

MONACA BOROUGH
December 10th, 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-absent

President McKay-present

Mayor Antoline-present

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.

Solicitor Richard Urick

Minutes

Mr. Booher motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 26th, 2013 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

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

Standing Committees and New Business

Mayor's Report

Number of Citations & Warnings-93

Parking Tickets-9

Call for Service-123

Monetary Receipts-\$4,354.97

Mayor Antoline updated Council and the residents in attendance on the issue this past weekend at the Blue Steel bar. He stated that there have been numerous arrests made and he has contacted the LCE; which is part of the LCB. He stated that the bar was previously closed due to health license reasons but was able to re-open today. A meeting is scheduled in the next two weeks with the LCB, Monaca Police and the owners of the Blue Steel.

Mr. DiMarzio asked Solicitor Urick if it was possible to restrict the number of liquor licenses within the Business District. Solicitor Urick stated that Council has the right to take action in what occurs in town and also if a license is asked to transfer into town they can deny the applicant. He also stated he believes the license for this particular bar is up for renewal in 2014. President McKay stated that he has received numerous complaints from his neighbors regarding the issues that occur on the weekend due to the Blue Steel. And he himself has dealt with fighting and littering since they have opened.

Officer Nichol and Kazan were in attendance to answer any questions Council may have pertaining to the K-9 Program. Officer Nichol introduced Kazan, a 21 month old German Sheppard. Mayor Antoline thanked Council, residents and businesses for their donations to the K-9 program.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to approve the K-9 Policy as written. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Howard Hughes presented Council with the monthly Water Report.

Curt DiGiovine presented Council with the monthly Waste Water Treatment Plant Report.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve Widmer Engineering to prepare the Annual Pretreatment Report and the Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report in the amount of \$1,600.00 for each report. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government Committee

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to advertise Ordinance No. 934, levying a tax during the 2014 tax year. Second by Mr. Karczewski.

Roll Call

Mr. Nichol-no	Mr. Krizan-no
Mr. Wilson-no	Mr. Booher-yes
Mr. Karczewski-yes	Mr. DiMarzio-yes
Mrs. Rossi-yes	Mr. Snyder-no
President McKay-yes	

Motion carried 5 to 4.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to advertise Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm. Second by Mr. Karczewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to advertise 2014 Regular Council Meeting dates. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve payment No. 4 to Graziani Construction for Markey's Run Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$91,987.45. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Motion carried unanimously.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Committee

Pat Majors wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas. She stated that she received a call from Mr. Melchiorre stating that his son Matthew needed to complete service hours for a National Honor Society Project and would like to help at the Monaca Community Center. He cleaned all the entry windows, wash and waxed floors and cleaned and painted restrooms. She also stated that the trees in the Plaza after being cut, will look more natural come spring and help a lot with the Streetscape. She also wanted to thank Mr. Booher and Mr. McKay for their help this past weekend with the Christmas Market at the Monaca Community Center. She advised Council that the decorating contest for this year has been canceled, the profits from the Christmas Market, normally used in the past for the contest will be donated to the Borough for the renovation of the restrooms, and she presented Mr. Leone with a check for \$1,000.00.

Manager's Report

Mr. Leone advised Council that Monaca received the DCNR Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Antoline Park renovations. He recently attended The White House Mayors Manufacturing Summit. The program included discussions for local elected leaders to share how they are improving their competitiveness for manufacturing investment and jobs. He also stated that he will be having a meeting on Wednesday pertaining to the elevator at the Community Center and will keep Council updated on the re-bidding of this project.

Borough Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Urick updated Council on the next steps to be taken in re-bidding the sale of the properties located at 1515 Pennsylvania Ave. and 814 Bechtel Street.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to re-advertise for the sale of the (2) properties. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Booher asked if Mr. Leone had a chance to look into the cost of a new Police SUV. Mr. Leone stated that he will have additional information for the next meeting. Mr. DiMarzio said that he was given information from Mr. Ely to relay to Council that a new Explorer was \$38,000.00 and a new Expedition was \$42,000.00 and they would both like to see a new SUV purchased opposed to a Crown Victoria.

Mr. Leone stated that the Police Contract will be sent to Council for their review and approval prior to the next meeting and with that there was some savings that a portion may be applied to a new vehicle.

Mr. DiMarzio wanted to discuss with Council the option of hiring full-time employees at the Public Works Department; he would like to see the (2) current part-time employees be hired full-time. Discussion between Council consisted of posting bids and whatever steps necessary to hire the (2) employees full-time.

Old Business

Mr. Leone stated that he has received the first viewing of the Communities of Distinction video and a few corrections need to be made before final approval.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints and Compliments

John Skrlac, 2110 Marshall Road-Mr. Skrlac was in attendance to compliment the Borough, Mr. Leone, for his numerous accomplishments, Mayor Antoline and Chief Petures for the implementation of Kazan, and the Borough employees for their hard work. He believes Monaca is a great town to live in, but it needs cleaned up. He stated that the Blue Steel is the first issue needing addressed. Owning property on Virginia Ave., he has experienced nothing but problems, all resulting from this bar.

Amy Rowland, 830 Colonial Avenue-Mrs. Rowland, previously residing on Virginia Ave. wanted to express to Council her concerns for Monaca and how unsafe it has become because of the Blue Steel bar. She expressed that she does not believe the bars owners should be given 2 or 3 chances to correct the issues that are occurring.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:28 pm for legal issues. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DiMarzio motioned to re-enter chambers at 9:10 pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to participate in Lifesteps Tax Appeal. Second by Mr. DiMarzio. Mr. Krizan voted no. Motion carried 8 to 1.

Adjournment

Mr. Booher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn R. Werthman