

On Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at 6:00 PM, Mayor Joseph Galea opened the Council meeting with a word of prayer. 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	Joseph Galea, Mayor
Mark Miller		Tom Gray, Village Administrator
Sue Rogers		Eunice Collene, Fiscal Officer
Tammy Schlachter		Jim Barney, Solicitor
Bob Whitacre		Lt. Troy Kimball, MPD

Also attending: Fred Leber, Ken Schafer, Ashley Cook, Tom Vitaz, Mr. and Mrs. Ehrman, and Nick Wade from Wade's Truck & Trailer Repair. Present for the beginning of the meeting was 13 members of the Monroeville High School Softball team and Ohio State Representative Kellie Deeter.

The June 2025 financial reports, bank statements, balance sheets, check reports, and bank reconciliations were previously distributed to the Council via e-mail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor asked for Council's approval of the agenda. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with no discussion.

Mayor Galea and State Representative Deeter presented the Monroeville Eagles Softball team with proclamations for being the 2025 Division VII Runners-up. At the conclusion of the presentation, the team and Representative Deeter left.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting on 6/10/25. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the June 2025 financial reports. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY CREDIT CARD REPORT & 2nd QUARTER REPORT

The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the June 2025 credit card report. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre. Motion carried with no further discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Fred Leber spoke to clarify statements he made at the June 2025 meeting regarding Nick Wade's property and the Eagle View development. He stated it was not his intention to speak bad about anyone. After a visit and discussion with Ken Schafer, and a telephone call to the FEMA, it was clarified to him that the Eagle View development is not classified as a flood zone. He also noted when Schafer acquired the land and Leber was a trustee in 1996, there was not a ditch. Leber said he would defer to the others expertise on what is sufficient tile size. He noted the lady from FEMA said according to a study done in 2021 there was a note for potential water concerns and that water ponds in the area. When Leber explained the layers of soil, shale and the water draining, Ashley Koch said there are five water outlets on her property. Mayor Galea asked Leber to wrap up his comments and for everyone to direct their statements, comments, and remarks to council.

Jim Barney, Village legal counsel arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Ashley Koch stated there is no mention of the property being in a flood plain. She invited Leber and council to her property during a mediocre rain to visit the property to see first hand. She believes the individual owning property above the development did not follow proper procedure to obtain a zoning permit prior to altering the parking area. She takes issue with Mr. Wade not following proper procedure to get the permit and was given 30-days to comply. He requested an extension and proper procedure was not followed. She read the section of code and requested the village take appropriate legal action.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator - Tom Gray presented his report, which was previously submitted to the Council. Tom asked for approval of one action item. 1) Rick Whiteside has completed his Water II Ohio EPA license. Tom asked

for Rick's rate of pay to be increased by \$1.00 per hour, retroactively, to 6/30/2025. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion. There is a slow waterline break on Monroe Street by the fire department. Digging will begin at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Mayor Galea asked if this waterline break would affect the smell or taste of the water. Tom said no but he will ask Don Clark.

Fiscal Officer - Eunice Collene presented her report, which was previously submitted to the Council. She continues to work with Croghan bank to get all of the accounts changed into her name. The Auditor of State has contacted the office and will be conducting a technical audit along with the financial audit this year.

Police – Lt. Kimball presented the Police Department report, which was previously submitted to the Council. He noted the financials from the court noting we have passed Norwalk with both criminal and traffic cases. Sam Wiley asked about a loud noise that sounded like a gun shot. Lt. Kimball said they did not have any reports. Discussion of noise surrounding the 4th of July holiday ensued.

Solicitor – Jim had no information to report.

Mayor – Mayor Galea mentioned the Monroeville Market Days have been posted on the website. Per ordinance there is a \$100 fee for food trucks. In the past this fee has been waived for festivals in the village and he asked if that same consideration would be extended to vendors for the Market Days. Tom Gray noted there is no water or electric being provided. With this being an inaugural event, we can see how it goes. Chris Raftery made the motion to waive the fee. Motion carried with a second from Sue Rogers without further discussion. Mayor Galea submitted a thank you card from former Fiscal Officer Bonnie Beck for the retirement reception in her honor. Bids were opened for the Marsh Field Lease. Monroeville Local Schools was the only bidder for \$2 per year for three years. The goal is for them to purchase at the end of the lease. There was discussion on insurance coverage in the past and going forward. This is covered in the lease agreement. Mayor Galea clarified that volunteers carry their own insurance. Tom stated the insurance premium was quoted at \$800 during the interim period of fiscal officers.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

HRJFD

Huron River Joint Fire District July 2nd meeting Bob reported there were nineteen calls in June, ten of those were within the Village. Some were heat related. They are getting the parking lot sealed.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 2025-10 *An Ordinance creating water rates and services for Monroeville, Ohio, and repealing Ordinance 2023-07, thereby amending section 929.02 of Monroeville's codified ordinances*, was presented for second reading. No discussion.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre. Motion carried with no discussion.

Ordinance 2025-13 *An Ordinance approving the residency of Eunice A. Collene, Village Fiscal Officer, outside of the corporate limits of the Village of Monroeville, Ohio*, was presented for passage. The Mayor noted this was presented at the June meeting as a first reading. Sam Wiley made a motion seconded by Chris Raftery to pass Ordinance 2025-13. Motion carried with no discussion.

Ordinance 2025-14 *An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for appropriations Ordinance No. 2025-05, and declaring an emergency*, was presented for passage. Chris Raftery made a motion seconded by Sue Rogers to pass Ordinance 2025-14. Motion carried with no discussion.

Resolution 2025-12 *A Resolution of the Village of Monroeville, Ohio adopting the Huron County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and declaring an emergency* was presented for adoption. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to adopt Resolution 2025-12 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the bill summary. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to approve the bill summary as presented, which included memo expenses and check # 047032 to check # 047110, for a total of \$1,329,714.32. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Sam Wiley noted he will be here for the August meeting. He is not sure about the September or October meeting as his mother is ill and they will be going to see her.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before them, the Mayor asked Council for a motion to adjourn. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Mark Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Eunice Collene, Fiscal Officer

Joseph Galea, Mayor

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