

On Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 6:00PM, Mayor Fries-Seip 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 for the Council of the Village of Monroeville was then called to order.

Present at roll call: Chris Raftery and: Melissa Fries-Seip, Mayor
Sue Rogers Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
Sam Wiley Heather Alicea, Admin. Specialist
Bob Whitacre Tom Gray, Village Administrator
Craig Franklin Jim Barney, Solicitor

Also attending: Chief Gary Lyons, Kurt Leber and Fred Leber.

The July financial reports and bank reconciliations were previously distributed to Council via e-mail.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mark Rupp had notified the Mayor that he was called into a work meeting and if he finishes relatively soon, he will be able to attend tonight's meeting. In case he isn't able to make it, Sam Wiley made a motion to excuse Mark Rupp from the meeting, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fries-Seip asked for Council's approval of the amended agenda which includes Ordinance 2021-31 being added. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the minutes as presented from the July 13th, 2021 Council meeting. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the July 2021 financial reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY CREDIT CARD REPORTS

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the July credit card reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Kurt Leber stated he has a land contract for land that joins the reservoir properties to the East, which is where the solar field is. He spoke with Bonnie Beck via e-mail earlier this week. He provided her pictures and gave her a summary of what has been going on since the solar field was put in. It's been an issue longer than that but it's gotten a lot worse with the water and the drainage since the solar field was put in. He is in contact with the solar company right now. He understands they are the tenants and are responsible for what is going on. There is a meeting on Thursday, 8/26/21, at 12noon between Virgil, Virgil's boss and whoever is in charge of maintenance to review the damage that has occurred. Kurt asked when the solar field was put in, was it in 2017 or 2018. Bonnie Beck stated it was 2018 and then asked Tom Gray to verify, which he did. Kurt stated that since it was installed, three growing seasons have been affected. The pictures show that. Everything has been graded so that the water flows to the east on that field. It's backing up onto his property and has created a low spot. It's retaining water on the other side of the fence which saturates the water table on his side of the fence. He hasn't been able to farm a good chunk of that for three years. He had soybeans there in 2019 and had to plant around a couple spots. The whole plant land was basically drowned out. In 2020, he had corn there and he had to re-plant the

