

On Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM President pro-tem Melissa Fries opened the Council meeting by asking for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Mike Adelman. She followed with a word of prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

The regular meeting of the Council for the Village of Monroeville was then called to order.

Present at roll call:	Terry Reed	And;	Bonnie Beck, Clerk-Treasurer
	Melissa Fries		Tom Gray, Administrator
	Chris Raftery		Jim Barney, Solicitor
	Kevin Rasnick		
	Mark Rupp		

Also attending: list of attendees attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

The financial report and bank reconciliation for September 2015 was distributed to Council prior to the meeting via e-mail.

MAYORAL SWEARING IN

Melissa Fries was sworn in as Monroeville's Mayor by Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Beck. (Melissa will serve as Mayor to complete Mike Adelman's term to December 31, 2015, then will continue as Mayor until the next General Election in November, 2017.) Mark Rupp then made a motion, seconded by Terry Reed, to appoint Chris Raftery as the President pro-tem. Mayor Fries asked Chris if she would accept this appointment, and Chris said she did. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Terri Reed, to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Council meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Terry Reed, to approve the September financial reports as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Given the number of visitors at the meeting, Mayor Fries announced that the Council rules allow up to 20 minutes to discuss one topic, and no more than 10 minutes per person. She asked for anyone who speaks to tell their name and if they reside in Monroeville. Robb Smithson introduced himself and stated that he was not a Monroeville resident. Mr. Smithson addressed the use of **traffic cameras** by the Police Department (MPD), citing that the cameras do not address safety as has been proposed. He questioned that if this is about safety then why are the drivers not given points for automated traffic device (ATD) offenses, citing an example of a driver having 10 points on his record and not receiving any points for an ATD citation. That person would be close to the 12-point suspension level, Mr. Smithson said, adding that this is not safe. He asked how many drug dealers or drunk drivers will go through town and not be stopped, and stated that this is not safe for his family or for our families. He gave another example that if a driver speeds into town from the west and is caught on the camera, he'll just continue to speed through town without slowing down, and that's not safe. Another concern was about the technology of the cameras. Mr. Smithson asked how many times technology fails us, and noted that Volkswagen recently was caught manipulating software in the name of profits. Southwest Air blames a computer glitch for their recent issues of planes being tied up. Mr. Smithson stated that computer problems happen every day, so what guarantee is there that the cameras or their associated software are not faulty. He asked where the information goes from the camera, and how is hacking the information avoided. Mr. Smithson also asked about third party oversight, stating that the Village, the MPD, and Optotraffic all stand to make a profit as there is no third party to oversee any of these entities. Mr. Smithson noted that automated devices have no compassion, adding that police officers have the opportunity to show compassion, and compassion is what we're about. Mr. Smithson concluded by stating that state legislators have made it clear that they don't like automated traffic devices.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Police - Chief Lyons thanked Mr. Smithson for voicing his concerns. He noted that Ohio law says that the officers do not have to apply points to a person's driving records. As far as safety goes, their goal is to slow people down. He noted that in a 2012 survey the number one concern was speeders. The Chief stated that he doesn't care how they slow down, and that they are not losing any compassion. The ATD's are just another tool in addition to radar, lasers and visible observation. The Chief stated that he could care less about how much money is generated. If the signage alone slows them down that's a good thing. Optotraffic is in complete compliance with the law, Chief Lyons stated. Mark Rupp said that all conversations related to this have been going on for 1 to 1-1/2 years in public forums. First the Chief wanted a camera, but we couldn't afford an officer sitting on a camera. This is something that has evolved

