

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM, Mayor Joseph Galea opened the special Council meeting with a word of prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

The special 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
Jim Ehrman		

Also attending: Elisa Brown.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

The mayor asked for Council's approval to amend the agenda to include a motion to excuse Bob Whitacre from tonight's meeting. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with no discussion.

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER

The mayor asked Council for a motion to excuse Bob Whitacre from tonight's meeting due to a family emergency. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers, to excuse Bob Whitacre from tonight's meeting. Motion carried with no discussion.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Mrs. Raftery made that motion, seconded by Ms. Schlachter. Motion carried with no discussion.

Ordinance 2026-03 *An Ordinance repealing section 1 (e) of ordinance 2017-19 and authorizing the Fiscal Officer to rescind Capital Project Fund 629 created for the Village Electric Department and to transfer the funds in the Capital Project Fund to the fund(s) from which the money was originally transferred (fund 603), and declaring an emergency,* was presented for passage. Mrs. Raftery made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlachter, to pass Ordinance 2026-03 by title only. Mrs. Collene reminded Council that she had previously spoken with them about doing away with some of the capital project funds when the budget was passed. This particular fund became pressing when she was reviewing the current balance of the electric fund. We had just under \$605,000 in AMP invoices, and we are preparing to pay the \$490,000 AMP bond note. Per a conversation with the auditor, we cannot pay the AMP bond note out of fund 629. It became necessary to rescind fund 629, close it, and move the funds into electric fund 603 to pay the invoices. As it was discussed when the budget was passed, going forward, we will still have funds that can be put into the 525-line item for capital projects in the electric fund 603. Mr. Ehrman asked if Decimal Digital paid their share of the electric cost for the AMP invoice, and Mrs. Collene confirmed and advised that they are current. The past due amount is still owed, and that will stay status quo for now. The mayor asked Mr. Barney to prepare an update on Decimal Digital for the regular Council meeting on April 14, 2026. Motion carried with no further discussion.

Ordinance 2026-04 *An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for appropriations Ordinance no 2025-24, and declaring an emergency,* was presented for passage. Ms. Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers, to pass Ordinance 2026-04 by title only. Mrs. Collene advised that sections one, two, three, and four all pertain to the same grant, which is the body armor grant through the Ohio Attorney General's office. The village applied for the grant in 2023, and not all of the funds were expended, something Chief was not aware of. When Chief applied for another grant, the OAG made him aware of funds that were still available for use. The grant amount is \$32,287, and the local share is 25%, which is \$8,071.75. Section one appropriates the local share into the uniform line for the police department. Sections two, three, and four allow money to be appropriated into fund 101 in order to advance the funds into fund 233 for the grant money, as required by the Auditor of State. The other sections appropriated the money into the expenditure line in fund 233. Section five pertains to the local share for the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant for the Hamilton Street project. The local share is 31%, and Council was provided with a copy of the bid opening results. Mrs. Collene will need Council to authorize her and the mayor to sign the contract documents this evening. Mrs. Collene has communicated with Nick Rose at OPWC, as well as the state auditor. OPWC will pay the contractor directly for their work. However, Mrs. Collene will still need to "ghost" the transaction through the Finance software, to reflect the revenue and the expense, so that we can incorporate that improvement to the infrastructure. Council will see more financial information coming through on this grant. First and foremost, in order to sign the contract documents, Mrs. Collene wanted to have our local share appropriated, which explains section five. Mr. Miller asked for a timeline. Mrs. Collene said the work is supposed to start by May 1, 2026, and conclude

on or around October 17, 2026. Mr. Gray confirmed the timeframe Mrs. Collene cited is for the construction. Mrs. Collene explained that there are a loan and a grant for this project, and the first loan payment will not be due until January 2027. Motion carried with no further discussion.

Resolution 2026-06 *A Resolution in the matter of determining Emergency Management Service for the political subdivision of the Village/City of Monroeville, and declaring an emergency*, was presented for adoption. Mrs. Raftery made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers, to adopt Resolution 2026-06 by title only. Mrs. Collene explained that this Resolution is done annually, and Mr. Gray is the point of contact. Motion carried with no further discussion.

Resolution 2026-07 *A Resolution establishing fund 233 for the accounting of monies from the Ohio Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Program funded by the Ohio Attorney General, and declaring an emergency*, was presented for adoption. Mr. Miller inquired if this is the grant that Mrs. Collene touched on during the discussion around Ordinance 2026-04. Mrs. Collene confirmed and said this Resolution allows the creation of fund 233. Mrs. Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ehrman, to adopt Resolution 2026-07 by title only. Motion carried with no further discussion.

AUTHORIZATIONS

The mayor asked Council for authorization for Mayor Joseph Galea and Fiscal Officer Eunice A. Collene to sign the Hamilton Street contract documents. Mrs. Rogers made that motion, seconded by Mr. Ehrman. Motion carried with no further discussion.

The mayor asked Council for authorization for Village Administrator Tom Gray to sign the Emergency Management Service Agreement relating to Resolution 2026-06. Mrs. Raftery made that motion, seconded by Mrs. Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before them, the Mayor asked Council for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schlachter made that motion, seconded by Mr. Ehrman.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Eunice A. Collene, Fiscal Officer

Joseph Galea, Mayor

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Administrative Specialist Heather Alicea. Fiscal Officer Eunice A. Collene examined them for both form and content and subsequently approved them as transcribed.

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