headlands three different times. Major rain events have washed all that out and drowned out the corn. It's always been hay fields and hay doesn't take well to water. He hasn't been able to re-seed the hay because he is not going to put alfalfa in when it's going to drown out. It's gotten worse this year. The water is obviously coming from the west and you can see where it's washed out from underneath the fences from the water running in that direction. There is more going on this year than water damage. It appears there is herbicide damage as well, typical to what dicamba herbicide would be. The leaves are cuffed in the pictures, so it's more than water damage. Kurt got a hold of the solar field people and told them they need to talk about this and they agreed to come out, take a look and bring spray records. His assumption is they probably sprayed underneath the solar panels and with a big rain event, it washed and leached as there were streaks where there might be tire tracks or low spots. He tried to do a map from standing up on the reservoir (as the beans are too tall to walk it) and he believes around seven acres are affected this year instead of the two to three from prior years. He wanted to provide a little history...when they first talked about it and first recognized it was a big issue, he talked to Kurt Scheid who did the excavation and Dave Schaffer who works for Kurt Scheid. They had conversations and talked about what they thought was right and what they thought was wrong. They came up with a plan between Virgil, and he admitted that whoever it was, he the successor Kurt Leber guesses, for the project, and there was a manager that was working on it before. He's the second guy to come in and he kind of admitted that the guy wasn't really "on his stuff", not here nor there. It seems like it could've been built better to alleviate the issues. What they decided to do was, there would be a ditch of some sort, a swale, on the reservoir side of the fence, a couple of tile drains going over to the catch basin on the corner of the reservoir and they'd get that work done. Kurt Scheid worked up a quote which Kurt Leber understands was submitted to the solar company. The solar company, he's not sure where they are at with it honestly. Last he knew they had sent it to the boss to get approved and he doesn't know how much money they are talking about. When they first started, Kurt Leber had also heard something about ODNR, they were having to get clearance and whatever else was next to the reservoir, he doesn't know. That's why he's been patient with this, assuming ok, it's a headland. He's not real thrilled with how it happened anyways or with how it was designed. Even all the way down where the reservoir is at, the ground is piled up high up against the fence. The reason he's been so patient is because there has been a lot of talk and plans. He's had three years of crop damage and this year there has been significant crop damage. He just wanted to make Council aware that he's working with their tenant on this. He is going to ask the tenant for some kind of compensation for this, for damages over the last three years. He's not sure where that conversation is going to go or what they will be able to work out. His point is that before this becomes a big issue, and hopefully it doesn't, hopefully they can resolve it amongst themselves. He thinks Council should be aware of where things stand. He's not asking for any action at this point, he just wants them to be aware that it's going on. Bob Whitacre asked what caused the extra water, is it the hard surface of the solar panels? Kurt stated it's probably a number of things. There was a big mound of shale and whatever else that was excavated from when they built the reservoir. A lot of that was hauled out. However, if you go out there and look, the rest of the panels go up that slope and a lot more could have been done to form that up directly. That acts like a runway. It starts at the west end of the reservoir and everything washes east. It was done as cheaply as possible; he's not going to mince words. Fred Leber then spoke and said as Council is aware, there are some catch basins around the reservoir. Fred then turned to Tom Gray and asked for his name. Tom Gray spoke and said I'm Tom Gray. Fred said he wanted to make sure, as he didn't know for sure if that's who he was, but he thought so. Fred said there are catch basins around the reservoir like there should be, there is some drainage that goes completely around the perimeter for sure. It's just not getting to the catch basins. The drainage may not be a big, expensive issue. It's just whoever messed with it did a really bad job, it's really bad for the neighbors. Kurt Leber then spoke again, he said he talked to Kurt Scheid, he talked to Dave Schaffer. They were the ones that did the work and they assured Kurt that that's what the plans were and they weren't really thrilled with the way that the plans were drawn out. Kurt said he doesn't mean to throw anyone under the bus and he shouldn't even drop names on this but these are the conversations that have been had. Looking at the plans, these were the problems Kurt Scheid and Dave Schaffer had predicted Kurt Leber was going to have. It wasn't necessarily that the work was done incorrectly. The project plan was poor to start with. It was done as economically as possible, which he understands to an extent, but now it's causing property damage. If this had been any other land owner that was causing the issue, it would've been resolved a long time ago. They are now three years down the line and things are getting worse. He thinks part of it is the solar panels and there's not as much surface area collecting water so it's collecting in one area more and running more than what it was before and that's a fair point. Also, there's a decent amount more that could've been done in relation to that. He said now they need to figure out what they are going to do to keep it from

