

The Council for the Village of Monroeville met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm for a regular meeting.

Mayor Galea opened the meeting with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

Present were: Mark Miller
Chris Raftery
Sue Rogers
Tammy Schlachter
Bob Whitacre

And: Mayor Joseph Galea
Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
Tom Gray, Administrator
Jim Barney, Solicitor

Also present were: Ann Beck, Eunice Collene, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ehrman, Charlie Corbin, Ashley Koch, Mike Sitterly, and Ken Underwood.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Tammy Schlachter, to excuse Sam from tonight's meeting. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Tammy Schlachter, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting on April 8, 2025 and the Special Council meeting on May 7, 2025. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to approve the April 2025 financial reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 CREDIT CARD REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Mark Miller, to approve the April 2025 credit card reports as presented.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ken Underwood stated that he wasn't planning on speaking, but he did have concerns about issues in his neighborhood (Eagle View Drive), and to support Ashley (Koch) as she really is in the thick of it. He said he would be very disappointed if this body did not address those issue proactively and find some satisfactory settlement. He added that he was very happy that he came back to Monroeville, he's been here 2 1/2 years and he thinks this little Village has a lot to offer, with a few exceptions. He stated that he's very disappointed on the state of the sidewalks on Main Street. He thinks they're disgraceful, as is that short piece of street between Broad Street and River Road (N. Hamilton St). He thinks that's the worst street he's ever been on. Other than that, he'd like to see some progress on the water problems at Eagle View, stating let's keep that neighborhood moving forward. Ashley Koch stated that there was a complaint filed with Mr. Mahl that was received on the 5th. Per ordinances it says that if anyone needs anything investigated by the Zoning Inspector to submit the complaint, so she's hoping to get some idea of how that investigation is forming, if any citations were made, and what to expect as far as a time frame. The Mayor said he can confirm that the (certified) letter was picked up at the Post Office and Dave (Mahl) does have it and has shared preliminary findings and advice from our Solicitor. Jim Barney said that no conclusions have been reached yet. The Mayor added that it is being actively investigated. Mrs. Koch stated that obviously the storm sewers are inadequate, and they had to disconnect from the storm sewer today. Everything had to be torn out to be redone because of a storm sewer backup in their brand-new house. She asked again about a time frame on upgrades to the system. There are 4 or 5 more houses, besides theirs that are about to go up, and if it's bad now, it's going to be very bad with more impervious surfaces on the new houses. She said she knows that RA Bores gave a quote of between \$35-75K, but that's a drop in the bucket compared to what's happening to the homes. The Mayor asked Tom if he was able to offer anything on this, adding that he, Tom, several members of our water/wastewater departments and others were at Eagle View today and inspected all of the drains. So there has been a lot of discussions about different possible solutions. As far as quotes go, there are a lot of moving parts and pieces to this matter. Tom stated that there have been a multitude of input that has been provided,

