

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons before Citizen's Night on February 9, 2017 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at this February 14, 2017 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary, Sharon McIndoe, called roll and the following were present: Mayor Erosenko, Linda Gaydos, Nick Gresock, Ron Harvey, Jim John, Paul Caliarì, Steve Duncan, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Jason Straley. Mr. Wilson was present via telephone hookup.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There being no discussion, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to hire MS Consultants, Incorporated and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with five affirmative votes, one abstention and one negative vote. The voting was as follows: Mrs. Gaydos, Messrs. Harvey, Johns, Caliarì, and Wilson voted affirmatively. Dr. Gresock abstained and Mr. Duncan voted negatively.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council then considered approval of the minutes of the Citizen's Night Meeting of January 5, 2017, Council Work Session of January 5, 2017, and the Regular Council Meeting of January 10, 2017. There being no corrections, additions or deletions, upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council then considered approval of the Reports of Tax Collections. Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Johns 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 \$663,878.52, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,023,917.71 for the month of January 2017.

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

There being no further discussion, a motion was duly made by Mrs. Gaydos to approve the list of bills and budget transfers and Mr. Johns seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIESLIBRARY BOARD

Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to appoint Mrs. Kathy Forrest from Ward Seven to the Library Board and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL BOARD

There being no discussion, Mr. Harvey duly made a motion to nominate Mr. Brendan Kerns from Ward Three to the Personnel Board and Dr. Gresock seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY BOARD

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

ETHICS BOARD

Whereupon, Mr. Duncan duly made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Edelstein from Ward Six to the Ethics Board and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN NEEDS AND RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Further, Mr. Duncan duly made a motion to nominate Ms. Katie Baumgarten from Ward Seven to the Human Needs and Resources Advisory Board and Mr. Johns seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDANEW BUSINESSRESOLUTION 17-1

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The applicant is requesting site plan approval to construct a 34-space parking lot and associated site amenities for the Westmoreland Heritage Rail Trail. The property is located on Saunders Station Road near the bridge crossing of Turtle Creek in the S, Conservancy Zoning District.

Mr. Little explained this is for the trail that will be started in the Spring running through Monroeville. There being no discussion, Dr. Gresock duly made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gaydos seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONSMOTION

A motion to appoint Paul Hugus as the Temporary Zoning Officer.

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

MOTION

A motion to place a half page advertisement in the amount of \$90 in the program for the Gateway High School Musical "Cinderella".

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

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION 17-2

A resolution authorizing the Green Light Go Grant for Light Emitting Diode (LED) replacement at various traffic signals with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Whereupon, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve and Dr. Gresock seconded it. Mrs. Gaydos clarified that this is not for the LED Street Lights being placed on the roadways but for the traffic signal at the intersection of Routes 48 and 130. Mr. Hugus added it would be along the state corridors replacing the existing traffic signals. Mrs. Gaydos inquired whether the lights would be brighter. Mr. Hugus agreed it would be for Routes 22, 48, 130 and explained it would be for the replacement of the first generation LEDs for the traffic signals. He added it would be done with a \$40,000 grant from

PennDOT. Dr. Gresock inquired whether it would be done in house and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 17-3

A resolution authorizing the advertising for bids for the 2017 Road Resurfacing Program for the attached list of roadways throughout Monroeville.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2664

An ordinance fixing the compensation of the Tax Collector for collection of Real Property Taxes levied by the Municipality of Monroeville for the Years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. (Public Hearing)

Mr. Wratcher explained this is a state law requirement to set the compensation for the tax collection prior to the election. Whereupon, Mr. Duncan duly made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wratcher declared this is being the time and place for the public hearing on the ordinance fixing the compensation of the tax collector for the Years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. He opened the floor for public questions or comment. Mayor Erosenko explained that it is a 2 percent increase which is \$500 per year.