affecting more. He thinks at this point he will have to re-tile the entire farm. It's not great tile that was under there before, it's all three-inch clay patterned tile that is older but it worked. He doesn't think any tile back on that farm works anymore because it's been so saturated and it's probably all filled in from laying underwater. He thinks especially the back headland area has to be re-tiled for sure. He's not going to ask for the whole farm or anything like that, but he is going to try and be fair to himself. He's tried to be patient throughout this but he is kind of at the breaking point now. He wants everyone to be aware of what's going on. Bob Whitacre asked if Soil and Water has ever gotten involved or anything like that? Kurt said not that he knows of, as he asked who they were dealing with and they said ODNR for some reason was the big one because of the reservoir property right next to it and disturbing the ground there. Craig Franklin asked if the weedkiller is what is killing the soybeans with the runoff. Kurt said he thinks so as he hasn't seen the records, but it looks like dicamba. Craig Franklin said from what he understands, it was supposed to be pollinated plants in there and he doesn't know why they would be using weedkiller. Kurt said they told him that they never got those plants to take. Bob Whitacre said it's the weed killer that's doing it. Craig Franklin said that is why he is confused because he didn't think they were using any weed killer back there because the area was supposed to be for pollinators. Kurt said that for years the previous owner, Roger Schug, had an agreement with the Village that he would maintain the property back there, the ten acres, in exchange for being able to use it. It was a lot of reclaimed ground and it didn't really produce much up until the last couple years or so. Kurt said they put a lot of time and effort to throwing fertilizer on it and trying to recondition it so it could be viable grass. Bob Whitacre asked what it was before. Kurt and Fred stated it was a home, it was part of a farm. When the reservoir was done, a lot of that reclaimed ground just got put on top. It's been probably twenty years or better and it was getting to the point where it was becoming a decent crop. It wasn't anything he was going to plant soybeans or corn on, it was going to be grass. He could see why other stuff hasn't really taken back there, it's just poor ground. The drainage doesn't help either, there is no natural soil profile, it's been disturbed too much. Fred Leber stated it was probably good ground when they farmed it but when the reservoir was done and all that stuff was dug out and it's slanted (as Bob Whitacre voiced his agreement about the soil on the top) and it wasn't built right and they did what they did. The Mayor thanked them both for their time and asked if Council had any questions for him. They stated no. Kurt said that hopefully he doesn't have to come to a Council meeting again about this, hopefully they can get it resolved and he thinks it's Thursday, 8/26/21, that they are meeting the solar field people out there. Sam Wiley asked Kurt to keep Council up to date on how that goes. Kurt verified he would via e-mail after the meeting is held with the solar people. He appreciates Council's time and wanted to make sure they knew about it before and not after the fact.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator – Tom Gray presented his report that was in Council's package and he doesn't have anything else to add to it at this time, with the exception of Columbia Gas. They continue to restore and work with the property owners. There have been a couple of larger issues with collapsed concrete and some of the restoration not being up to par. They are working through that. Tom stated that tomorrow, he is meeting with Tim Kline. His complaint is the concrete walk outside of the construction area was potentially damaged due to a piece of equipment impacting the slab. Tom Gray and Rick Whiteside will meet Columbia Gas there tomorrow, 8/11/21, to see about a resolution. Tim mentioned that Councilman Sam Wiley also had a big one, the entire walkway underneath has been a void and Columbia Gas is going to replace that. They are also going to go along the entire street to redo some things. Sam Wiley verified they have plans to try and take care of his issue. Tom said they have good structure and good communication with Columbia Gas and if it's not taken care of, they will call it to their attention. Sam said that he had talked to Bob from Columbia Gas and the cut that goes in front of the road of the house next to his. He knows they have to wait for that to settle before they put a cold patch into it. In the meantime, with heavy trucks and high-speed traffic, it causes things in the back of his home to vibrate. Sam asked Bob from Columbia Gas to throw some stone in there to bring it up until it's fixed, but he feels they didn't respond to that at all. Tom verified the lack of rain has prevented settling from occurring. There has been talk of flooding the trenches similar to the work we've done on Monroe Street and on Broad Street where they bring in a tanker of water, cause it to settle initially, give it a couple days and then more can be done. Sam says it sounded like they are at least a few days out and throwing stone in would make a difference in the meantime. Tom said he will bring it up to Columbia Gas.

Fiscal Officer - Bonnie asked if anyone had any questions regarding her report before she asked for the motions. Council stated no. Bonnie said as Council is aware, Kadon Martin and Merrit Key have already started working for the Village. We've not had any formal approval of their