over time. Kevin Rasnick stated that this has always been an issue about safety, and that revenue has never been a source of discussion. Chief Lyons said he wanted to give an “attaboy” to Officer Kimball for the felony arrest of someone reported by the Wakeman PD to be traveling this way, and Officer Kimball was able to make the arrest, putting one more bad guy in jail. As far as the stats go, Chief Lyons stated that September was a typical month. He has regretfully accepted the resignation of Vince Poggiali, who has accepted a full-time position in Willard. He is always looking for new people, so he would like to get Council’s **approval to hire Elijah Coe**, who currently works part-time at Cedar Point and for the Sandusky PD. Mr. Coe is a Navy vet who served on the USS Eisenhower, and has good references. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to accept the resignation of Vince Poggiali and hire Elijah Coe. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” Chief Lyons then added that he would like Coe’s starting wage to be \$11.00 per hour. No discussion. Administrator – Tom reported that Thompson Electric is wrapping up the Rt 20 East portion of the Phase X project. He reviewed Adam Gerber’s proposal to **improvements and drainage corrections to the ball diamonds**, and asked for Council approval to do this work in the Village’s parks. Mark asked about liability, and Bonnie said the coverage comes under our blanket liability. Kevin Rasnick made the motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve Adam Gerber’s improvements proposal as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” After speaking with Fire Chief Beck, Tom recommended that the Village purchase 6 **Knox Boxes**, at \$159.00 each, which will be used to contain keys to access certain Village buildings after hours in the event of an emergency. There will be a unique master key, held in a safe-type device in each of the fire apparatus. Tom suggested a Knox Box be placed at the WWTP/Electric building, the Streets building, the Administrative Offices, the water treatment plant, and at both parks, adding that Bonnie has reviewed the department budgets to assure the funds are available. Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Terry Reed, to approve the expenditure for 6 Knox Boxes as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” Tom reported on the progress of the Monroe Street Sanitary Sewer Project, noting that the street reclamation of LaBeau called for hot asphalt to be backfilled into the trench area. The alternate plan is to use the asphalt slated for the 6” backfill and use it to do a 4” resurface of the entire street, at no additional expense. With the limited traffic on that street and no concern regarding the ditch area, this appears to be a better plan, resulting in a fully resurfaced street. Tom reported that we seem to still have an errant water leak somewhere in the system. Clerk-Treasurer - Bonnie reported that the School Board has approved the exchange of sources for the appointments of Kevin Fries and Abe Helmstetter, so with Council’s approval Kevin will be a School Board appointee and Abe will be a Council appointee. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to approve the appointments as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” Referring to the proposed **Fiscal Officer’s job description** that was distributed at the September work session, Bonnie asked for Council’s approval of the content. Terry Reed made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to approve the Fiscal Officer’s job description as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” Mayor Fries explained that due to the time frame allowed by the Employee Handbook, it would be best to advertise for this position the third week of the month so Council will have the letters of interest by their October work session. Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to post the internal posting no later than October 19th. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting “yea.” The internal posting will be up for five working days. Mayor - Mayor Fries asked how Council wanted to proceed regarding the current vacant Council seat. Jim Barney reiterated that Council has 30 days to find someone to appoint to the vacant seat, then the Mayor would make the appointment if Council was not able to do so. After a brief discussion it was determined that a news article should be run in the newspaper and be placed on our website. Council will review any letters of interest and hopefully make a recommendation for an appointment at the November meeting. Mayor Fries complimented everyone involved with the creation of the current newsletter, adding that it just proves again what a great Village we have.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission – Chris reported that the Planning Commission met on October 6th, holding a public hearing prior to their regular meeting to hear public comments on a proposed conditional use permit request. The individual is in the process of purchasing the property for the conditional use, and the Planning Commission has granted the request. HRJFD – Terry reported that the HRJFD met on October 7th. There were 16 calls in September. Last Thursday they hosted a pizza party for the kids (for Fire Prevention Week) and trick-or-treating will be on October 25th. Mayor Fries commented that the firemen did a nice job with the kids. Recreation Board – Kevin reported that the Rec Board met on September 21st and discussed the Gerber proposal, and having Christmas in the Park on December 6th. They are looking for donations for this event, and Kevin said they wanted to make sure the date was correct on our website.

ORDINANCE 2015-22 MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

An Ordinance to create Chapter 182 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Monroeville, Ohio regarding municipal income tax was presented for second reading. No discussion.

ORDINANCE 2015-23 WATER TAPS AND RATES

An Ordinance amending Sections 929.01 and 929.02 of Chapter 929 of Monroeville’s codified ordinances regarding water taps and rates was presented for second reading. No discussion.

ORDINANCE 2015-24 SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

An Ordinance amending Section 921.02 of Monroeville's codified ordinances regarding sewer rates and charges for the Village of Monroeville was presented for second reading. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2015-29 OPTOTRAFFIC LLC AGREEMENT

A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Optotraffic LLC for their imaging and administrative services using Optotraffic's proprietary system in the Village of Monroeville, Ohio was presented for third and final reading. Kevin said that since we're willing to give this a try, how long should that trial period be. Chief Lyons said the agreement can be terminated any time. Kevin asked what time frame would be sufficient to gauge the program, and the Chief said probably about 6 months. He added that it won't be up and running until the end of the year or first of next year, and he'd like to see some of the summer months in the program as well, so he'll submit a report in September. Mark said he'd like to see some feedback from the community, too. Jim Barney said this does not need to be made part of the legislation. Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mark Rupp, to adopt Resolution 2015-29 on third reading by title only. Mark Rupp, Terry Reed, Kevin Rasnick and Craig Franklin voted "yea." Chris Raftery voted "nay." Motion carried.

Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to suspend the rules for the following legislation. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORDINANCE 2015-25 AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS

An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for appropriations Ordinance No. 2015-11 was presented for passage. Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Terry Reed, to pass Ordinance 2015-25 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

RESOLUTION 2015-35 AGREEMENT FOR PLAN OF OPERATION FOR DOD PROPERTY

A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio regarding the State Plan of Operation for Department of Defense property, as amended, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Terry Reed made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adopt Resolution 2015-35 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

RESOLUTION 2015-37 ADVANCE FUNDS FOR MONROE ST. SEWER PROJECT

A Resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to advance monies from the General Fund to the Monroe Street Sanitary Sewer Project fund to cover constructions expenses until the Ohio Water Development Authority Funds are received, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Terry Reed made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adopt Resolution 2015-37 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Kevin Rasnick made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the bill summary for check #035919 to check #036017 as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mark asked if there were any more billing problems with the Monroe Street project. Bonnie said she had just received the second pay request today, but has not looked at it yet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adjourn. No objections were voiced. The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer

Melissa Fries, Mayor

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