No one came forward at this time to make public comment. Whereupon, Mr. Johns duly made a motion to close the public hearing and Mrs. Gaydos and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Further, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to approve the ordinance and Mr. Caliarì seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried with six affirmative votes and one negative vote by Mr. Wilson.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

Mr. Wratcher wished Mr. Wilson a speedy recovery.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Mr. Little read some information into the record concerning providing educational opportunities available through the First Energy – Power System Institute program for students interested in a technical career in electrical equipment substation or line work. He reported the information would be available on the website for anyone interested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MUNICIPAL ITEMELISA BECK

Ms. Elisa Beck, a resident, came forward to express her concerns. She reported she is the founder of Sustainable Monroeville that meets monthly at the Monroeville Public Library. She explained that she recently attended a meeting joining Wilkins, Monroeville and Churchill which brought people together to form ideas. She reported that on behalf of Sustainable Monroeville she had suggested they green up the roof tops in the community so that children could dig in soil on roof tops and produce food instead of fighting with each other. She commended Mr. Little and the staff for continuing the sustainable community certification that Pam Barroso from the group spearheaded. Mr. Little recognized Mr. Straley for doing all the work. Mr. Straley reported they are waiting to hear about the certification but they are currently at silver status.

Ms. Beck pointed out that Monroeville shares the same air shed as Potter Township and she expressed her concerns for the proposed petro-chemical plant that is not completely permitted. She was concerned about the whole Pittsburgh region because it would be the largest petro-chemical plant complex in North America. She referred anyone concerned to contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Ms. Beck reported that the next meeting of Sustainable Monroeville would be held on March 6, 2017 at the Monroeville Public Library and a documentary will be shown called "The Way We Live". She explained the filmmaker is local and just returned from Standing Rock. She stated they would start with a Whole Food's plant base pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. and the movie would start at 7 p.m.

NANCY LAPCEVICH

Mrs. Nancy Lapcevich, a resident, came forward to inquire why no action has been taken on her application letter volunteering for the Human Needs and Resources Advisory Board which she submitted in December. Mr. Little explained her name is on the list but a nomination has not been made.

Mrs. Gaydos inquired whether she resigned from the board that she currently served and Mrs. Lapcevich answered affirmatively. She added everything was on the same letter. Mrs. Gaydos explained it has to be acted on by council and that she has to resign from the board before she can be appointed to another. Mayor Erosenko suggested she send another letter resigning from the Ethics Board.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERSFIRST WARD COUNCILWOMAN LINDA GAYDOS

Mrs. Gaydos sent get well wishes to Councilman Wilson. She reviewed the activities at the Senior Center for March are Hoedown, March 15, 2017; and Desert Bingo, March 27, 2017. She encouraged everyone to purchase their tickets before they are sold out. She also thanked the public works for their good work after the wind storm. She sent Happy Valentine's Day wishes to her husband.

SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN NICK GRESOCK

Dr. Gresock mentioned the Home Rule Charter Review Board. He explained there are multiple steps for getting the questions on the ballot and two public hearing have to be held. He stated then questions will be submitted to the county to go on the ballot. He suggested the meetings be scheduled for next month to start the public hearing process and the document could be divided into equal sections of three or four then five to seven pages can be done. He explained council and the public has to review the entire document that was recommended by the board to determine whether everyone agrees with the proposed suggestions. He stated then those questions can be submitted to the county. He felt it would be less laborious if it is divided into smaller sections and done over several meetings then they could narrow down their questions.

Mayor Erosenko inquired whether there were substantial changes or whether they were minor. He was concerned about the timeframe to get them on the ballot. Further discussion ensued regarding scheduling the public hearings. Mr. Wratcher recommended the public hearings be scheduled to allow for public input then council can make their determination on how to move forward. Further discussion ensued regarding scheduling the public hearings. Dr. Gresock suggested they be scheduled for the same dates as the work session and regular council meeting next month then another one can be scheduled if needed. After further brief discussion, a motion was duly made by Dr. Gresock to advertise the two public hearings for March 9 and 14, 2017. Mrs. Gaydos seconded it and upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Gresock encouraged everyone to review the document and attend the meetings next month.