appointments. Also, one started out at \$12.00 per hour and the other started out at \$14.00 per hour, which will be something we will be discussing at our committee meeting in two weeks. We need approval for their appointment to the Street Department and to the Water/Wastewater Department. Chris Raftery made a motion to approve both the job appointments and the pay, Sam Wiley seconded, motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie then brought up the issue in regards to the St. Joseph Cemetery water leak. It was a huge leak, but our policy doesn't allow for water excusal as the water that was lost was already treated and went through the meter. It was explained to St. Joe's that the issue would be brought up before Council. Chris Raftery asked what our policy is in reference to that. Bonnie explained that we only have the partial excusal for sewer because if the water would be running into the ground, we know it would not through the sewer system. Bob Whitacre asked how this went on for such a long period of time without anyone noticing? Bonnie advised it was only for one month. St. Joe's had the water shut off in November 2020 for another leak and on 06/10/21, when Rick Whiteside was doing the water readings, St. Joe's asked him to turn it back on again. So, from 06/10/21-07/09/21, there was a leak. Craig Franklin asked if it was a spigot or something. Bonnie advised no, it had to be underground as Rick had advised that the water was flowing into a clay tile so nobody noticed. Usually when there is a leak that big you can see saturation in the ground. Since the water was going into a clay tile, it wasn't evident to anybody that there was a leak. The Mayor asked if the problem has been fixed. Bonnie advised the water is off, the water meter is off and it hasn't been fixed yet. It will stay off until they tell us it's been fixed. Bonnie thinks that Rick Whiteside said they already have someone hired but she doesn't know when the fix is going to happen. Tom Gray verified that as well. Bonnie said she would be upset in regards to a \$2000.00 water bill as well however, we don't know what we can do to help that, with Craig Franklin and Sam Wiley agreeing. Bob said it's no one's fault, Bonnie agreed. Bonnie asked if we should tell St. Joe's that Council considered but nothing can be done due to rules and regulations. Bob asked if we can compromise or pay part of it. Bonnie stated that we would certainly let them pay it on a payment plan if requested. We've had other people who have had leaks and have done the same. Bob Whitacre asked again if we don't excuse water. Bonnie confirmed. The Mayor advised we do a portion of the waste water which is a derivative of that water which they would get also. Bonnie verified that and that it's just a portion that's excused. The Mayor asked Bonnie if St. Joe's knew that. Bonnie verified St. Joe's has no sewer there. Chris Raftery asked if we have to act on it at this time, can we put it on hold and come to a creative measure that would make sense. Bonnie advised the thing with that is, the Village is back to charging late fees and we could certainly waive a late fee because the payment would've been due today because today is the 10th. Bonnie asked Heather if it had been paid. Heather advised the payment withdraw was done through the bank today but would not show until tomorrow as they are set up for automatic payment. The Mayor asked if it will come out of their bank account regardless then. Bonnie and Heather verified that. The Mayor stated the client being a non-profit entity, she doesn't know what to do, it's not an easy answer. Sam Wiley asked if we have had any similar incidents previously. Bonnie advised yes. Sam asked if we did anything for those customers. Bonnie stated yes, because it was residential, we excused a portion of the sewer. Sam asked, but not the water. Bonnie verified that. The Mayor asked what percent of sewer gets excused. Bonnie stated it's 150% of whatever was used last year in the same billing period. Bob Whitacre asked, when we turn on someone's water after there's been a leak or after it's been fixed, whatever the reason, do we check the meter the next day to make sure of anything. Bonnie advised it was a brand-new meter. Bob asked when a water line has a leak, is turned off and fixed and then turned back on, is there any protocol to have it checked and make sure it's fixed. Bonnie asked Bob who he thinks should be responsible for that. Bob says that is what he is asking her. Sam Wiley advised it's the homeowners responsibility. Bob Whitacre asked, does the Village ever do anything like that. Bonnie and Heather advised it's the homeowners responsibility. The Mayor asked what St. Joe's regular, estimated usage is in dollar figures. Sam Wiley says eight with sewer is about \$400.00. The Mayor reminded him St. Joe's doesn't have sewer. Bonnie verified St. Joe's only uses water. Sam asked if it would be about a third of it, \$130.00 or so. Bonnie said she would figure about \$150.00 or in that area. The Mayor asked, so that would be expecting it to be around \$150.00 and then it comes out over \$2000.00. Heather Alicea spoke and advised she understands this is a non-profit entity, but if you are going to excuse the balance for them than it's only fair to do it for everyone. We've had a few customers that have had the same issue. One example is a tenant who had a very high water bill this last cycle and he was sent a letter about a possible leak and test strips and our water department made sure the leak wasn't on the Village end. The customer took the letter to the homeowner, his landlord, who didn't offer much of a solution and didn't offer to look into it. The tenant may be looking at a high bill each month if there is a leak and if it's not being fixed, the customer likened it to paying two rents every month. The non-payment could result in a disconnection. There was another couple who had a leak in their

