

On Tuesday October 10, 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		
	Kevin Rasnick		
	Sue Rogers		

Also attending: Chief Gary Lyons, Glen Opper, and Nick Meyer

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Rogers 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 September 12, 2017 Council meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Glen Opper told Council he was at the meeting because he didn't know what was decided about the sidewalks. Tom replied that this subject will be discussed in detail at the October work session. There are a couple different options that can be pursued. Mark added that Tom is doing a really good job on this, but we need to have a well thought out plan that treats everyone fairly. Mark told Mr. Opper that Council really appreciates his patience with this matter. Mr. Opper then left the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Police - Chief Lyons reported that the stats show the department was pretty busy with the schools being in session. He shared some of the facts regarding a special detail that took place behind the 7-Eleven. Lt. Hammon, from the State Highway Patrol, contacted him regarding a new unit that looks for violations such as prostitution and human trafficking. On a Friday in September they arranged a sting operation, with several other agencies participating. With an undercover trooper acting as a truck driver, they were able to arrest a female for prostitution, and her partner had several warrants for his arrest. The law enforcement agencies may do this again sometime. Kevin asked about the difference with the **OPTO** citations between this year and last, noting that the fines were down. The Chief said that 98% of the truck drivers know of the camera area, and because they slow down everyone else does, too. The OPTO program is having the effect that he wants. Kevin suggested putting the stats in the newsletter or newspaper to let the people know that the program is working. Mark agreed, adding that we should put a screenshot with the stats in the article. Chief Lyons then introduced Nick Meyer as a full-time police officer, and shared a little of his background. The Chief said he believes Nick will do well for us, as he did when he worked here previously. He is scheduled to start working tomorrow, as he already knows our procedures, etc. Mayor Fries then swore in Nick Meyer. Administrator - Tom shared information regarding Dave Hamons' hard hat award from AMP. This project award was for the distribution system automation project, and a news release has been sent to the Reflector. Tom then spoke about the safety enhancement at the main intersection by installing the **pre-emptive lighting** that will enable the emergency vehicles to enter the intersection area more safely. There will be a sensor at the top of the light that will recognize the siren frequencies, then all four lights will be red at the same time. The lights will remain red until the sirens are out of range. Tom added that this is a mature technology. Eventually, Tom would like to change the street lights at that intersection as well. Tom noted that the roof replacement on **the Marsh Field shelter house** will start tomorrow, and that the leaf vac was used for the first time today. 4000 solar panels have been delivered for the solar field, and they are still working with John Courtney for the interconnection. Berry Plastics worked this past weekend with a full crew. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the procurement and installation of the pre-emption system at the Monroe Street/Rt 20 intersection using funds from the OPTO program in an amount not to exceed \$15,422. Sue Rogers made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea." Fiscal Officer - Bonnie briefly reviewed the facts regarding the income tax litigation, noting that Jim Barney agrees that something should be done about the state's mandates. Bonnie noted that she will still prepare the mandated legislation in case the litigation fails, and it can be repealed if the litigation is successful. She then noted that two additional amendments were made to the amend/supplement ordinance – one was for the construction of the solar field electrical lines and the

other was for the purchase of police uniforms. Mayor - Mayor Fries showed Council the plaque that was to be presented to Jim Bond, who was unable to make it to the meeting. She noted that a copy of his patch was on the plaque. The Mayor stated that she has received so many good comments on the fall newsletter, and thanked all who helped put it together. She expressed congratulations to Dave Hamons, and commented that she was able to see some of our guys at work today with the yard waste pick up.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

HRJFD – Bob reported that the HRJFD Board met on October 4th. There's not much going on. There were 17 calls in September. Planning Commission - Chris reported that the Planning Commission met last night, and they are adhering to the ordinance for putting the legislation regarding medical marijuana on the Council agenda. Their letter of recommendation has been submitted, and they will be coming to the November Council meeting which will be held after the Council's public hearing.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following emergency legislation. Sue Rogers made the motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORD 2017-19 RECREATING CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No 2005-06 and authorizing the Fiscal Officer to establish capital project funds for the various Village departments for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction or improvement of fixed assets, and to transfer those revenues from the appropriate funds to the specific revenue funds was presented for first reading. No discussion.

RES 2017-18 MONROE STREET TRAFFIC STUDY

A Resolution permitting the Ohio Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study westbound on Monroe Street to the Village corporation limits on State Route 547, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to adopt Resolution 2017-18 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORD 2017-18 MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX LITIGATION

An Ordinance to authorize the Village Administrator to join a coalition of municipalities retaining special counsel for purposes of initiating litigation to challenge the constitutionality of amendments to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code relating to municipal income tax, and declaring an emergency was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to pass Ordinance 2017-18 by title only. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

ORD 2017-20 AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT

An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for Appropriations Ordinance No 2017-08 was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to pass Ordinance 2017-20 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 #038253 to #038347 and #038235 for a total of \$439,602.11. No discussion. Motion carried with all voting "yea."

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Chief Lyons asked Tom about the new school sign, and Tom said it would be up tomorrow. It will show the three school zone times. The Mayor reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before them, Sue Rogers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Rupp. No objections were voiced. The meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

Melissa M. Fries, Mayor

