

MONACA BOROUGH
August 27th 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	Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich-present
Mr. Snyder-present	Mr. Nichol-present
Mr. Krizan-present	Mr. Wilson-present
Mr. Booher-present	Mr. Karczewski-present
Mr. Ely-out of town/conference	President McKay-present
Mayor Antoline-present	

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.-out of town/conference
Solicitor Richard Urick
Nick Urick-Esq.

Bid Opening-Attached

Engineer's Report-Attached

Communications

President McKay read a letter from Wally Janicki, Baden resident, complimenting Monaca Borough's landscaping and flowers in the downtown area. Council thanked Pat Majors for all her hard work.

Minutes

Mr. Booher motioned to approve Meeting Minutes of August 13th, 2013. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Booher motioned to approve Monthly Bills. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committees and New Business

Public Safety/Highway Committee

Mr. Karchewski reviewed Public Safety and Highway Committee Meeting Minutes of August 21st, 2013-**Attached**
Mr. Karchewski motioned to approve proposal from Vermeer to purchase Brush Chipper at the State COSTAR pricing of \$30,158.70. Second by Mr. Booher. Mr. Snyder voted no. Motion passed 8 to 1.
Mayor Antoline stated that the K-9 program received \$12,435.00 from the National Police Association.

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Mr. Booher motioned to authorize Widmer Engineering to renew NPDES Permit. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Booher motioned to authorize final payment to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co. in the amount of \$3,772.16 for the Aeration Basin Improvements Project at the WWTP. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government Committee

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve Darlene Moore and Jocelyn Smith Subdivision as recommended by the Monaca Planning Commission and County Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Booher. Mr. Nichol and Mr. Snyder voted no. Motion passed 7 to 2.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Committee

Mr. Karchewski stated that Pat Majors prepared a proposal to present to the JC Lansberry Memorial Foundation for funding of improvements at the Monaca Community Center. Her request included 2 adjustable basketball hoops and goal pads for safety.

New Business

Mr. Krizan asked if budgeting for next year can include a zipper. President McKay stated that the Highway Committee would need to discuss this.

Ms Rossi reminded Council that Monaca Recreation is sponsoring a ventriloquist show on Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 pm at the Pumphouse and are discussing the options of having a Halloween parade on October 26th, with activities following at St. John’s School. She also stated that the new Monaca Library sign was built by Mr. & Mrs. Harich.

Mr. Wilson asked that a thank you card be sent the Harich family for their generous donation of the new Monaca Library sign.

Mr. Snyder motioned to hire Mike Castronovo to the open position in the Publics Works Department. Second by Mr. Nichol.

Roll Call

Mr. DiMarzio-no	Ms. Rossi-no
Mr. Snyder-yes	Mr. Nichol-yes
Mr. Krizan-yes	Mr. Wilson-yes
Mr. Booher-no	Mr. Karchewski-no

President McKay-no

Motion failed 5 to 4.

Mayor Antoline asked if anyone had spoken to Chief Petures regarding a Halloween parade and asked that Dawn Werthman meet with him to discuss if this is a possibility.

Mr. DiMarzio commended Mr. Wilson on his hard work and dedication as Chairman of the Water Committee.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Complaints

Mayor Antoline wanted to update Council on a petition that was presented to them prior to any residents speaking. The petition was signed by 43 residents asking Council to enact an Ordinance to prevent the mis-use of long range home surveillance cameras. Mayor Antoline stated that after the Police Department received a complaint from a resident questing their neighbors camera positioning; video from these cameras were taken to the District Attorney’s office for viewing to be certain no criminal activity is taking place.

Larry Hunt, 825 Meadow Avenue-Mr. Hunt presented Council with pictures of the cameras that his neighbor has installed and pictures of his own property showing where these cameras are pointing. He stated that he feels he and his wife are being stalked and harassed by their neighbor. Mr. Hunt read the request for an Ordinance to Council asking them for help in this situation.

John Stepek, 847 Meadow Avenue-Mr. Stepek stated that he installed these cameras to protect his home and explained the positioning of his cameras and does not believe he is breaking any laws.

Solicitor Urick indicated that he was advised by Mayor Antoline of the situation and the District Attorney’s Office advising the Police Department that this was a civil matter not criminal. He stated that there is no section in the Borough Code allowing Council to enact the type of Ordinance that the residents that signed the petition are requesting.

Executive Session

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:55 pm for personnel issues. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Karchewski motioned to re-enter chambers at 8:39 pm. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to have General Government Committee meet to discuss hiring of part-time employees in the Public Works Department. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn R. Werthman