

MONACA BOROUGH
January 22nd, 2013– 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Town Council was held on the above date.
Meeting started at 7:00

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. DiBacco-absent (Ill)
Mr. Krizan-absent (Car Problem)	Mr. Wilson-present
Mr. Booher-present	Mr. Karczewski-present
Mr. Ely-present	President McKay-present

Others Present

Mayor John Antoline
Mario N. Leone Jr.-Borough Manager
Richard Urick-Solicitor

Engineers Report: Attached

Community Development Block Grant

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to accept the Community Library, Elevator, Curb Ramps and Paving Project. Mr. Ely Second.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Karczewski motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 22nd, 2012 Council Meeting. Mr. Snyder second.
Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. DiMarzio asked for a list of work performed and Permits granted by BIU for Council to review going forward.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to approve monthly bills. Mr. Booher second. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety/Highway Committee

Justin Steffler #5 Fire Chief – 2012 Year in Review Report attached

Joe Bittner #4 Fire Chief- 2012 Year in Review Report attached

Mr. Ely asked Fire Chief Joe Bittner if he had relayed all the positive feedback they were having with the IAMresponding system to the #1 Fire Department. Fire Chief Joe Bittner replied that he did mention it to them and they did not seem interested. Mr. Ely asked why #4 and #5 Fire Departments were the only ones on the Agenda since Monaca Borough funds 3 Fire Departments. Borough Manager Mario N. Leone Jr. explained to Mr. Ely that #4 & #5 Fire Departments requested to speak to Council and asked to be put on the Agenda. Mr. Ely concluded by saying that the #1 Fire Department should participate with the other two fire departments and not try to be its own entity. Mr. Snyder agreed with Mr. Ely and feels that it's imperative that the #1 Fire Department use the IAMresponding system even if they don't want to. He stated that they all need to communicate. Mr. Snyder also would like the #1 Fire Department to attend the Council Meetings and provide a report.

Jim Suttell #5 Assistant Fire Chief-pointed out to council that he has approached the #1 Fire Department regarding the IamResponding system, he stated that #1 Fire Department has all the capability to use the IAMResponding system and they would just need to purchase a monitor. They did not seem interested in using the system.

Mr. DiMarzio asked if the #4 and #5 Fire chiefs asked to speak at the meeting tonight. President McKay responded "yes they asked to put in the Agenda".

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Howard Hughes reviewed the monthly water report with Council. He thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to provide his report, and felt horribly for not being able to attend the past few meetings. He appreciated Council's time. Borough Manager Mario Leone asked Howard if he was aware of the 3 hydrants that Chief Bittner had mentioned. Howard replied "yes". In addition Mario Leone informed Council that the Water Department was going to be looking a piece of equipment that does fire flow testing on the hydrants, they have a tentative scheduled for Friday at 10 am (weather permitting) hopefully once they review this piece of equipment, they will present to Council authorization to purchase. That would be in conjunction with the hydrant flushing and would monitor hydrant flows and pressures.

Mr. Leone concluded by asking Howard Hughes if he needed any additional assistance other than when the Water Department encounters water breaks. Howard replied "on the day to day operations unless there is something unforeseen we are able to handle it, as far as water breaks or digging aspect goes the Road Department has been gracious enough to lend us operator Russell Kopecky as well as laborer help".

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve Stock items for Water Department Distribution System from National Road Utility System in the amount of \$5,474.82. Mr. Booher second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to approve payment to Reno Bros. in the amount of \$43,375.41 for the WWTP Equipment Replacement Project. Mr. Wilson second. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government Committee

Mr. DiMarzio updated Council on the General Government meeting that was held on January 14th 2013. They discussed the following:

1. Civil Service Commission-they are recommending finding 3 available alternates to serve on that Commission.
2. Vacancy Review Board- Dave Kramer has shown interest in serving on that Board.
3. NSO-they are recommending fulltime employment at a rate of \$14.50 per hour which will include adding additional responsibilities for that position (fences, sheds, zoning permits etc.) in conjunction Mario Leone is to develop a job description for the position. Start date would be March 4th 2013.
4. RV Ordinance- They reviewed the amended ordinance and feel it should be re-submitted.
5. Soliciting-They heard of an issue regarding solicitors in town being very demanding and residents were complaining.

Mr. DiMarzio indicated to Council that they should review the Soliciting Ordinance and make some possible changes to protect the Monaca Residents.

Mr. Snyder Motioned to hire Nick Vorrias fulltime as the Neighborhood Services Officer at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. Fulltime Employment to start March 4th 2013. Mr. Ely second. Motion carried unanimously.

President McKay explained to Council that Dave Kramer was longer available to take the Vacancy Review board position. President McKay will advertise the positions for the Vacancy Review Board and Civil Service Commission on the Monaca Borough Web page.

