

The Council for the Village of Monroeville met on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM, for a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the filling of a possible vacancy in the police department.

Present at roll call  
Chris Raftery  
Mark Miller  
Sue Rogers  
Tammy Schlachter  
Bob Whitacre  
Sam Wiley

and: Joseph Galea, Mayor  
Tom Gray, Village Administrator  
Eunice A. Collene, Fiscal Officer  
Police Chief, Jon Earl

Also attending: There were no other attendees.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT VACANCY**

The Mayor asked for a motion to enter discussion regarding filling a possible vacancy in the police department. Sue Rogers made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion.

Chief Earl was notified that Officer Erik Rinehart is in the final hiring stages with the Huron County Sheriff's Office. He would like to get the position posted and filled as quickly as possible to avoid overtime. It is anticipated that Rinehart will be leaving sometime around the second week of October. Chief has spoken with the part-time officers, and some have expressed an interest in the position. Chris Raftery asked what shift Rinehart worked. Chief said he worked second and third shift. Mayor Galea asked if Chief knew what the motivation was for him to leave? Chief said higher pay and to advance his career. There is a \$4.00 per hour difference in pay. Norwalk just got a pay bump as well, and will be \$6.00 per hour than our starting pay. Mark Miller asked if our current part-time officers work part-time elsewhere. Chief said no. Chief also stated he currently has three applications for full-time positions in his office.

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the posting of the vacant position internally and externally if necessary. Motion carried with no discussion.

#### **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 10:09 AM.

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Eunice A. Collene, Fiscal Officer

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Joseph Galea, Mayor

*The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Fiscal Officer Eunice Collene.*

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