MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2015 7:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened with a Prayer by President DiMarzio and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mr. Snyder-present	Mr. Booher-present
Mr. Nichol-present	Mr. Zigerelli-present
Mrs. Rossi-present	Mr. Wilson-arrived at 7:15pm
Mr. McKay-present	Mr. Michel-present
Mr. May-present	President DiMarzio-present

Others Present
Mayor John Antoline
Mario N. Leone Jr.
Solicitor Rich Urick
Nick Urick, Esq.

Diane McKay, Monaca /Center Alumni Committee, was in attendance to discuss plans for a celebration to be held over Labor Day weekend. Beginning Friday, September 4th after the Central Valley vs Montour football game, an Alumni Reception will be held at the Monaca Turners at 10:00pm. A golf outing will take place at 9am on Saturday, followed by a parade on Pennsylvania Ave. at 5:00pm and a street party at the Pumphouse with vendors and music.

Minutes
Mr. Booher motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23rd, 2015 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual
Mr. Booher motioned to approve the Monthly Bills. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Michel asked if Tuma Lawn Service has begun to spray the various locations in town for vegetation control. He stated Cascade Road is still overgrown. Mr. Leone stated he does not believe they have begun the treatment yet and is coordinating with Mrs. Major's for debris clean-up on the hills prior to spraying. The Pumphouse being sprayed was delayed due to the 175th Anniversary Celebration. And spraying will take place in the other locations once we have a few dry days.

Mayor's Report
Number of Citations & Warnings-96
Number of Parking Tickets-30
Calls for Service-124
Monetary Receipts-$2,437.18
Mayor Antoline stated that part-time Officer Keith Smith has been sworn in and will be added to the Police schedule.
He also wanted to thank everyone that assisted with the 175th Anniversary Celebration, commenting on each event throughout the week that was held, including a bike run, blood drive, Phoenix Glass display at the Monaca Library, history lesson of Monaca by Carol Ripper and Eileen Aiken English, the Friday night Social was wonderful and although unfortunately the parade needing to be cancelled on Saturday, the event at the Pumphouse was not a total loss and the weather cooperated for the fireworks. A pancake breakfast at St. Johns and a Sunday community service was held at the Carry Center to close out the event. He thanked the VFD's, Public Works, and Police Department for all their help.

Mr. Booher wanted to thank Mayor Antoline publicly for all his hard work and dedication to the 175th Anniversary asking for a round of applause.
Mr. Wilson joined the meeting at this time, 7:15pm.

Public Works Committee
Curt DiGiovine presented the monthly Waste Water Treatment Plant report to Council.
Mr. Michel asked Mr. DiGiovine if the plant was still accepting sludge waste from haulers. Mr. DiGiovine stated yes the monthly intake for June was 136,400 gallons of septic.

General Government Committee
Booher motioned to approve the contract with the Beaver County Humane Society to assist with animal control. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Booher motioned to approve agreement for Architectural Services with Hancock Architecture for the library elevator. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Leone stated that the process needs to be re-done due to the County Commissioners not accepting the first bids due to a prevailing wage situation.
Mr. Booher motioned to approve Ordinance No. 942, the vacating of 21st Street. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
Solicitor Urick stated that first a personal notice was sent to all the abutting property owners prior to the advertising of the Ordinance by ordinary and certified mail and all the recipients signed and acknowledged by signing the receipt acknowledgement card. Secondly he sent and obtained from all the abutting property owner's a consent form except 1, CSX. These property owners would have 21st Street as a sole means of access to their property. A consent to CSX was sent only as a precaution due to them really not needing or having access to 21st Street because of the railroad and barriers. The Ordinance was advertised for two successive weeks, once on June 24 and July 1st. The Ordinance was available at the Borough Office and the Beaver County Law Library in a full text copy including the map and all abutting property owners listed in the Ordinance as required by the Borough Code. Any interested person was entitled to request a hearing within 10 days after the second add appeared and no one made such a request, therefore no hearing needs to be held. Notice of the adoption of the Ordinance along with map was sent to all the property owners in the Colona Plan and reserved right of ways in the Ordinance for water and sewer lines that appear on the map that is attached to the Ordinance. Now that the Ordinance is adopted he will take it, as required by the Borough Code and record it at the Recorder of Deeds Office and the Clerk of Courts Office, after which deeds will be prepared for the abutting property owners they now have property interests to the middle of the Street.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Committee
Pat Majors, Chairman, stated that maintenance and general clean-up on Pennsylvania Ave. and 17th Street occurs on a weekly basis. She and the children have begun putting out an herbicide similar to preen on the islands to keep the weeds down. She thought that the straying of vegetation was to occur immediately, that's why they have not focused on the hills. She will be in touch with Mr. Leone when this can be done.

