

The Council for the Village of Monroeville met on Tuesday, 3/25/25, at 6:00 PM, for a special meeting for the purpose of passing the annual budget, and any other financial recommendations that come before them.

Present at roll call:	and:	Joseph Galea, Mayor
Chris Raftery		Tom Gray, Village Administrator
Mark Miller		Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
Sue Rogers		Heather Alicea, Administrative Specialist
Bob Whitacre		
Sam Wiley		

Also attending: Lieutenant Troy Kimball, and Mr. & Mrs. James Ehrman.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Council member Tammy Schlachter previously notified the Mayor and Council that she would be unable to attend tonight’s meeting. The Mayor asked Council for a motion to excuse Tammy Schlachter from tonight’s meeting. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Sue Rogers made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion.

Ordinance 2025-05 *An Ordinance to make appropriations for expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Monroeville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency* was presented for passage. Heather went over the large ticket items with Council that are included in the budget. Sam asked Tom how many years we were able to get out of the z-turn mower. Tom said 5-7 years. Tom said that after discussion with Bonnie concerning the budget, we will be pulling back on several items for the Electric Department. Fiber needs to be installed. Poles will not be immediately purchased. The expenditure for the underground work across the Village, other than Clark Park, isn’t going to be performed at this time. The grid resiliency grant is still pending and hasn’t been pulled back by the government. Several other miscellaneous items won’t be purchased either, like the fiberglass crossarms. Chris asked if prices will increase for items that are purchased later. Tom said yes, prices are regularly increasing and some of our commodities will have a surcharge because of the tariffs. Sam asked if a new police cruiser is on this year’s budget. Heather advised no, as the MPD didn’t list it in their budget. Lt. Kimball advised a rep stopped by the MPD last week and quoted a 6-8-month lead time for a hybrid cruiser. They are waiting on a quote, which will include an extended warranty. The Mayor said he spoke with Chief Earl, and Chief received word from Monroeville Local Schools that they do not have the funding for a School Resource Office (SRO) this year or next year. The Mayor knows that part of the discussion regarding the purchase of a new cruiser tied in with hiring an SRO. If the Village isn’t hiring an SRO this year or next year, this may push back a cruiser purchase. Lt. Kimball advised they are trying to get a rotation back in place for cruiser purchases. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Mark Miller, to pass Ordinance 2025-05 by title only. Motion carried with no further discussion.

DISCUSSION FOR FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Bonnie advised the Sidewalk/Finance Committee met on 3/19/25, and it was decided that a motion could be made tonight to approve the sidewalk repair per a quote from R.A. Bores. Chris advised that this can be addressed at the next regular Council meeting. Bonnie said that during the committee meeting, Chris had said that a recommendation could be made at tonight’s special meeting. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to pursue the sidewalk repair on the east side of Route 20, and to use any remaining funds to repair the sidewalks on the west side of Route 20. Heather asked if the property owner of 18 & 20 S Main Street has to be notified of the costs that are being assessed to him for the sidewalk located in front of his property. Bonnie advised that the motion tonight can still be approved and the Village will reach out to the property owner for discussion. Motion carried with no further discussion.

The Mayor asked if it would be considered a financial recommendation to open the Fiscal Officer position for application. Bonnie asked the Mayor if he thinks that is considered a financial recommendation, and asked what the Mayor and Council want to do. The Mayor and Council confirmed they want to move forward on that recommendation. The Mayor said he will entertain a motion to open the Fiscal Officer position for internal application for an interview. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery.

Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor advised per following the handbook, we will follow the internal job posting process and accept any internal applications and then go outside to advertise if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Joseph Galea, Mayor

Heather Alicea, Administration Specialist

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