basement. We didn't excuse it for either of those customers, so why would it be fair to excuse it for St. Joe's. Bonnie said we have talked before about setting a precedence. The Mayor asked if anything could be done. Bob Whitacre said he supposes we should check the meter. Chris Raftery asked about forgiving since this is an unusual circumstance, could we cut the bill by 50%, knowing they normally pay \$150.00 and now they are over \$2000.00, Bonnie reminded Chris that cutting it would result in a \$1300.00 loss to the water department, which is a good chunk of money to a department whose fund is not healthy as it is. Bonnie advised that she and Heather realize it's a tough place to be in and it's the same thing where if a resident owes taxes for an employer who never withheld their taxes. We can have compassion for those customers, but we can't excuse the balance due. Heather reminded that we give customers payment plans when they have leaks, but they have to pay it. Craig Franklin said there is no way around it. He checks his old pipes in his basement every day to make sure there isn't a leak. He understands you can't tell if there is a leak at St. Joe's and that is unfortunate but there's no way around it. Tom Gray added that once the water meter phase one is completed, phase two will have a central collector installed and in real time we can see through a loss program review if the average usage is being exceeded. The system will show a red flag and it's called a leak detection system. It will streamline the ability to read meters and will have real time data collection for leaks and loss. The Mayor asked, when we dismiss part of the sewer, does that affect the water and wastewater fund immensely or no. Bonnie said it's 150% so we're still getting the best part of the sewer bill in our sewer fund. The water that goes into the ground from a leak is not being treated at the sewer department. Sam Wiley asked if we excuse 150% or over 150%. Bonnie advised it's actually 150% of last year's number that's being excused. Bob Whitacre asked if St. Joe's is one of the few water only customers. Bonnie advised no, we have several that are water only, for example, Riverside Cemetery, Route 99 south customers, numerous accounts, that are not on our sewer system. Chris Raftery says we are obviously unable to proceed with a discount so she made a motion to present that to St. Joe's with our regrets, Sue Rogers seconded that motion, motion carried. The Mayor asked if we can let them know a payment plan is available and can we stop the auto deduction. Bonnie said it's too late for that, the next month's bill would have been lesser if there was a forgiveness done.

Police – Chief Gary Lyons brought up Safety Town and its success, there were a large number of children due to double classes and he thanked everyone, including the volunteers. There was one injury due to a bee sting, but that child returned the next day. A good time was had by all. Travis Wyczalek turned in his resignation effective immediately. He has a new baby and he is building a new house. He doesn't have the time and availability to be here for the hours Chief needs him. Chief has started looking and he received a call from someone who is a strong candidate and is looking for part time work. Chief said he is still in the vetting process and will have a second interview with this person and he will hopefully have something to present to Council in September. Craig Franklin asked if he's noticed increase in speed due to the cones being gone. Chief said yes. He is looking to continue with getting the green light on the Gatso and the dragon cams. They are still making traffic stops and when school opens there will be an increase in traffic stops. Sam Wiley has noticed an increase in speed on North Ridge Street since Route 20 has opened up. Chief verified that as well.