and no single input with a suggestion or a comment is going to address all of the concerns. As they were down there today, they reviewed the water levels and took a look at the basins. Further discovery and further investigation have to take place based upon what has been provided to us, such as what information they have that might be correct or incorrect as far as water flows and pipe flows, and how this is going to be addressed, as well as who is responsible for the situation and where that might lie. It is ongoing, and they will begin some engagement with civil engineering consultants to determine what the pathway might be after another site walk to address the elevations, water levels, water tables, and all that plays into a solution. One size won't fit all. Ashley Koch asked if Council wanted to impose a timeline for the investigation and addressing the issues. Jim Ehrman stated that just for the breadth and scope of this, they have had rain events three times, and the last time the Koch's had 7-8 inches of water in their basement, and the downstairs room that they were building has to be fixed. With the frequency of the rain, to bury this in legalities and investigations is dumb, and Council has to do something. It was regraded today, so we'll see what happens again, but they can't be doing that on a monthly basis. At the Koch's property the furnace has to be replaced and the sidewalks are cut up. He said he has pictures of it all, and he's frustrated. He said he doesn't know why this isn't moving faster, and he doesn't know if anybody can give him an estimation of a time frame. The Mayor said he understands that, and he doesn't think Council enjoys having to deal with such problems, as they like problems to be taken care of and resolved. He realizes that the timeline on this is not one that anyone is thrilled with, and he acknowledges that. He added that he and Tom are thinking about this on a daily basis. Jim Ehrman asked what the Mayor thinks it would take to get this pipeline moving. The Mayor said he doesn't think he can speak to that. Ashley Koch asked if that area was always flooded. Chris Raftery said that many years ago that area couldn't be farmed because they couldn't get through it. Ashley Koch stated that if that was known to be a flooded area, then the Planning Commission should never have approved plans for a developer or residents to build. The outlets from Wades are new, and because of the change in impervious surfaces the outlets' flow of water increases. The volume of water will be calculated in threefold. So, there are two problems going on here - they have Wade's, who have violated the zoning ordinances against drainage from parking lots with parking areas being increased in size. Wades should have had to go through the Planning Commission with the increased parking area of more than five spaces, and did not. And when you got through the Planning Commission, part of the site plan should include runoff, soil tests, and plans to prevent drainage onto other properties. None of that happened. So those are zoning ordinances and failures to go through Planning Commission that now they're suffering from. Those outlets are new, and she has shown Council the aerial views of the changes in the last 5-10 years, so it's blatantly proof that the impervious surfaces and parking lots have increased. There have been roof remodels that Wades never got permits for. So, the proof is there. What they need is for Council to say these needs fixed, and do the right thing. She added that she is moving back to Monroeville with her four kids because they like Monroeville, but their experience so far as not been that great. There are more people who are going to build down there, so if Council has knowledge of something flooding, then that's something that Council needs to make known to all the people who are buying lots down there. Jan Ehrman said that on a positive note -and we all need something positive at this point- the waterline deal on North Street definitely has made a difference. She has run the dishwasher several times since then and there are no more crappy spots on her knives. Agreement to this was voiced by others. Mike Sitterly said he was there about his reimbursement for services he had to have after the May 4th rain event. Tom Gray stated that Mike witnessed the opening of the manhole recently and he viewed the fact that the sanitary sewer line was free flowing after the event that he reported to us. So, there are no further issues apparent, and he uses those words together because anything can change underground at any point in time. From the Milan/Monroe intersection to Broad Street is free and clear. The sections that were compromised down in the green space of Broad Street have been repaired, and they are now structurally sound. Sue Rogers asked if Mike's issue was the Village's problem. Tom stated that the line was collapsed, and it was a 110-year-old clay line. Whether it was during the Rt 20 road rebuild over the years, or the recent road construction, it was underground. We don't camera every sanitary or storm sewer line. We have now created a hot spot list, and this is one of the lines we will run yearly and keep track of. Mike said that when Franklin videotaped it there was a blockage of a piece of concrete or block which was plugging about half or more of the sewage. That's why the line was running so poorly in front of his house. Since they jetted it, he hasn't had problems since. Sue Rogers asked if a motion was needed, and the Mayor suggested waiting until Council business to do that. Charlie Corbin introduced himself, noting that he was part of the town as a member of the fire department. He stated that he and his wife were in the process of securing funding and working through lease agreements for what they're going to call the Fusion Impact Center. It's going to be located on Main Street, and will basically be a center for women, children and families to be able to come in for different workout type things through different workout programs, after school programs for the kids and to do homework and get out to do stuff. They're working with different sports programs around the area with

