

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00PM Mayor Fries-Seip opened the Council meeting with a word of prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was then 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-Seip, Mayor
	Susan Rogers		Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
	Chris Raftery		Tom Gray, Administrator
	Craig Franklin		
	Sam Wiley (6:21PM)		

Also attending: Lt. Troy Kimball and Mike O'Neil.

The November financial reports and bank reconciliations were previously distributed to Council via email.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mark Rupp contacted Bonnie that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to excuse Mark from the meeting. Sue Rogers made the motion, seconded by Craig Franklin. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fries-Seip asked for Council's approval of the agenda. Chris Raftery made the motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular Council meeting and the November 26, 2019 Special Council meeting as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the November 2019 financial reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mike O'Neil introduced himself as the owner of 30 Prospect Street, which he and his wife are renovating. He would like to install a fence to clean things up and secure the property. He's concerned about the security of the property, so he'd like to install a 6' black chain link fence with beige slats. Tom interjected that he has not yet disseminated this to the Planning Commission, who will make a decision after their review. Chris asked if he was living there, and Mr. O'Neil said they will be in a few more months. Tom informed Council that the Planning Commission had previously changed the zoning from Commercial to Residential retail. Mr. O'Neil said they probably won't be doing any retail now. They were doing crafts, but he and his wife are now retired. He just wants to figure out what they need to do to get the fence approved. He said he doesn't want to make it an eyesore. Tom asked if he still needed to have the 3-phase power bank, and Mr. O'Neil said he wants to keep it for his rooftop air conditioning unit. He said they have put a lot into renovations, and they're just waiting for the green light for the fence. He has checked with most of his neighbors and they are not opposed to the fence. He added that people drive through his area like it's a race track, and they jump the 4' fence that's currently on the property. Chris assured him that the Planning Commission would look into this. They meet again in January, and would look at the property before that meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Police - Troy reported that the Chief was out sick with the flu. There have been several good stops lately. Craig asked what the status was on the new cruiser. Troy said it should be coming any day now. Troy then asked for Council approval to grant Nick Meyer 40 hours of sick time when his wife has their baby. Sue remarked that Council is really setting a precedent. Chris Raftery made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion. Chris asked if the PD could do something about coverage/enforcement for North St, noting that people are driving 60mph in both directions. Troy said he will get on this.

Administrator - Tom asked for Council's approval to send Dustin and George to the Ohio LTAP snow and ice control class on December 19th at the Huron County Engineer Department, at no cost to the Village. The class is from 8:00 to 11:30AM, so they won't miss the employee luncheon. He also asked for approval for the employees to attend the OHIO811 Safety Talk on January 14, 2020 at the Huron County Engineer Department, again at no cost to the Village. The Mayor asked if the motion could include the approval

for both requests. Craig Franklin made the motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve both requests. Motion carried with no discussion.

Fiscal Officer - Bonnie asked for Council's opinion on insurance presentations for 2020, as our liability package expires in April. Discussion. Bonnie was asked about the current carrier, and she stated that we've been with Rinehart for about 8 years now, and we have a great working relationship with them. The Mayor asked if we could see what kind of quote they might give us before we determine if we want to listen to presentations. Bonnie said she would ask to see if that's possible. Bonnie then asked for Council's approval to donate cruiser #14 to EHOVE, and to sell the two older Remington shotguns that are no longer serviceable and are valued at less than \$1000. Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the donation of cruiser #14 to EHOVE (Police Academy). Motion carried with no discussion. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the sale of the two Remington shotguns. Motion carried with no discussion.