Dr. Gresock sent get well wishes to Mr. Wilson and Happy Valentine's Day to his wife.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN RON HARVEY

Mr. Harvey reported on the Turnpike expansion project and announced the next phase of the project is the updating of the overhead bridges. He mentioned the lowering of the Hulton Road Bridge in Plum, the overhead bridge on Unity-Tresler Road, the overhead bridge on Saltsburg Road and the overhead bridge on Center Road in Monroeville. He explained it is just passed Old Frankstown Road and there will be a public open house and display on February 23, 2017 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Plum High School Cafeteria. He stated it would be placed on the website and suggested it be placed on TV-15. He encouraged anyone interested to attend the meeting. He voiced his concerns for the Gateway Drive residents on the other side of the bridge because of the access for them and emergency vehicles. He mentioned one of the options is opening the back of Gateway Drive located 20 feet from Old Frankstown Road. He reported it is their intention to keep the traffic flowing over that bridge during the construction of the new bridge. He added the anticipated start date of that project is 2020 at a cost of \$9 to \$11 million. Again, he pointed out these are just for the bridges over the Turnpike so the work on the Turnpike can continue.

Mr. Harvey reported that the power went out for a large number of residents in the community the previous evening which was cold. He stated the temporary solution was to send them to the Senior Center but suggested this should be reviewed further so that this type of situation can be properly dealt

with in the future for emergency management plans. Dr. Gresock added the senior center is always a warming center and Mr. Harvey voiced his concern for the number of residents that would need to use it. Mayor Erosenko added the senior center was open until 8 p.m. but it could have been held open later if necessary. Mr. Johns pointed out that announcements were made on radio and TV but no one could hear them if there was a power outage. Mr. Harvey suggested some pre-planning be done so that residents are aware of where they can go during an emergency event. Mayor Erosenko encouraged residents to check on their neighbors. He thanked Mr. Duncan for his information and suggested residents notify dispatch of any power outages.

Mr. Harvey wished his wife a happy retirement and sent her and everyone Happy Valentine's Day wishes.

FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN JIM JOHNS

Mr. Johns reviewed the activities at the Monroeville Convention Visitors Center as follows: Allegheny Sport and Travel Outdoor Show, February 17-19, 2017; Pittsburgh Golf Show, February 24-26, 2017; Pittsburgh Fire Rescue and EMS Expo, March 5-6, 2017; Johnson's Log Home and Timber Frame Show, March 20-21, 2017; West PACs Job Fair, March 15, 2017; Pittsburgh Arts and Crafts Spring Fever Festival, March 24-26, 2017; CAMP Coins and More Promotions, March 24-26, 2017; and PERC Education Job Fair, March 29, 2017.

Mr. Johns thanked the five Monroeville Fire Departments for supporting Santa's Kids. He reported there will be a lot of families and children that will benefit from it at Christmas.

Mr. Johns reported the Fourth of July Committee has decided to move the fireworks from the Monroeville Mall to the New Monroeville Park West. He explained how they are working on entertainment and refreshments. He stated they have had a lot of positive feedback from the test fireworks. He announced that Kathy Svilar has resigned as the emcee for the Fourth of July Parade and co-chairman and he sent her good luck wishes. He reported she would be replaced by Bill Hillgrove and WTAE Sally Wiggin to be the emcees of the parade this year.

Mr. Johns sent Happy Valentine's Day wishes to all the ladies and the three women in his life.

FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN PAUL CALIARI

Mr. Caliari reported the Monroeville Library will hold a fundraiser on February 23, 2017 at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza. He explained anyone with a flyer will have a percentage of their bill go to library. He added April 1, 2017 the Monroeville Library will host their second trivia night and the price of the tickets is \$20. He explained how there will be great prizes for the top three teams and refreshments will be provided. He encouraged everyone to participate because it was such a success in September.

Mr. Caliari wished his wife and three daughters a Happy Valentine's Day.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE DUNCAN

Mr. Duncan empathized with the residents in the community that endured 23 hours without electricity. He thanked the mayor and manager for keeping him informed.

Mr. Duncan sent Happy Valentine's Day wishes to his wife, his daughters and grand-daughters.

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN TOM WILSON

Mr. Wilson sent everyone Happy Valentine's Day wishes and thanked everyone for their help in getting through the meeting.

MAYOR GREG EROSENKO

Mayor Erosenko sent Happy Valentine's Day wishes to his wife and daughter. He also encouraged the residents who lost power to call the dispatch any time for any type of emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, a motion was duly made by Mr. Johns to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. and Dr. Gresock seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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