different coaches and things to do, like camps and other fun things. He'll be working with the Village on different ordinances for signage, and coordinating with the sidewalk program because it will need to be handicap accessible. One of their things will be working with special needs programs, noting that they have a special needs daughter. They do live in Norwalk, and they love the Monroeville area. Eventually, they'd love to move to town, but they're just biding it out right now. Right now, his house payments are so cheap he can't afford to move. (Laughter). They do want to bring something back to this area by supporting families and the Village to go forward and keep building up such programs. Ken Underwood exited the meeting at 6:20pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator - Tom said he has two action items from his report that was previously sent to Council. One dealing with some training, and the second dealing with the purchase of a backup radio/encoder to operate the outdoor warning signs. As explained in the report, there is a weak link in the operational chain. Prior to this meeting, and he deferred to Bob who presents the HRJFD report, that the Joint Fire District approved their share/portion of this purchase. In the brief explanation in his report, the triggering mechanism is the issue and there have been multiple instances in which the sirens did not trigger. We want to have a backup in the hands of the fire department, and this purchase will allow us to do that. It's a minimal expense (\$200.04) and it guarantees some form of additional alerting and responsibility. Bob said that Tom pretty much laid it out, adding that they've been talking about this for some time now. Tom said an earlier solution was not as cost effective, and we were dissuaded by the Sheriff and the EMA. They all know of this and they're ok, as it will give us some redundancy and it will be in the operational control of the fire department. The other element was sending Dustin and Shawn to their APWA certification course for ice and snow. He noted that he has a couple additional items that he'd like to share. Today's power interruption was due to a squirrel contact that got into the proverbial Herrick Alley. We had everything covered, quote, unquote, and the darned squirrel got up and started chewing on some of the protective coating. Little did we realize that this protective coating must have some form of soy or something in it that attracts rats, squirrels and animals, but the squirrel chewed through it and got down to the bare conductor and blink – that's what caused the interruption. In 2017 we added additional automation to the system. This outage would have caused a fuse to blow, and power would have been out for quite a while, or until the fuse was replaced. This way the automatic device sensed the short, opened the circuit, and the squirrel fell to the ground. The interruption, called instantaneous, didn't go much beyond 1.5 seconds even though it seems longer. Tom said he indicated in his report that the possibility existed to use an underwater drone to do our clearwell survey and water tower survey. After further checking with Don looped back into this, we are at the inspection point. Many times, we would be able to use the drone going forward, but at this point the EPA is saying we need to do a physical inspection and cleaning. Three years from now we can use an underwater drone and cut the cost of the water tower inspections and the clearwell inspections probably by two-thirds. The really good news is the fact that Rick Whiteside successfully tested for his Wastewater II exam and is now licensed as a Wastewater II operator. This brings us a whole new spectrum of flexibility for Operator of Record and the entire gambit of the wastewater treatment operation. It's what we needed. It gets us over the hump, and will take Don Clark off the clock for after hours when Rick will have to become the Operator of Record. Tom said he would like to seek Council's approval, because of this successful completion, to authorize Rick to receive a \$1/hr. pay increase, effective May 12, 2025, which was the start of a pay period, and is consistent with the wage ordinance. He passed the test on Saturday and is fully qualified. The documentation was exchanged with the state yesterday, and he's good to go. Tom asked if Council would include this authorization with the other action items. As Tom passed around documents, he stated that the last item he wanted to share with Council was that today there was an EPA team who came to the Village for the final closeout of our salt shed project. He deferred everything else to the Mayor. Tammy Schlachter asked if, regarding the North Street project, they were going to come back to do any more cosmetic work. Tom said restoration would take place after the rains, when it will be seeded and strawed. The Mayor wanted to address Tom's action items, the first one being Dustin and Shawn's attendance for their snow and ice re-certification. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve this request at \$175 per person. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the radio/encoder. Sue Rogers made that motion, seconded by Mark Miller. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor then asked for motion to approve the requested \$1/hr. pay increase for Rick Whiteside, effective May 12, 2025. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Tammy Schlachter. Motion carried with no discussion.

Fiscal Officer - Bonnie stated that she sent everyone copies of the proposed amendments for Chapters 8, 10 and 11 of the employee handbook for their approval. If there are no further suggestions for amendments to add to these, she asked if Council would approve the amendments. She will get a clean

