



## **Council Meeting Summary - October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

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### **1- Presentations or Citizen Inquiries to Council**

Frank Doyle of Doyle Associates addressed the Council in regards to the moratorium on sign permitting and placement. Doyle presented a timeline of the construction, the placement and description of the requested sign. The proposed signage would have advertisement for both Doyle & Associates and Italian Village. Doyle expressed his concern that he had contacted city staff with his intention to place a sign prior to the moratorium.

Andy Doyle, a local small business owner and son of Frank Doyle reiterated the previous talk and discussed the history of the lot in question where the signage would be placed. Doyle also talked about the future plans of the lot which may include building construction/business development. Doyle compared the proposed sign with the previously erected large billboard on the north end of town and discussed the differences. Doyle also talked about the possible direction that Council could take and whether an ordinance change is necessary.

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### **2- Building and Zoning September report – Director Woodward**

Director Wade Woodward presented his report to Council which included discussion on various construction projects around town. The Casey's General Store being constructed at the intersection of 34 & 67 is currently at the roof stage. Fuel tank and electrical construction is scheduled to begin next week.

Lair's Collision Center has made substantial progress on their building expansion and has also pulled an electrical permit to make some changes to their existing service.

OSF started their extensive roof project this week.

A house that had found its way onto the City's "Zombie House" list was recently purchased by a citizen for back taxes and is in the process of a full renovation. The residence is located at 106 south D improvements and will be owner occupied.

### **3- Woodard & Curran August Report – Director Jackson**

Director Andy Jackson talked to Council about the South Sunny Lane project. The road reconstruction and drainage is now complete and was finished in just about 100 days.

The new construction involved with well 10 is essentially done. Well startup was performed last week on all the components. The well is currently in standby until an operating permit can be received from the EPA which Jackson believes will be soon.

The clarifier at the north treatment plant is currently out for bid. The bid opening will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

The CSO screw pump project has had the mudslab poured and extensive rebar installed. The next stage in the CSO project involves pouring the walls of the structure.

#### **4- Community Engagement September Report – IT Director Helms**

Director Helms talked to Council about the great public turnout and engagement at the Prime Beef Festival and thanked the officials for the time they spent there.

The Police Department, Fire Department, Warren County 911 and other agencies will be hosting an open house/trick or treat stop at the end of the month for local children to attend. The location will be at the North Fire Station on Industrial Park Drive from 5-8 on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **5- Acceptance of OSLAD project bids**

Council discussed the various options for the OSLAD project with the project engineer from Bruner Cooper & Zuck. The budget for this project is up to 400 thousand dollars with 90% grant funding. The initial project design started 4 years ago, however due to state budget issues it has faced continual delays. At the original time of planning there was a number of improvements incorporated into the 400k budget. The project however now faces an over-run and decisions need to be made as to which parts are funded this year. It was decided to table the improved bathhouse construction as the majority of campers choose to opt for full service hookup. Additional campsites, infrastructure improvements and an ADA compliant fishing pier are still part of the current construction. The bid was split into two parts to maximize the use of existing funds. Bidding was awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as per law which were in this case Laverdiere Construction and Fry Builders. A motion for was made for approval of the bids and was approved.

#### **6- Mayoral appointment to Cemetery Board**

A position on the cemetery board has recently been vacated. Kelly Kendall was forwarded for appointment to the board. A motion was made for appointment and was approved.

#### **7- Discussion of YMCA Pool Request**

City Council discussed a potential opportunity for public/private partnership with the YMCA on an outdoor pool for public use. The YMCA is currently considering building an outdoor pool in the area around their current building. This facility would have water slides and will serve a wide range of age groups.

The current municipal pool that is owned and operated by the City has a few disadvantages. One disadvantage is the location requires crossing a highway which can be problematic for youths if they are not in a vehicle.

Currently the City loses anywhere from 30 to 60 thousand dollars in operating expenses annually. The YMCA intends to have their new outdoor pool open to the public and will have rates comparable to what is currently being charged at the municipal pool. A YMCA membership would not be necessary to access the facility.

Council discussed the possibility of a financial support package consisting of 20 thousand dollars a year for 10 years and water at no charge for pool use. This would allow us to continue to provide a service to the citizens if the municipal pool were to close.

The project and any agreements are still in the conceptual stage and will require further discussion. Due to the nature and magnitude of this potential change we will be revisiting this multiple times as the project matures.

A motion was made to proceed with further planning and discussion of a public/private partnership with the YMCA. The motion was approved.

*Supporting documentation can be found below.*

## **8- Ordinances**

### **A. Ordinance amendment to sign ordinance**

Council discussed proposed revisions to an existing ordinance regarding off-premise signs and billboards.

(B) **Off-Premises Sign.** A sign, including a billboard as defined by the Zoning Code for the City of Monmouth, which refers to a place of business or event at a location other than the lot upon which the sign is erected.