Mayor – The Mayor asked if Jim Barney wanted to talk about a few things that they have been discussing, the four ways, the nuisance, etc. Jim verified. He verified Tom Gray and Bonnie Beck both had questions about the four ways stop in regards to the Universal Traffic Enforcement Manual. Bonnie had come upon some language in the manual that we couldn't do the four ways without an engineering study. Jim said he doesn't believe that the manual applies to the Village streets as the manual regulates the type and the position. The manual isn't about where you can put the stops, it's about how you have to install the stops, regarding height, color, pole placing, etc. It wouldn't prevent the Village from being able to put in four way stops if that's the way Council decides to go. In regards to the nuisance complaints, for example, junk cars, Jim has been in contact with Tom Gray. Jim has looked at different cities and municipalities in similar size to Monroeville regarding nuisance statues. There were things on smoke, fires, property maintenance, etc. State Law, Chapter 37, states things about adult book stores, etc., and nuisances, it says refer to the statue on nuisance. It wasn't very helpful for the issues that Monroeville has, unsightly things, cars that don't move, etc. The Mayor asked if there's anything that helps with neighbor disputes? Jim said he saw one where property maintenance was addressed about grass clippings being picked up 24-48 hrs. before pickup, you can't leave clippings sitting in your yard for a long period of time. Bonnie said she believes we already have language about that in the ordinance. Jim verified nothing he looked at was very helpful. The Mayor asked if Jim wanted to speak on the subdivision issue. Jim says he and Chris Raftery spoke on it, Chris is going to have an update and if there's any questions, he can answer them then. Sam Wiley asked if the nuisance is in regards to the property on Horseshoe Drive that is sliding in the wrong direction again. Sue Rogers verified it's

never going to stop. Tom Gray agreed. The Mayor and Heather Alicea verified that the property owner was attempting to have a garage sale around the time the Village Flea. Jim verified every village and town has this problem, but Monroeville has done more than enough to address this, short of getting a judgment through the Common Pleas Court. The Mayor had an update on the Purple Heart. The Mayor is disheartened as she has been trying to contact the band director and she has tried to contact businesses and no one is responding. Bellevue had a Purple Heart ceremony and Sue Rogers scoped it out for the Mayor. The Mayor said it was a grand affair, bigger than what she is willing to do here. The Mayor is at a loss for what to do next. Firelands FCU has reached out once but nothing further. The Mayor has heard from bakers in regards to donating baked goods. Bonnie Beck advised she would volunteer for that as well. The Mayor said she hasn't heard much from the American Legion either. The Mayor hasn't heard from any of the places that received Cares funding. Bonnie reminded her that the Village newsletter will be going out soon so that will help with getting the word out. The Mayor verified the boy scouts and girl scouts will be there. Heather advised a donation came in yesterday from Great Lakes Trucking for \$150.00. The Mayor advised the signs will cost around \$38.00 each so if nothing else she could use the donation for the signs, as there shouldn't be a lot of other expenses. If the businesses are sponsoring a sign, they will cost \$50.00 total for the additional recognition sign to be added. The Purple Heart recipients in Bellevue received a full-size flag with pole, there was a fly over and they had a singer. The Mayor was surprised as she believes it was their first year having a Purple Heart ceremony. The Mayor doesn't think ours needs to be that big, but she would like to see more people step up. The Mayor has heard from the Sparks family but not many others. The American Legion doesn't have a Purple Hearts recipient list. The Mayor appreciates anyone who can bake something. The Mayor reminded that there is no work session on 09/28/21. Instead, we will have the Purple Heart ceremony at Clark Park on Tuesday, 09/28/21, with a small reception to follow. The Mayor brought up the website upgrade and asked Bonnie Beck to speak on it. Bonnie said Ann Beck and Heather Alicea have received the three price quotes that are required. Granicus and GoDaddy are very expensive. Vince Thompson from Effective Web gave us a quote for just a little over \$2000.00 with a \$125.00 annual fee. The Mayor asked if we will have much freedom if we go with Vince's upgrade. Bonnie advised yes; part of his quote is the Administrative Office being able to be a part of the back end of it. We have a local citizen who has also agreed to donate drone pictures for the website. Heather verified it is similar to Milan's website, whose Mayor did the drone shots for their website. Vince Thompson also verified he can show us colors and fonts to choose from. Bonnie stated that Ann Beck pointed out that the Council chairs need replaced as well. Sam Wiley made the motion to spend Cares Act money on the chairs and on the website, Craig Franklin seconded it, motion carried. The Mayor asked Bonnie about the Hamilton Street upgrade and Bonnie verified that it is something that the Finance Committee can discuss later. The Mayor thanked the Chief and the volunteers for Safety Town, as well as Jordan Hanuscin, Troy Kimball, Bonnie Beck and the Electric Department. Chief Lyons said Twist n Shout ended up donating their food services instead of charging us. The Mayor reminded that the next work session is scheduled for 8/24/21 and that those attending need to please be prepared to discuss the wage ordinance and to bring the materials they were provided at the last Finance meeting. The Mayor asked Tom Gray, Bonnie Beck and Heather Alicea to feel free to bring any information, input, etc. The Mayor asked everyone to be prepared for discussion and questions. Heather Alicea advised that she reached out to three companies for a price quote to help with a wage review and none of the companies responded. Heather said that she spoke to other municipalities at the OMCA conference who had outsourced for a wage review. The companies were extremely pricy and the municipalities were unhappy with the results. The Mayor verified she thinks we are small enough to handle it ourselves.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

