

The Council for the Village of Monroeville held a work session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Administrative Offices.

Present were: Mayor Melissa Fries-Seip, Fiscal Officer Bonnie Beck, Administrator Tom Gary, Solicitor Jim Barney, and Council members Chris Raftery, Sue Rogers, Bob Whitacre, Craig Franklin, and Sam Wiley.

Also attending were Chief Gary Lyons and Lt. Troy Kimball.

Bonnie stated that Mark Rupp called her a little bit ago to let her know that he was still at work and would not be able to attend the meeting.

Tom distributed a written report that indicated some of the recent activities around the Village, noting that the River Rd. guard rail project will not get underway until the road resurfacing has been completed. He said he would answer any questions if anyone wanted to ask.

Bonnie distributed information from the Croghan Colonial Bank regarding the proposed loan for the purchase of a new cruiser, at the request of the Finance Committee. Terms were reviewed. Bonnie said she would present legislation at the next Council meeting to enter into this proposed loan agreement if Council had no objections.

Gary reported that **Gatso** will begin processing violations. He hasn't received any since the restart of the cameras. He finally made contact with Russ Leffler, who said he is still interested in being our Hearing Officer. Leffler said he would like to see the contract. Gary said that at the February Council meeting he would like to have Council approve Sections 304-306-600-602 and the 800 sections of the **police policies**, if they have no issues with the drafts that were presented to them previously. Jim Barney has reviewed all of them, and recommended changes have been made. The Mayor asked how far back Gatso will go to issue citations. Gary said that he doesn't like going back any further than a week. Gatso is pretty good about getting them sent out once he has approved them. They have done better than Opto did in this regard. Gary spoke about the upcoming Lexipol renewal. He stated that even though their policies are geared toward larger municipalities, he makes it work for us. He's not sure if we'll get an insurance reimbursement (credit) this year for having **Lexipol**. They do have policies for municipalities as well. The Mayor asked Tom and Bonnie if this would be a benefit to us to utilize Lexipol for the employee handbook. Chris commented that it would be cumbersome to review all of the policies and make them fit for us. Gary acknowledged that, adding that once you master it, it's a good procedure. They also give you prompts on legal updates, and provide employee testing to make sure the employees understand the policies. Sam asked if they have a local representative, and Gary said he didn't know. Beginning with the July billing cycle, Gary said **dispatch charges** that we've been paying to the Sheriff's Office will be paid by the Huron County Emergency Management Agency for the length of the levy. Their only provision is for us to support the renewal of the levy. Craig asked about **radio communications**. Gary said he and Troy will be attending a meeting tomorrow for a presentation on the radio systems. Communications is first on the list of the levy issues to address. Craig asked if there will be new radios and portables, and Gary said yes. The Mayor commented on the savings that should bring. Craig asked if the Taurus will be kept as a spare cruiser. Gary said yes, as he has found reasons to keep a third cruiser for use, such as at parades, football games, and taking evidence to the BCI for processing. Gary was asked if the asset forfeiture policy addresses the use of the drug fine monies, and Gary said that it does. He tried to make the policy broad enough, but within the legal boundaries. Some of those funds will pay for the

camera/security system for the new PD portion of the building. Sam asked why only the PD side, and Tom said we wanted to keep the loan package as near to the specs and budget as possible.

Jim informed Council that the pre-trial for the traffic camera lawsuit was coming up in March. Going for a permanent injunction will be our next step.

The Mayor asked if there has been any progress on the fire damaged property on South Ridge Street, and Tom said no.

Craig said he's hearing complaints again about the Horseshoe Dr. property. Jim stated that we did a good job pursuing this previously, but Tom added that it is regressing.

The Fulton Street outdoor wood burner issue was discussed. Tom said they are still playing phone tag with the owner, adding that a permit had previously been granted, but with a new unit the chimney height is in question. Tom pointed out that Dave Mahl has the ability to create the enforcement for this issue, and he will be meeting with him tomorrow. The complaint is the excessive smoke and the lingering smell.

Sam asked that with the proposed resurfacing of Rt 20 next year, would the intersection issue at 99 and 20 be addressed. Tom said that ODOT will be having construction meetings and then it can be discussed.

It was asked how the new Eagle Nutrition business was going, so Bonnie told Council that she had delivered the "welcome" candy bouquet to them today, and was introduced to their drinks. There were several customers there, so it appears they are doing ok.

Tom was asked about the Council chambers table. He said he had made contact with Pete Sommers, who has an idea of what we're looking for and has done other municipal furniture before. Mr. Sommers will be talking to someone from Studer-Obringer.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Beck, MMC
Fiscal Officer