

On Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 6:00PM Mayor Fries opened the Council meeting 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:	Bob Whitacre	And:	Melissa Fries, Mayor
	Chris Raftery		Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
	Craig Franklin		Tom Gray, Administrator
	Mark Rupp		Jim Barney, Solicitor
	Kevin Rasnick		

Also attending: Vance Carlisle and Chief Gary Lyons.

The financial report and bank reconciliation for August, 2017 was distributed to Council via email.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to excuse Sue Rogers from the meeting, as she informed Council at the last meeting that she would not be here. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Council meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bob Whitacre made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to approve the August financial reports as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Police - Chief Lyons reported that the part-time officers have really stepped up in the absence of Gleason and Bond. Bond's last day was September 4th and he has turned in all of his gear except for his bulletproof vest. The Chief said that Gleason had about 6 months left on his vest, but Bond has until 2019 before his expires. An interoffice letter was sent to Bond requesting that the vest be returned to the Police Department. The Chief said it was up to Council if they want to allow Bond to keep his vest, and commented that he heard that Bond is working part-time in the Norwalk PD. Mark stated that Council allowed Gleason to keep his bulletproof vest and he recommends that Council do the same for Bond. Mark made that a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea." Mayor Fries asked for a motion to accept the resignations of Captain Jim Bond and Officer Brian Nutter. Mark Rupp made the motion to accept Bond's resignation, seconded by Kevin Rasnick. No discussion. All voted "yea" except Chris Raftery, who voted "nay." Motion carried. The Chief stated that Nutter was an excellent officer and had mentioned that he may come back. Mark Rupp made a motion to accept Nutter's resignation, seconded by Craig Franklin. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea." The Chief said that now the department has only 2 full-time and 2-part-time officers and they are barely covering the shifts. He has a number of applications from which he, the Mayor and Craig Franklin will be doing interviews. He also will be interviewing for part-time officers. The Chief referred to his proposal for realigning the Police Department, noting that this was at Council's disposal for discussion. He also spoke of the Supreme Court's ruling on the enforcement of traffic monitoring cameras. They basically overruled all of the current restrictions, and it is no longer necessary for an officer to be present for stationary cameras. The Mayor recognized the service of Chief Lyons and Officer Kimball for working the extra hours while being short staffed. Administrator - Tom spoke briefly about the Village's opportunity to install a solar field on the vacant property by the reservoir, which will be constructed at no cost to the Village. The cost of purchased power is fixed at 25 years at the rate of \$0.0498 cents per kWh. Our annualized wholesale purchase power cost is \$0.073 cents per kWh. Renewable Energy Credits, or RECs, will be banked for sale at any given time. The plan is to have the electric department lease the property from the water department at estimated monthly payments of \$4500, or \$54,000 annually. This will provide additional stability for the water fund and lock in long term revenue for 25 years. Gregg Ottinger, from the law firm of Duncan and Allen, has done this kind of work across the country, and he really liked Jim Barney's approach and detailed review. For now, Tom said, he would like to call the project the Monroeville Solar Park. As an aside, Tom informed Council that this year Berry Plastics has used 681th gallons of water. In 2016 they used 1.2mil. They have made changes for more efficiency on their electric side as well. Jim Barney spoke about the Purchase Power Agreement for Solar Advocates, which is on the agenda for adoption. He had several conversations with Gregg Ottinger and John Courtney, who have worked with Solar Advocates before. Jim said he believes this is rock solid from a legal standpoint. Jim was asked if this will affect any of the commitments or agreements

we already have with AMP, and Jim said it will not. Chief Lyons asked if any police security would be needed for the solar field, and Jim said the field will be fenced in and would be handled no differently than any other property.

Neither Bonnie nor the Mayor had any items for discussion. Mayor Fries did announce that Christmas in the Park will be on December 10th and the Halloween event will be October 29th.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

HRJFD – Bob reported that the HRJFD Board met on September 6th. There's not much going on, with only 9 calls in August and 69 for the year. Shade Tree Commission - Craig reported that the STC met on August 30th and had a very informative meeting with Alan Siewert, our local Urban Forester. Bob, who attended the meeting, shared some of the information from the meeting regarding sidewalks and trees, noting that when asked who was responsible for cracked or raising sidewalks, Mr. Siewert said that every community handles it differently. Some points of the meeting were shared, such as some sidewalk cracks or upheaval can be caused by improper sidewalk installation and some can be caused by improper tree planting. It would be difficult to prove who's at fault for the cause of sidewalk damage, especially with trees that were planted prior to having a Shade Tree Commission or for sidewalks installed many years ago. Kevin said if it's the Village's fault we should take care of it.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following emergency legislation. Mark Rupp made the motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

RESOLUTION 2017-15 2017-18 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

A Resolution directing the preparation of plans, specifications and estimate of costs for Monroeville's 2017-18 sidewalk program and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to adopt Resolution 2017-15 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

RESOLUTION 2017-16 TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER FUND

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies from the General Fund to the Water Fund to defer the need or the near term stability of the water system, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to adopt Resolution 2017-16 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

RESOLUTION 2017-17 TAX LEVIES

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to adopt Resolution 2017-17 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORDINANCE 2017-16 SOLAR ADVOCATE DEVELOPMENT, LLC AGREEMENT

An Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator and Mayor to enter into an agreement with Solar Advocate Development, LLC for the construction of a solar field and to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate such construction on Village owned property, and declaring an emergency was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rasnick, to pass Ordinance 2017-16 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORDINANCE 2017-17 AMENDING OR SUPPLEMENTING APPROPRIATIONS

An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for Appropriations Ordinance No 2017-08 was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to pass Ordinance 2017-17 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Kevin Rasnick made a motion, seconded by Mark Rupp, to approve the bill summary that included check #038104 to #038353 and #038096 for a total of \$502,832.64. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mark Rupp made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation. Chief Lyons was asked to stay for the executive session. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:44PM and reconvened to regular session at 6:52PM.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bob Whitacre made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to excuse \$307.45 for Adam Dahm for charges related to an accident that were billed through Cost Recovery. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea." Kevin asked if there were any thoughts about getting a red light camera. No one expressed any thoughts, and Kevin said he doesn't want to do anything else about it. Mayor Fries agreed. Chief Lyons said that the Monroe

Street and Rt 20 red light was the toughest area to do speed control. There have been a lot of complaints about red light violations, but he said it's difficult to set up that area because of speeding and the traffic light. Any red light cameras would be an unmanned addition. He said it was up to Council. He added that the speed violations have slowed down in the school zones. Mayor Fries said this could be looked into later when we're fully staffed. The Chief said that interviews were being scheduled and if there were any viable candidates there may be a special meeting before the September work session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before them, Kevin Rasnick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Whitacre. No objections were voiced. The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

Melissa M. Fries, Mayor

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