

MONACA BOROUGH
August 13th, 2013– 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Town Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President McKay at 7:00 pm.

Flag Salute

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mr. DiMarzio-present

Mr. Snyder-present

Mr. Krizan-present

Mr. Booher-present

Mr. Ely-present

Mayor Antoline-present

Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich-present

Mr. Nichol-present

Mr. Wilson-present

Mr. Karczewski-present

President McKay-present

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.-away on business

Solicitor Richard Urick

Nick Urick-Esq.

Blake Schutte provided Council with his proposed plans for a storage unit development on Beaver Avenue. Solicitor Urick stated that the plans would include him requesting from Council a Zoning Map change for that specific district. Blake stated he would be in contact with the Borough Manager to discuss.

Communications

President McKay read a thank you card from the Daniels family thanking them for clearing Eckert Road. He also stated he received a thank you letter from Laura Rubino, Downtown Business Authority, thanking Council and staff for a wonderful Community Day celebration. President McKay stated he would be sure that the Monaca Recreation Board was thanked properly for all their hard work.

Minutes

Mr. Booher motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23rd, 2013. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Booher motioned to approve monthly bills. Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committees and New Business

Public Safety/Highway Committee

Mayor Antoline presented the monthly Mayor's Report.

Monetary receipts \$6,178.04

Citations & Warnings 295

Parking Tickets 129

Calls for service 288

Officer Greg Nicol updated Council with the progress of the K9 program. He stated that there is approximately \$14,500 in the account and that includes t-shirt sales, money from the crime prevention account, national night out fund, business donations, resident donations and a donation container that is placed at Shanks. Also 56 t-shirts were sold at Community Days which practically covered the cost of purchasing them all. The National Assoc of Chiefs of Police will match up to \$5,000.00 that is raised and 2 grants that are currently being worked on are the Roethlisberger Grant and National Police Dog Foundation Grant. Officer Nicol also stated that a raffle ticket will be coming out soon for (2) Steelers tickets and \$200 cash to go off October 7th. He thanked Vince Carothers for this generous donation. He is planning on attending classes in October for K9 training.

Danny Colville reviewed the monthly Public Works report with Council.

Mr. Booher asked that the letter from Mike Castronovo expressing his interest in the Equipment Operator position be tabled until Executive Session.

Mr. Booher motioned to award low bid to Bickerstaff Lawn Service in the amount of \$13,000.00 for tree clearing on Cascade Road and Colonial Hill. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to approve proposal from Jack Senior Excavating in the amount of \$4,000.00 for (4) catch basins. Second by Mr. Ely. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Grounds/Recreation/Library Committee

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to appoint Pam Ronczka to the Library Board to fill the un-expired term of Arlene Centi, with an expiration term date of December 31st, 2013. Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to make annual contribution in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Monaca Public Library. Second by Mr. Ely. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the purchase of a new Monaca Public Library sign. Ms. Rossi stated that she believes Pat Smith may have found an organization to donate one.

President McKay read a request from the Monaca Recreation Board, asking Council to address numerous issues that exist at John Antoline Park. The roof of the old bandstand is collapsing; Council discussed looking into tearing it down. There are three trees near Shelter 4 that need removed; Council discussed asking Bickerstaff Lawn Service to look in to removing them. Boulders around Shelter 4 need removed and replaced with some other type of barrier; Council discussed other options and agreed that any type of barrier placed there would be climbed on by children and agreed the boulders are to stay. A tree which was struck by lightning near the horseshoe pit in back of the Lions Shelter needs removed; Council agreed to ask Bickerstaff Lawn Service. The cement slab at the base of the walkway at the Legion Shelter needs repaired; Council asked Danny Colville to look into. Post near the Lions Shelter which holds the security light needs replaced; the base is dry rotted, Danny Colville stated he has made a call to Halama's Electric to repair. Mr. Ely asked that the issue with ownership of the Washington Avenue basketball courts be placed on the next agenda under Old Business for discussion.

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Curt DiGiovine reviewed the monthly Waste Water Treatment Plant report with Council.

Howie Hughes reviewed the monthly Water report with Council.

Mr. Booher motioned to accept proposal from James M. Cox Company, Inc. for Fire Flow Kit in the amount of \$15,642.00 . Second by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Snyder voted no. Motion carried 9 to 1.

General Government Committee

Mr. Karczewski motioned to approve request from #4 VFD to hold a 5k race on October 12th, 2013. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Committee

Pat Majors updated Council on the progress of the MVCO committee, stating that they have planted 23 trees, 25 rose bushes, over 1,000 perennials. She wanted to express her gratitude to Brady McKay, Conner McKay, Howie Hughes and the Police Department for all their help this summer.

New Business

Mr. Ely asked that the NSO look into Robinson Auto Body's temporary portable storage unit application.

Mr. DiMarzio, on a recent trip to Italy, experienced watching a movie in the park, she stated that he truly enjoyed this experience and would like to see Monaca sponsor an event in the future.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Complaints

Henry Nowicki, 604 Atlantic Ave. was in attendance to discuss with Council he still intends on building a home on the vacant property he purchased.

Jim Brandhoover was in attendance to request from Council some assistance with the crosswalk problem on 9th Street. Pat Majors, 1223 Atlantic Ave. stated she would like to see a 2-3 day Police program to assist with crosswalks.

Trudi Koehler, 826 Washington Ave. was in attendance and stated that she feels the issue with the traffic and problem with the crosswalks is due to the parking in front of the furniture store.

James Steele, 1312 Center Road was in attendance to ask if the Borough Engineer was able to look into the situation on his property regarding water drainage. President McKay stated that Tony would be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss.

Josh Cron, 708 Speyer Ave., was in attendance to inform Council of an incident that occurred with his wife Estee Cron, Monaca Parking Authority, today. He stated that she will be resigning due to the incident.

Jessica Butchki, 1900 Marshall Road, was in attendance to make Council aware of a situation she is having with the Building Code Official and him stopping at her house unannounced to question her about the work she is doing on her deck. President McKay advised her to see Mrs. Werthman after the meeting to discuss the situation further.

Executive Session

Mr. Booher motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:40 pm to discuss abandoned property's and personnel issues.

Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to re-enter chambers at 9:42 pm. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Motion carried unanimously. My. Ely left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Snyder motioned to authorize President McKay and Mr. Leone to sign any forms necessary to purchase the property at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue from the County Repository. Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to authorize President McKay and Mr. Leone to sign any necessary documents to authorize the demolition of the property at 640 14th Street Ext. owned by Millie Fye. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to resend motion authorizing Bickerstaff Lawn Service to remove trees on various roads in the Community. Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to accept the bid from Bickerstaff Lawn Service to remove the trees on Cascade Road. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Urick stated that various abandoned properties that were discussed during Executive Session and he has been given direction from Council to proceed with any actions necessary to initiate the demolition of (5) property's. Properties include 640 14th Street Ext., 1515 Pennsylvania Ave., 814 Bechtel Street, 810 Beech Street and 812 Beech Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. DiMarzio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn R. Werthman