### **152.04 OFF-PREMISES SIGNS PROHIBITED**

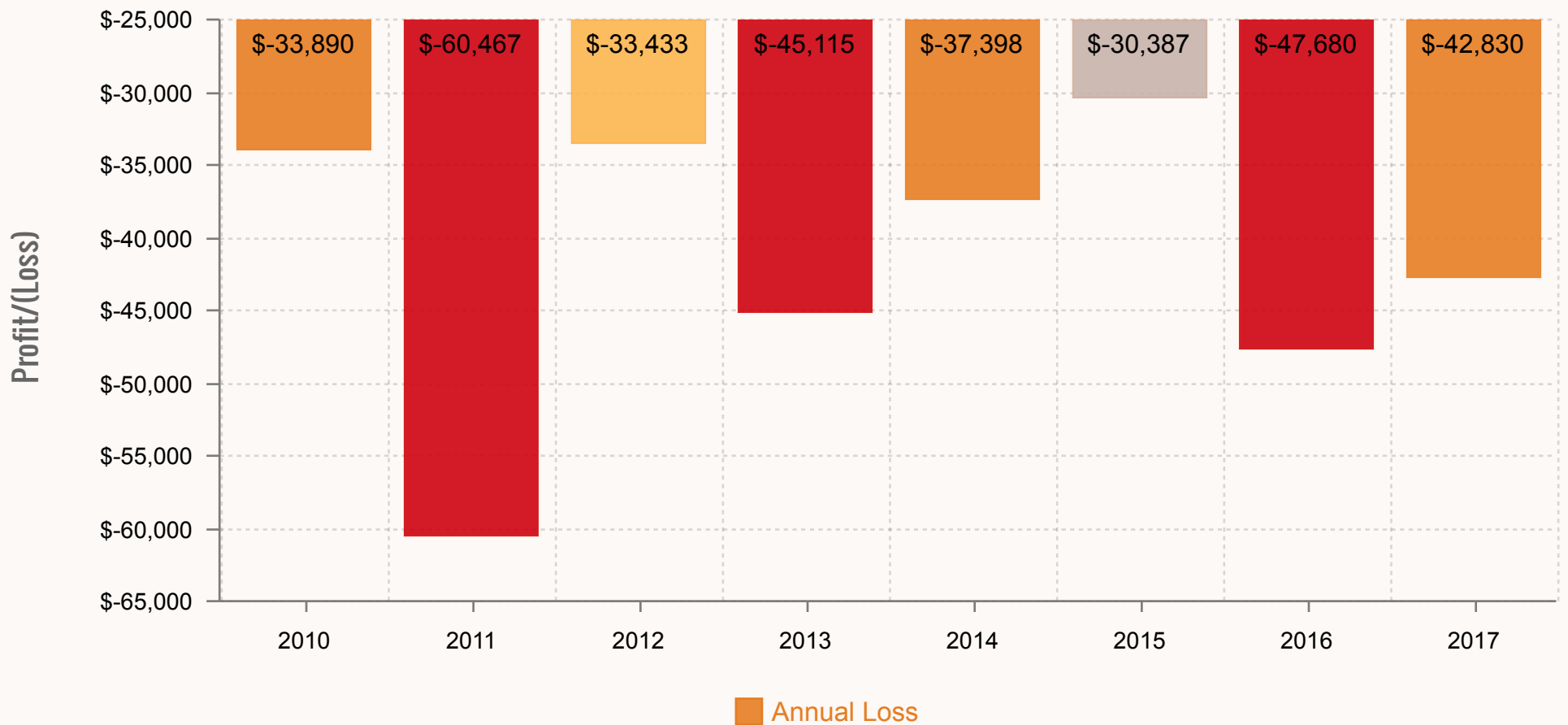
**No Off-Premises Signs, as defined by this Chapter, shall be allowed on any property, regardless of the property's zoning classification, located within the city limits to the City of Monmouth. Any Off-Premises Signs currently located in the City of Monmouth prior to the enactment of this Section shall be allowed, however, if any Off-Premises Signs currently existing become destroyed or otherwise require replacement, said Off-Premises Signs shall not be allowed to be replaced. This Section shall take precedence over any other ordinances for the City of Monmouth that conflicts with the language of this Section.**

Council discussed the impact such an ordinance change would have on existing businesses and on the proposed sign for Doyle & Associates and Italian Village. Council decided to proceed with the amendment due to the fact that an official permit for the proposed sign was never issued. City Attorney Spears spoke to the fact that signage law is an extremely complex issue and recommended revisiting the ordinance in the future.

A motion was made for approval of the ordinance amendment and was approved.

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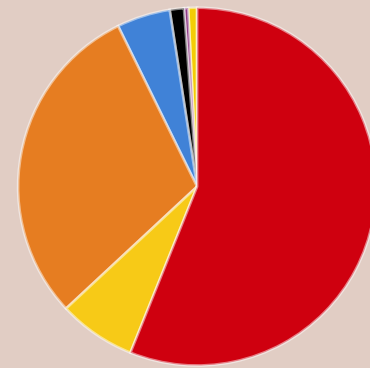


**\$ (331,203.81)**  
Cumulative 8 year  
Operating Loss

### Forecasted Infrastructure Investments

- Containment wall repair
- Roof replacement
- Fence repair/replacement
- Exterior repair/repainting

### 2017 Expenses



Salaries	36,812	Food for Resale	4,593
Supplies	19,469	Power	3,168
Building	839	Equipment	250
Insurance	520		

**2017 Revenue**  
**\$22,822.16**