HRJFD – Bob Whitacre verified that the HRJFD met on 08/04/21. There were seven calls in July. They are working on getting a new pumper ordered and they are looking at different specs for that. The crossing is supposed to be fixed by Sunrise; Tom verified that it's scheduled for mid-September.

Finance – The Mayor asked for an update per the Finance meeting that was held immediately prior to tonight's Council meeting. Chris Raftery verified they met to discuss the funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), round one. We have a little more than \$70,000.00 to work with and we are looking at upgrades for the wastewater treatment plant, including the lamps, the system repairs to that, the service pump replacement, the air conditioning in the control room, the cross over valve replacement and the mitigation as necessary. We are just under the \$70,000.00 for the repairs and that is ready to go. We are ready to implement and we need a vote to expend those dollars, at just under \$67,000.00. Bob asked if that's all of it. The Mayor verified this is the first round. Chris verified that we will have a little play money after these expenditures are paid

for. Sam Wiley made a motion to expend those funds, Sue Rogers seconded, motion carried. Chris said the second level of that is a grant proposal in the amount of \$250,000,000.00 that's going to be spread out over the state of Ohio for a project that is shovel ready. The county engineer is looking at it, he is going to score our package and it's due to him by 8/13/21. We are ready to submit. We don't know what the dollar figure is going to be, we would have to wait for the score and see what the financial rollout is, but we're anticipating monies coming into the Village. It's a grant, not a loan. It will go against the loan package and decrease the responsibility of the Village. Chris Raftery made a motion to give it to the county engineer by 8/13/21 and Sam Wiley seconded that motion, motion carried. The Mayor verified this is for the US Route 20 Waterline project.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Per the meeting held 8/9/21, Chris Raftery advised discussion was had in regards to Ken Schafer having a purchaser for two lots in the Eagleview subdivision. The purchaser's intent is to have a house and an accessory building with the two lots. That is based on the subdivision and our rules and he's unable to just do an accessory building onto the second lot. Jim Barney, Tom Gray and Chris Raftery have talked and they are looking at a way in which to get this done for this project. What has been recommended by Jim is to combine that lot into a single lot, so there would be lot seven nine. It's in the very back, the farthest lot into that, just down from the hill. They are seeking permission to be able to do it while staying within the perimeters of the subdivision. We will see what the future is for Ken as he sells these. Chris thinks it's doable. We don't know what the construction looks like yet, we don't know what the accessory building is yet. The purchaser has to come to the Planning Commission for approval. Chris verified there has to be a public hearing with the other homeowners in that subdivision and that will be in process in the next ten days to two weeks as to when the hearing will be and then a vote will be taken to approve it. The Mayor asked if there will be stipulation that the lots cannot be divided if sold once they are combined. Chris verified and explained that an affidavit will define there will be no separation of the lots. Heather Alicea asked if the purchaser has to explain what the accessory building is for when the hearing is held. Chris advised no, but it would have to adhere to the stipulations on the size, the setbacks, just like a normal situation. At Tom Gray's request, Jim spoke on the size regarding the accessory building versus the gross living space of the house. The Planning Commission may make changes in the future regarding accessory buildings and the BZA being involved. Chris verified we aren't changing anything in the zoning. The Mayor asked Tom if there was something about a second purchaser doing the same. Tom advised there is a potential second buyer purchasing a pair of lots, but there is no accessory building involved with that one. It involves the home sitting squarely in the middle of