Borough Manager Mario Leone advised council of the short term vacancy at the Water Department, they do not have a final solution as of yet, he had the opportunity to speak with Danny Colville of the Road Department and his recommendation was to ask Kilsey Wilson who is a currently employed by the Borough for Street Sweeping. Kilsey agreed to come out and help if Danny needed him.

Mario also, reviewed the Network of Hope Proposal with Council and feels that it would be a positive partnership for CJ Mangin. Council concluded by advising that the Network of Hope come to a General Government Committee meeting and further reviews their proposal.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to purchase Public Officials and Employees Liability Policy from the York Agency Inc. in the amount of \$9,625(Savings of \$1,796 from last year). Mr. Karczewski second. Motion carried unanimously.

MONACA VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Pat Majors updated council on the progress at CJ Mangin. They have removed and disposed all the carpeting from all rooms and continue to have the Clothes-Out recycling program. Pat Majors asked if they could continue with the Program until the end of the year she also stated that clothes would be picked up monthly. Pat Majors also informed council that she spoke with the Lowes Manager and they have a program called "Lowes Heroes". The "Lowes Hero" program will grant up to \$50,000 for a project plus Lowes employees to come in and help accomplish whatever project we chose to do. Pat updated Council regarding the fixtures, toilets, urinals, and sinks etc. that she had previously mentioned to council that were going to be donated for CJ Mangin and was not able to obtain them because they were in bad shape. She asked Lowes if they could assist with donation for these items for 4 bathrooms and 2 locker rooms refurbished. Pat was happy to announce that they have received an air conditioning unit for 2 rooms*(Room 104 & 105) at CJ Mangin.

They will now need to look into getting someone to install the units. President McKay stated that the donation was made by a gentleman whose son was a part of the youth program at CJ Mangin and was very impressed with the positive influence Pat had made in his son.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mario Leone reported to council on a couple of items-the Power of Light Grant is moving forward and are anticipating light deliveries for the boat launch of February 15th. In regards to the Pump house project he will be presenting some information for council to decide on. Part of the grant is for architecturally accent the buildings in the municipality. The grant focused on the Pump house, Mario explained to council that there is a very unique LED lighting feature that would accent the Pump house. The cost would be about 13,300.00. He stated that he would get some more information on the installation cost. The fixtures and lighting are covered thru the grant but the installation is not. Mario plans to seek the local electrical union and see if they would be interested in doing the installation. Before moving forward he wants council to see what it can potentially look like. Mario also updated council regarding the EPA Grant. He met with the consultants on January 17th and they were looking on funding strategies on moving with that grant. He also has a conference call scheduled on Thursday with the Federal EPA officials on the final draft document. They are looking at a multitude of areas in Monaca. The marquee focuses on the roundabout on 17th street and also a corridor connection with Monaca and West Aliquippa. That project would be far greater than just Monaca and they are looking to engage the County in the project. This is all in conjunction with the Ohio River Trail. In addition to that meeting the consultants talked about Antoline Park and the funding strategies. The cost for the renovations is approximately 4 million dollars. Mario also updated council on the DEP Recycling grant he is hoping to hear from them the beginning of February when they announce the awards. There are a multitude of items, new truck, cardboard /leaf containers, and a digital sign for the Borough to promote recycling and advertising. He feels confident that the Borough will obtain some funding. Mr. Leone concluded by reporting to Council that the remaining desks at CJ Mangin are going to be donated to Brothers Brother who in turn will donate them to a school in Haiti.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DiMarzio asked Mr. Booher to report regarding the recent complaints made of the Solicitors that were in town earlier that week. He stated that they were being very demanding when approaching the residents. They were asking to see their electric and gas bills and would not take no for an answer. President McKay asked if we could eliminate Soliciting in Monaca. Solicitor Rich Urick advised that he would have to do some research regarding restricting soliciting in town; he stated that you could regulate it but you couldn't regulate it to set the fee too high that you would make it impossible to solicit. Solicitor Urick also mentioned that residents can put a "No Soliciting" sign on their door to avoid solicitors knocking on their door.

Council agreed to take it to General Government Committee and discuss making changes to the Soliciting Ordinance.

Mr. DiMarzio asked Mario Leone if he had an update on the Census. Mario Leone replied "no" he working on it. He has a few companies in mind and will have to get in contact with them.

Mr. DiMarzio asked to have the Census on the agenda under Old Business. He also asked regarding the Legion and Pheonix Glass. Mario replied that he has not received a call back from Nate and has provided him with all the information and will follow up. Mr. DiMarzio was concerned with the issue on 9th and Pennsylvania Ave. he wanted to ask the Public Safety chairman to consider pushing to have the yellow line painted before someone gets hurt. He feels it's a dangerous situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Leone stated that they are making progress on the Road Opening Ordinance. He also asked Council to review the sample Park Rules that was provided by the consultants. President McKay advised council that they had talked about some of the changes and would need Solicitor Urick to confirm the changes and he can then finish it up and advertise.

Adjournment

Mr. Karczewski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Mr. Snyder second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabby Hernandez

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