thing to have a citizen that is able to give of his time and effort to the community. He thanked the fire chiefs that were present at the meeting to honor him.

Mr. Wilson also congratulated Mrs. Nicole Henline for her newsletters and emails and for doing such a good job for the library and to communicate to the public what is available. He was amazed with the newsletter and the number of programs available. He encouraged her to keep up the good work.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE DUNCAN

Mr. Duncan congratulated Mr. Katofsky and Mrs. Henline.

FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN PAUL CALIARI

Mr. Caliari congratulated Mrs. Henline and commended her for working so hard on the grant.

Mr. Caliari announced that he is not running for re-election and he expressed his appreciation for everyone's concern. He indicated he is not seeking re-election because he wants to spend more time with his family.

FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN JIM JOHNS

Mr. Johns congratulated Mrs. Henline and Mr. Katofsky.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN RON HARVEY

Mr. Harvey reported that he requested the police chief do a speed detail on the 500 Block of Beatty Road and he is still requesting it. He also suggested someone sitting on the stop sign at Brunner Road. He reported Senator Randy Vulakovich of Allegheny County has reintroduced Senate Bill No. 251 which would authorize municipal police officers to use radar. He suggested if speed enforcement is important to any of the residents they should contact their senator to support Senate Bill 251.

Mr. Harvey reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has increased the threshold of requirements for the bidding process. He stated any contract under \$10,700 does not require a bid and anything greater than \$10,700 but less than \$19,700 requires three written quotes. He reported anything over \$19,700 requires sealed bids.

Mr. Harvey again congratulated Mr. Katofsky.

SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN NICK GRESOCK

Dr. Gresock reported the groundbreaking ceremony for the trail last was held last week. He stated it is a major project and currently Phase III is being done which runs from the B.Y. Park in Trafford through Monroeville into Murrysville and linking up with Duff Park. He further explained Phase IV would go from Duff Park out to the Delmont area and will be 26 continuous miles. He indicated it is a comprehensive project with a lot of agencies involved and he felt it was a great amenity for the region. He was hopeful that four more miles could be found at the end of the B.Y. Park to meet with the Great Allegheny Passage. He reported there will be a parking lot at the bottom of Saunders Station Road and that trail section will be completed by the end of August. He felt it was an exciting time for trails in Monroeville.

Dr. Gresock reported the former Mayor James Lomeo wrote a book From the Ice to the Fire a couple of years ago and he explained that it is a Sicilian immigrant's death struggle with Pittsburgh politics, teamsters and mafia. He explained it has recently been accepted into the Heinz History Center's

Library and Archives under the Italian/American Collection which is a great honor for Mr. Lomeo and it is part of Heinz History's Center ongoing efforts to build a permanent record of Italian immigrants and their descendants who made western Pennsylvania their home. He felt it is a good book and can be purchased on Amazon or borrowed from the library. He suggested Monroeville should be proud of his accomplishment and he congratulated him.

Dr. Gresock reported Monroeville is part of the Nixle System which is a way for one to receive messages regarding emergencies. He encouraged people to register for it at Nixle.com or get text messages. He instructed everyone to send the zip code to 888-777 to register. Mr. Harvey inquired whether Amber Alerts went over this system and Chief Cole answered negatively. He added the dispatchers are trained in entering the Nixle Alerts and they are trying to be more timely. He explained Amber Alerts are done by the Pennsylvania State Police and is done through the communications over Verizon. Mrs. Gaydos pointed out that it is on the municipal website. Chief Cole explained how it is easier to use for the police department.

Mayor Erosenko inquired about a silver alert for any senior citizens that have issues. Chief Cole explained that it is not in Pennsylvania. Further discussion ensued. Chief Cole explained there are only two corporals in the state police that have the authority to make an Amber Alert and it has only happened once in the community since 1999. He mentioned the radar bill and reported that Pennsylvania is the only state in the country that does not allow the local officers to use radar. He was hopeful that it would be approved this time and he pointed out the fatality rate for speed involved crashes in the commonwealth are higher than anywhere in the country. Mr. Harvey added that Pennsylvania has more fatalities due to speed than any state in the union. Chief Cole stated the federal government is starting to push the issue about funding. Again, he was hopeful that it would be done this year.

Dr. Gresock reminded everyone there are several meetings before the deadline of August 8, 2017 for the home rule charter for the November election. He explained there are no time limits and it can be extended for several election cycles. He mentioned how it is Monroeville's Constitution so it should be done the right way. He reported there will be a lot of time for it to be discussed and for public input.

Dr. Gresock mentioned Shred It Day and inquired whether the municipality could get a quote on the cost of having one. He suggested it could be piggybacked with clean-up day but it could be a separate event. He questioned whether it was something that should be in the budget or whether it could be done for a small fee.

Dr. Gresock congratulated Mr. Katofsky and thanked him for his service to the community.

FIRST WARD COUNCILWOMAN LINDA GAYDOS

Mrs. Gaydos expressed her appreciation to Mr. Katofsky for all his service to the community. She also commended all the firemen, EMS, paramedics and the police department.

Mrs. Gaydos acknowledged Mrs. Cindra Dale who retired from the Senior Citizen's Center after 29 years. She welcomed Mr. Andy D'Andreas from public works who took her position. She reported the new equipment at the senior center that was in the budget should be at the center in six weeks. She reminded everyone that they accept Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit. She reported their Hoedown is scheduled for March 15, 2017 and the next event is the Desert Bingo. She reviewed the luncheon menu and cost. She announced the Spaghetti Festival will be held on April 19, 2017 at 12 noon and the deadline for the \$6 ticket is April 13, 2017.

Mrs. Gaydos commended Mrs. Henline for all her time and effort on the elevator project and she thanked her. She felt the information provided by the librarian is superior.

MAYOR GREG EROSENKO

Mayor Erosenko thanked Mrs. Henline for all her hard work and congratulated Mr. Katofsky on his retirement. He showed the proof of the tee shirt for the Jack Sedlak Clean Up Day on April 22, 2017 from 9 to 11 a.m. He encouraged everyone to register by April 17, 2017 but all volunteers would be welcome. He felt it is a great event with a picnic after at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, Mr. Johns duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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