copy of the entire handbook to everybody this week. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie said there was a Monroe Street water leak, and deferred the matter to Ann. Ann stated that the property owner had an unusually high-water reading, so she asked Rick to re-read the meter and he found that the meter was spinning pretty rapidly, indicating some type of leak. The gentleman was home, so he was asked to turn off the water inside, and the meter was still turning, which meant that the leak was between the meter and the home in the front yard. He was made aware of that, and a reading was taken again. Later the gentleman called and asked if the water could be turned back on. Rick explained to him that if he turned it back on, he would have more water loss. The gentleman said he understood that, but he was going to try to fix it or try to make it a couple of days for a repairman. He said he needed the water, so Rick turned it back on. They were able to replace that service line over the weekend, so Rick got another reading yesterday morning. There are two sewer excusal figures for Council's consideration; one is \$838.57 with a loss of 76 thousand gallons, and the other for \$949.54 with a loss of 85 thousand gallons. Discussion for clarification. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to excuse \$949.54 of sewer charges from account #02.598.12. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie reminded Council that when John Courtney was here in April, he made a couple recommendations regarding utility rates, and asked if the Utilities Committee wanted to get a meeting scheduled to discuss those recommendations and get the legislation done for rates and effective dates. She asked if the committee could schedule this at the end of the Council meeting. Bonnie stated that Croghan Colonial Bank now requests copies of minutes when any changes are made on any of our bank accounts. For her transition, several motions will be needed. Bonnie respectfully asked for a motion, to close the current VISA credit card and get a new card with Eunice's name and another office employee's name. Bonnie said that at least two names are on the VISA account for transparency purposes. Chris asked who was on the accounts. Bonnie said the VISA has her name and Heather's, and the CD's have all three names (Bonnie, Ann, Heather) on them. The Businett account (online services) has all three names as well, because we all access the bank accounts. Bonnie suggested three separate motions for clarity, so she asked about the names for the VISA account. Mark asked who would be using the VISA card the most. Bonnie said that according to the policy, the Fiscal Officer oversees the use of the credit card, which isn't used all that often. In her absence, somebody else has to be able to do that. The policy addresses that. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, that Heather would be the other name on the VISA card. Motion carried with no further discussion. Bonnie said that currently we have a limit of \$6000 on the Village's VISA, and the bank wants confirmation of that dollar amount. Chris asked if a purchase order was done for all credit card purchases. Bonnie said absolutely, purchase orders are always done. Bob Whitacre made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the \$6000 limit in the VISA. Motion carried with no further discussion. Bonnie asked if Council was ok with all three office personnel names being on the certificates of deposit (CD). Again, that's for transparency, and for authority during absences. The Fiscal Officer's name is always first, then the other two names. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to keep all three names on the CD accounts. The last request is for all three office personnel having access to the Village's Businett account, which is online access to our bank accounts. Chris made the motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to keep all three names on the Businett account. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie asked if anyone had any questions about the Public Records Request Policy amendments. She noted that office hours for both the Administrative Offices and the Police Department were now in the policy. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the revised Public Records Policy as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

Police - Chief Earl reviewed the stats from the PD's April report. He pointed out the difference in the stats between Monroeville and Norwalk. He said he realizes it's not a competition, but it does show how active our officers are this year. He noted that it's crazy to watch the videos on how long the red lights shows while violators go through them. The highest speeding violation clocked the driver going 77mph coming into town westbound. He commented that it's amazing to see how fast people go in the school zone when a cruiser is not present, but as soon as a cruiser is present, they slow down. The PD had a major repair to cruiser #18 that ended up being a pretty severe oil leak that was quoted around \$6000 to repair it because they would have to pull out the engine to fix it. The Chief said he took a shot in the dark and called Ford about the cost, and they agreed to pay for half. It ended up not being as severe as they thought it would be so the cost was less, but Ford still paid for half of it. The Chief said he knows we've talked about hiring an SRO, but that didn't go through. We still need to look at purchasing another cruiser, whether we trade in a cruiser or not. In his opinion, we need to purchase another cruiser. The big deal is that we need to get the cruiser purchases back into a rotation. The current cruisers were purchased in 2020, and they're getting old. A federal grant just opened for a school resource officer's