the lot. Jim reminded that in order to combine lots in the subdivision, you would have to re-plat and that is a very arduous process. We are trying to combine those lots without going through that process. Bob Whitacre asked if there would have to be a new legal description. Jim said he thinks there would be for the outside of those lots. Chris said it would have to be surveyed to get that description. Jim verified though, even with that description, that doesn't join those lots. Jim said we are trying to figure out a way to combine those lots without uncombining them with an accessory building being there. He understands one lot is going to be the residence, one lot is going to be an accessory building. Bob asked if they are going to be attached? Chris said maybe and they may even square it up for that matter.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2021-19 *An Ordinance creating four-way stops at the intersections of Hollister Street and Brown Street, Chapel Street and Baker Street, and the intersection of Broad Street and Chapel Street in the Village of Monroeville, Ohio.*

Bob Whitacre asked what this is in regards to again, have we talked about this before, how did this come about. The Mayor advised it was safety driven and brought up previously by Councilman Mark Rupp.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2021-16 *An Ordinance changing Williams Street to a one-way street. No discussion.*

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Sue Rogers made a motion, Chris Raftery seconded it. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-17 *An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for Appropriation Ordinance 2021-06, and declaring an emergency. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to pass Ordinance 2021-17 by title only. Motion passed with no discussion.*

RESOLUTION 2021-28 *A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group, a Kleinfelder Company, for the engineering services for the Water System Improvement Projects, and declaring an emergency. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to pass Ordinance 2021-28 by title only. Motion passed with no discussion.*

RESOLUTION 2021-29 *A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with R.A. Bores Excavating, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Rt. 20 waterline project, including the resurfacing of Brown Street and a portion of Hollister Street, and declaring an emergency. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to pass Ordinance 2021-29 by title only. Motion passed with no discussion.*

RESOLUTION 2021-30 *An emergency Resolution authorizing the Solicitor to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio subdivision settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Settling Distributors") pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to pass Resolution 2021-30 by title only. Chris Raftery, Bob Whitacre, Craig Franklin and Sue Rogers voted yay, Sam Wiley voted nay. Motion passed.*

Discussion was had in regards to the funds being used for very opioid specific reasons. Jim Barney verified this. We have to apply for the funds and showing what we are going to use the funds for. This legislation will allow us to apply for these funds.

RESOLUTION 2021-31 *A Resolution repealing Resolution 2021-25 and 2021-26 regarding the advancement of funds between the general fund and the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Fund, authorizing the fiscal officer to re-pay the advance funds from the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer replacement fund back to the General Fund, declaring an emergency. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to pass Resolution 2021-31 by title only. Motion passed.*

Bob Whitacre asked how the general fund is looking. Bonnie Beck advised it's still less than \$200,000.00.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the bill summary as presented. The summary includes memo expenses and check #043367 to 043424 for a total of \$569,880.98. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

No Council business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before them, Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Heather Alicea, Administrative Spec.

Melissa M. Fries-Seip, Mayor

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