Mayor - The Mayor shared information for the employee luncheon, which has been set for December 19th. Dawn Franklin has volunteered to provide meat for sandwiches, so in addition the meat provided by the Mayor and the sides by Council members, they're good to go. She then thanked everyone for their participation in making Christmas in the Park a success. There were almost 90 buckets of goodies distributed, and 60 adults signed up for the raffle. She has heard so many compliments about our Christmas lights and the removal of some overhead wiring. Tom added that next year there will be more lights on the Rt 20 hillside and at Clark Park. The employees are going to try to make arches from PVC pipes to add to the light display. (Sam present at 6:21PM) Bonnie informed Council that Dave's sister passed away Friday, and gave Council the information for the calling hours and funeral. She told them that she ordered a stepping stone rather than flowers for the family, and Council liked that idea. The Mayor reminded Council that at the January 14th Council meeting she, Sue, and Craig will be sworn in for their next term, and she would like new photos to be taken of everyone. Tom said he would like to see the website updated with new photos.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

HRJFD - Bob reported that the HRJFD met on December 4th. There were 16 calls in November. They are still talking about the ambulance situation and housing the ambulance. Sue asked what they are saying. Bob said the township doesn't want them to approve an agreement without them being involved in the decision, but he doesn't really know what the consensus is. The Chief thinks it would be great to have them in town. They thought they would know something by the January 8th meeting.

UTILITIES - Chris reported that the Utilities Committee met on December 3rd. Sue, Craig, and Bob were in attendance, along with Tom Gray and herself. Berry Global has requested a new sanitary sewer connection (approx. 1000') and water line connection (approx. 1100') to their warehouse. They have obtained the quotes for this work, and have asked the Village to pay for the permits and engineering costs for a total of \$9350. This work will open up the Industrial Park for future connections, making the project a win-win for both parties. The work should be completed in the first quarter of 2020. Once the lines are installed, they would revert to Village ownership. There was good discussion regarding potential property growth for the future. Chris then made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the requested \$9350 to cover permit fees and engineering for the Berry Global water/sewer line extensions. Motion carried with no discussion.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

WAGES

ORD 2019-25 *An Ordinance repealing Ordinances 2019-01, 2019-05 and 2019-16 and establishing wages or salaries for employees of Monroeville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency* was presented for passage. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to suspend the rules. Motion carried with no discussion. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to pass Ordinance 2019-25 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the bill summary for memo expense and check #041647 to #041726 for a total of \$495,081.38. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bonnie asked Council to approve the recommended \$100 increase in the police uniform allowance to \$550. Sue Rogers made the motion, seconded by Sam Wiley to approve the increase. Motion carried with no discussion. Bob asked about the levy money for the ambulance service. Tom said that Jim Barney will need to work closely with Randy Strickland to make sure we will get our portion of the levy funds. The township paid \$90 per call to North Central EMS directly. At this point, they wish to only give us a token amount of the levy funds. Discussion. Tom said we're still pursuing this in the best interest of the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before them Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

Melissa M. Fries-Seip, Mayor

As the roll call was made to adjourn the meeting, the Township Trustees and Clerk Karen Fries entered the meeting room. They were informed that the Council meeting had already adjourned, but Karen said that was ok, she just wanted to talk to us about the ambulance contract and what they pay. She said that since the late 80's the levy for ambulance services has always been on the levy for the township and the village. They pay \$90 per call from the levy funds. Now they've been hit with the proposed contracts, and while she knows the village is paying much more, the township has been asked to pay \$15,000 a year. Their attorney, Randy Strickler, did some research and found that by law North Central doesn't have to provide EMS services, although that might not be ethical. Sue asked if they signed the contract, and Karen said they did not. Sue asked why they wouldn't do that to service their constituents. Karen said that Fisher-Titus Hospital wants a levy for the whole area, but she doesn't think that's the answer. It's all up in the air right now, and they will be looking at another contract at their meeting tonight. They have not budgeted for a contract, and she feels we're all in this together. She stated that in 2018 there were 50 runs for the village and 25 for the township. They received \$6700 from the levy, so they ran short that year. The dope calls have been excessive. The townships met last week to try to figure out a good plan. She questioned the exchange of funds from the levy, wondering if that was legal in regards to how the levy was set up. She said the attorneys will have to figure that out. She noted that they are only paying for the services, not the runs. She said they will need a contract because it's the peoples' money. If the calls go through 911 the EMS have to respond. She said that she didn't think the hospital realized that the village was part of the township.

The Mayor thanked her for her concerns, and said that she hopes the attorneys can work through this.

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