position for three years that he's started working on, but should we not get that, with the next cruiser we get we can actually trade in two for one if we want to go back down to two cruisers. That's something that needs to be explored. He does have a quote for a new cruiser for \$71,507, and he thinks the last one was \$47,000. The set aside account has \$72,000. They've been preparing for a new cruiser, it's just making the determination to go ahead and get one now, which he thinks is what we need to do. He'd like to get the rotation going again. Bonnie asked about the lead time. The Chief said 3-6 months, but who knows how long it's really going to take. He reminded Council of the upcoming Hooked on Fishing event, stating that he's overwhelmed by how much this community has come together for this and the amount of donations they've received. They received a donation from someone in the community to buy all new fishing poles, which were stacked up in the office the other day. He said he's excited, as this is his first year taking part in the event. The new breathalyzer tester has had some issues, and they had to drive the unit to Delaware, OH to get it fixed, but it still wasn't fixed. They actually ended up coming here to fix it, so we're operational now. The old breathalyzer is not approved by the State of Ohio for any further use, and there's really nothing we can do with them. He called around, and what he'd really like to do donate it to the Sandusky Police Academy, with Council's approval. The Academy can use it to simulate doing breathalyzer tests. The Mayor asked for a motion to donate the breathalyzer unit to the Sandusky Police Academy. Tammy Schlachter made that motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion. The Chief said he's been working with the Ohio Collaborative Board, and he's sent over some policies. He explained that some of the policies contain minor word changes, but he wasn't sure how this has been done in the past. He has three right now that could be approved, those being Child Abuse, Civil Commitments and Public Alerts. These were already issued by Chief Lyons, but they're updated issues. There will be more over the next several months. The Mayor asked if these could be approved as a batch, and Jim Barney confirmed that they could as long as they are on the record. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve these. Sue Rogers made the motion, seconded by Sue Mark Miller. Motion carried with no discussion. The Chief stated that there are new policies – there's a new section for Civil Commitments that needed to be added. Also, all of our officer has been through the crisis intervention training, but we didn't have any policy over that. He got into Lexipol, located that, and put it into their policy. In reference to seal belt usage while on duty and the mobile data terminal usage. He'd like to add those 4 sections into the policies. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Mark Miller, to approve the addition of these 4 policies.

Solicitor - Jim Barney said he had nothing to report.

Mayor – The Mayor spoke about the meeting with EPA reps regarding our new salt shed. It was funded by an H2Ohio grant and approved by the EPA. The reason we applied for the grant was because the chloride runoff from road salt can get into the Huron River and Lake Erie eventually, which is not good for the ecosystem. He explained the purposes for the EPA grants, and they want to see the funds applied. Dustin Crabtree estimated that we were losing 4-6 tons of salt a year from the salt dissolving from rain and snow. The EPA considers this a success story, and they were really impressed with how we implemented this, both to protect the river and to separate it from the berm. As can be seen from the document Tom provided, there are boards there that are movable by hand, they stack up, and that's what keeps the salt in the shed. The EPA reps were impressed by that innovation. The Mayor said he thinks it's up to us to be good stewards of our water resources. He appreciated the visit and thinks this is a good thing for our community. Our river water flows into Lake Erie, and he thinks Lake Erie is something we should cherish. So, he's glad we had this opportunity. The Mayor said that speaking of things they cherish, they cherish Bonnie, and he asked her to come front and center. He then presented her with a beautiful plaque, noting that the water meter on it was for her special affinity to the water department. The Mayor said he was only here for a few of Bonnie's 35 years, but he really appreciates everything she has done for the Village, adding that she's been a great help in assistance to him. He said he knows they will miss her greatly. Bonnie said she would miss them as well. The Mayor then read a beautiful proclamation for Bonnie.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Chris reported that the Handbook Committee met on April 15th to finish up amendments to the final chapters. She said we'll be getting a clean copy soon, and the process was a good thing.

The Mayor stated that the Finance Committee met on April 30, May 1 and May 2 to interview Fiscal Officer candidates, and they were successful in their search.

HRJFD – Bob reported that the Huron River Joint Fire District Board met on May 7th. There were 9 calls for April, three of them in the Village. As Tom mentioned earlier, they approve the Board's portion for the purchase of the radio/encoder. They ordered 27 new helmets for \$10,476. Chris asked how their

chicken barbeque went. Bob said they had a few chickens left. Charlie Corbin said they had about 1 dozen left (from 600).

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR 2ND READING

ORDINANCE 2025-07 An Ordinance amending section 6 regarding credit for tax paid to other municipalities, and section 2 for definition of classes of individuals, of Monroeville's income tax Ordinance 2024-15 was presented for second reading. No discussion.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

Mark Miller made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Motion carried with no discussion.

