

## **web-copy MONROE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2025**

Location: Monroeton Library Meeting Room, 149 Dalpiaz Drive, Monroeton PA.

**The regular meeting** of Monroe Borough Council was called to order by Council President Dan Troup at 6:15pm, opening with the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Council President Dan Troup, Vice President Joan Grenell, council members Brenda Munkittrick and Tim Kerrick. Members Bill Shaw, Leo Wills, Eric West, and Mayor Seth Wills were absent. In response to our invitation, Corporal Thomas Butch and Corporal Joseph Burke from the PA State Police attended the beginning of the meeting. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Laura Hewitt, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Kurt Lafy, Fire Chief Matt Walker, plus members of the public (listed on sign-in sheet.)

**Minutes** from the April meeting were passed unanimously by a Munkittrick/Grenell motion.

The **treasurer's report** for April was approved, with a Munkittrick/Kerrick motion to pay bills as presented.

Before continuing with the regular order on the agenda, the public were invited to voice their concerns to the **State Police**. The main issues are underage drivers on 4 wheelers, and concerns about speeding. The Corporals noted that the station commander has requested recurring checks in response to our prior phone calls. They also stated that if ATV drivers are named, the police could visit parents' houses as a followup. Also brought to their attention was the increase in loud and lengthy fights in the Dandy parking lot, perhaps worse since there is a bar out back. Residents were encouraged to call, and the Corporals were thanked for attending this evening.

**Correspondence:** emails in April were distributed to committee members as received; a Freedom of Information request was received and forwarded to the fire department, with a quick response. Several Pipeline Safety info & survey requests were distributed; and a copy of a letter to Erb Inspections from the State regarding "deficiencies in plan for Monroe Borough Addition project" was passed to Kurt to followup since there was no clue to what or when the alleged 'project' was.

**Public Participation:** none other than during discussion with State Police.

### **Borough Reports:**

**Library:** There was no report this month.

**Fire:** The April report was presented by Chief Matt Walter, with copies included in meeting packets.

**Ordinance Enforcement:** Kurt noted 3 of 19 cases thus far this year have been closed. As requested last month, he investigated possible laws regarding idling diesel engines; they apply to vehicles over a certain weight limit so will not be effective to address the current concerns.

**Levee Project:** Several Council members reviewed the revised set of **R-O-W drawings** earlier this month and marked all adjustments on the maps. DEP also provided the drawings with adjustments highlighted, available by request as a large pdf file. After Dan noted that everything looks as expected, a Munkittrick/Grenell motion passed unanimously to sign the March 18, 2025 letter accepting the revisions.

**Streets:** Al gave an update on work, with some questions regarding the pothole on West Laurel which he will work on next.

**Buildings/Grounds:** Jerry Gorski visited after **brick pointing** work had begun, and is insuring the contractor "gets on the right path". As they worked, it became apparent that honeybees have returned inside one of the walls, Dan will look for a quote on removal. Dan also raised a question regarding sealing. It is unclear whether sealing is covered in the existing contract, and will need to be researched. Al reported that he serviced **the lawn tractor** minimally so that he can continue to use it as/is but it will need to be taken out of use to complete needed service and/or repairs. He will wait until grass cutting slows down so he is not without the mower when it is needed most. Volunteers will be needed to help Al and his crew install the **swing set** and basketball backboard and hoop. It could be a 'community project' if a service organization could be enlisted, or a school project if any High School juniors are looking ahead for their 'senior' requirements. Dan will ask his son-in-law to see if there are any contacts to reach out to.

**Public Utility:** no reported outages. PennDOT sent an email to notify the Borough of an upcoming bridge lighting improvement on Rt 220 over Towanda Creek. The lighting agreement and other attachments will be distributed to all council members for review before the next meeting.

**Water/Sewer (TMA):** no report.

**Finance & Insurance:** nothing new.

**EMC:** nothing new.

**Floodplain:** no report

**Mayor Seth Wills:** not present; no report.

**New/Other Business:** Tim Kerrick asked if the speed sign can be moved onto state roads, as we did get approvals from PennDOT before purchasing the sign to make sure it would be permitted. Al will look into what is needed to attach the 'posted speed' to the sign.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by a Munkittrick/Kerrick motion.

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