

On Tuesday, October 12 2021 at 6:00pm Mayor Fries-Seip opened the Council meeting in the MMC Council Chambers 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-Seip, Mayor
	Craig Franklin		Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
	Chris Raftery		Tom Gray, Administrator
	Sue Rogers		Jim Barney, Solicitor
	Sam Wiley		
	Mark Rupp (present at 6:05)		

Also attending: Heather Alicea and Chief Gary Lyons

The September financial reports were previously distributed to Council via email. The financial reports consist of all bank reconciliations, all bank statements, outstanding check reports, MTD Fund report, and budget-to-revenue documents.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to approve the September 2021 financial reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

#### **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY/QUARTERLY CREDIT CARD REPORTS**

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the September monthly credit card and third quarter credit card summary reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATOR** – Tom referenced the ordinance for the participation in the AMP renewable credits purchase (REC) program, noting that this has been done before with previous energy projects. With this solar generation resource we could receive anywhere from \$84,000 to \$152,000 from the sale of REC's. (Mark present at 6:05pm). Tom said that Bonnie could explain how the money is received. Bonnie stated that previously we received checks for the sale of certain REC's, but it's her understanding that these new REC's will be incorporated into our monthly AMP invoice, so she will have to separate the revenue from the REC's for tracking purposes. Tom added that we will need a registration number from the PUCO to do this. **FISCAL OFFICER** – Bonnie stated that she wanted to publicly commend the employees for their safety-mindedness. We haven't had a BWC claim since 2019, and she attributes that to the employees using their training for their own safety and the safety of their fellow employees. The State Auditor will be here Friday to personally review records and documents for the 2020 audit. Lots of information has already been emailed to them, so now they need to start auditing on site. Bonnie asked for Council's consideration of determining a date for the Juneteenth holiday. She noted in her report that she hasn't seen anything regarding the passage of having Election Day as a legal holiday. We have two departments who operate 7 days a week, so ample time would be nice for them to arrange their schedules for two back-to-back holidays if Council would approve the day after Thanksgiving to observe Juneteenth. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to use the day after Thanksgiving to observe Juneteenth. Bonnie was asked if we would be obligated to observe Election Day if it was approved as a legal holiday yet this year. Bonnie deferred this question to Jim, who said that he doesn't think we need to make it a holiday. Our holidays are listed in the employee handbook, which can be amended by motion. Discussion. Mark said we can deal with this next year if Election Day is passed at the last minute. Bonnie suggested having the motion reflect amending the employee handbook for Juneteenth. Chris amended her motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to amend the employee handbook to include Juneteenth as a legal holiday, and to observe it *this year only* the day after Thanksgiving. Motion carried with all voting "yea." Bonnie noted that Juneteenth wasn't amended into the Ohio Revised Code until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mark stated that if Election Day was approved as a legal holiday it probably wouldn't be in the ORC until next year. **POLICE** – The Chief said that the monthly report contained some incorrect stats. Their overall activity has increased, and Gatso citations are continuing to rise. This is the first full month of the cameras being activated. There are still a couple hiccups with the court, but we will get those worked out. Sam commented on the lack of citations with the speed notification flashing signs. The Chief said that those



**ORD 2021-23****AMEND APPROPRIATIONS**

*An Ordinance amending, supplementing or reducing certain funds for Appropriation Ordinance 2021-06, and declaring an emergency was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to pass Ordinance 2021-23 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.*

**APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY**

The Mayor called for a motion to approve the bill summary for memo expenses and check #043518 to #045360 for a total of \$574,408.49. Sue Rogers made the motion to approve the bill summary as presented, seconded by Sam Wiley. Motion carried with no discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the dismissal of a public employee and the discipline of a public employee. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor asked that only Council, Bonnie Tom and Jim attend the executive session. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm and reconvened at 7:15pm.

The Mayor stated that on the advise of counsel there would be no formal actions from the executive session.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Bob asked if there was an update on the solar field runoff issue. Tom replied that Solar Advocate will contract with PDG to do an official engineering study in an effort to find a formal process to mitigate the drainage process. Tom was asked if Council needed to approve implementation of any drainage mitigation. Jim responded that Council will need to approve any final plans. Tom stated that Solar Advocate will be paying PDG and for any remediation. Bob commented on the nice job on street hole patching, and asked if the dip on Chapel Street would be fixed soon. Tom replied that it should have been done today. Sam asked about closing Chapel Street at Rt 20 by St. Joe's. Tom stated that Father Ron had approached Chris about creating a cul de sac at that intersection, but it has to go through the proper chairs at the church for approval. Chris commented that this is on the back burner for now. Tom reminded Council that their school will be getting air conditioning, which will impact their electrical service. Craig read an article from his phone regarding a historical marker at Put-In-Bay that told the story of how broadcasting was born through the use of ship-to-shore ham radio communications. The Mayor asked if Craig would be interested in pursuing the historical marker for Monroeville. This was planned a few years ago, but grant deadlines were missed. She said that there is a Pomeroy grant that will pay for a portion of the marker, and Bonnie commented that the Sesquicentennial Committee had given the Village their remaining funds to go toward the marker. Chris asked if a committee should be formed, and Craig said he would take all the help he can get.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before them, Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

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Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

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Melissa M. Fries-Seip

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