ORDINANCE 2025-08 *An Ordinance amending, reducing 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 Bob Whitacre, to pass Ordinance 2025-08 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-07 *A Resolution in the matter of determining emergency management service for the political subdivision of the Village of Monroeville, and declaring an emergency* was presented for adoption. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adopt Resolution 2025-07 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-08 *A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advance monies from the General Fund to the body camera program fund to cover expenses until OCIS grant funds are received, and declaring an emergency* was presented for adoption. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to adopt Resolution 2025-08 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the bill summary for memo expenses and check # 046886 to check #046980 for a total of \$1,630,674.09. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bonnie informed Council that Sam's surgery was successful, and would appreciate continued prayers for recovery. The Mayor said that several things were brought to Council's attention tonight, and asked for action on them. Chris Raftery stated that a request for reimbursement from Mike Sitterly was requested, but she wasn't sure what the dollar figure was. Bonnie said it was for \$300.00. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Mark Miller, to approve the reimbursement of \$300 to Mike Sitterly. Bonnie asked Jim Barney if a waiver needed to be signed, and Jim replied that we want him to sign a waiver that he can't hold the Village liable for anything else surrounding that particular incident. Mike Sitterly asked what would happen if it caved in again. Jim said he can't hold us liable for something that hasn't happened yet. Mike questioned that in other words if something happens in the future he can't come back. Jim said that would be a whole separate thing. Mike said he hasn't had a problem since Franklin's busted a piece of concrete that was blocking the drainage not too far from his house. Motion carried with no further discussion. The Mayor then stated that Ashley Koch had asked about a timeline for the Eagle View Drive water issue. Mark asked Tom Gray about this, and Tom said he can't provide a good answer to this until we do further investigation, realizing that "investigation" is a broad term. We have to engage some civil engineering folks to come in and look at all of the points that have been brought to our attention concerning elevation, pipes, water flow and ditch flow, and revisit the numbers from 25 years ago. Mark asked how quickly can this be revisited. Tom said that depends on the results of the site walk, and then coming back for funding from Council. Mark asked if somebody was going to address this with Mr. Wade, and asked Tom if he had reached out to him. Tom said his responses to us were less than what we wanted to hear. Tom said that the violations are being reviewed by Dave Mahl, Jim Barney, and the Mayor. At this point, the review will be across the entire spectrum, whether it's discharge, parking, or the roof, Dave will be reviewing that in collaboration the rest of us. And that's active right now, as the Mayor pointed out. It's not lying on the table. The Mayor stated that obviously we have channels we have to work through, and we need to make sure that whatever we are doing is going to be a fix for the problem we have with a permanent solution. We can't spend money for a temporary fix only to have to come back later and spend more. Mark asked Ashley Koch is they had

moved in yet, and she said move in was supposed to be May 27th, but that’s not happening now. The Mayor asked Tom if he has had recent contact with Skip Brick, and Tom said not in the last two weeks. The Mayor confirmed with Tom that we are not in a position yet to approve any funding. Tom said no, but he hopes to have further direction from the individual (engineer) later this week. The Mayor said that we could have a special meeting to discuss financing, unless Tom wants to approve his lawful threshold. Tom said he would rather have Council approval. When they have the discussion about the outfall piping as they discussed today, that will determine the scope of review of the water flows. We don’t know what the cause-and-effect elements will be. The Mayor said that when Tom has that information, he and Tom would probably ask for a special Council meeting at that point. Discussion about ditch cleanout, construction debris in the ditch, and the ongoing cleaning of the ditch throughout the rest of the construction at Eagle View. Mr. Erhman asked how much water is coming into our storm sewer system just from just the water coming over that hill. From the video, it appears we’re looking at 30,000 gals a minutes in a rain event. Is that overloading the system? The Mayor said no one can answer that, as we’re not engineers. Mr. Ehrman asked why we couldn’t just fix that problem, which would take 50% of the problem away right then. The Mayor said there is a legal process that needs to play out. Mr. Erhman asked what that process is. Jim Barney said there are two possible ways of enforcing zoning regulations. It’s criminal, which he believes is unclassified and goes up to a certain number for fines. You can also go to Common Pleas Court and request the court to enjoin illegal behavior. Mr. Ehrman asked if this was done through the zoning (planning)commission, and Jim Barney said none of this is done through the zoning (planning) commission. Ashley Koch then asked if Mr. Mahl has a discretionary duty to determine the violations, and then would it be up to Council to enforce through the courts. Jim Barney said Dave Mahl would give those to Council, who then gives Jim Barney his marching orders. Jim emphasized that he does not enforce the zoning ordinance without his employer’s approval. He doesn’t have that discretion. The Mayor stated that if the zoning ordinance wasn’t being enforced previously it’s because of lack of knowledge, so shame on us for those violations happening under our noses. If zoning violations are found now, they will be addressed through either civil or criminal court, or both.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before them, Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Joseph Galea, Mayor

Bonne Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

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