Downtown Business Authority
Pat Majors, Chairman, stated that for the first time in years she feels optimistic. She has been communicating with Mr. Benyo, property owner on Pennsylvania Ave., to discuss cleaning up the buildings. He has submitted an application to Economic Development for a grant for the (4) buildings and has recently painted the plywood on the front.

Manager's Report
Mr. Leone updated Council on the following.
COG Conference will be held October 29th.
He provided Council with pictures of the on-going gas issue on Pennsylvania Ave. in front of the Borough Building, showing the leak occurred underneath broken out brick under the storm sewer. They have made the necessary repairs to the gas line and storm sewer. He supplied a copy of the bid advertisement from Community Development for demolition thru the County program. Three property's, (2) on Beech Street and

(1) on 14th Street are part of the program for demolition. A contractor has been awarded and he anticipates the work to be completed in the next month or so.
He supplied Council with a copy of the chlorine permit from the Department of Environmental Protection for the Monaca Water Supply, stating it will now be a tablet system opposed to chlorine gas. The next item is a letter from Catalyst Connection, stating information pertaining to the U.S. Department of Commerce awards Pittsburgh Manufacturing Community Designation. Monaca was key in hosting and getting the manufacturing forum held here in Beaver County. The grant was applied for over a year but unfortunately we were not selected, another grant has been re-submitted. He advised Council that the water tank on Kermiet has a cell tower on top that Cricket utilized but does no longer need the equipment there and would like to end their lease. Solicitor Urick is looking into the termination of the lease. Council will later discuss the possibility of tearing down the tank and possibly selling the property.

Neighborhood Services Report
Owen Pella, Neighborhood Services Officer, provided to Council a report of the issues he has addressed and resolved in town to date.

Solicitor's Report
Solicitor Urick has been looking over and preparing the Vacant Property Ordinance, holding off on adopting until the 2012 Property Maintenance Code has been reviewed by Owen Pella, Code Enforcement Officer, for comments and amending for Monaca Borough needs.

Old Business
Mr. Snyder asked if the street sweeper was going to be run up on the hill, stating if it's not, think about selling it and using the money for something else. Mr. DiMarzio asked that Mr. Wilson discuss the situation further under his Committee. He stated that they have and one of the situations is the Public Works being short staffed, and also the weather not cooperating. Mr. Michel asked if tickets were being issued. Clarification was made that tickets are not being issued to residents for not moving their cars.
President DiMarzio stated that he has the Old Business list and will get it to the Committee Chairman's for their review and comments.
Mayor Antoline asked for an update on the Antoline Park Pavilion. Mr. Leone stated that there is an issue with a water fountain being required under the new building codes, stating the cost could be a $3,000.00 add on to the project, not including accessibility and winterizing. The Architects are working on the issue with the Building Code Official.
Mr. Michel asked if in the absence of Code Enforcement has anyone applied for permits and how where they handled and were they all granted. Mr. Leone said that permits were issued but not all were approved by him, a few were approved by Council. Mr. Michel also asked if there were fences erected in the absence of a Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. DiMarzio asked if he knew of any could he bring it to the board's attention.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliment
Trudi Koehler, 826 Washington Ave., was in attendance to ask if the street sweeper is going to run again, she has been sweeping her own block. Mr. Leone stated that there is a staffing issue with getting the sweeper ran and Public Works was working on the 175th Anniversary event, they have been working other items that need attendant to but will work to have the sweeper ran on a more frequent basis. The Public Works Committee will be discussing whether it will be run moving forward, every week.

John Marchionne, 209 16th Street, was in attendance on behalf of his parents. In the last (5) years they have had their property surveyed 5 times, due to Mr. DeChellis, neighbor, moving the stakes. They have been to the Magistrates over the issue. He stated that Dawn told his mom she had to move all her fencing but Mr. DeChellis did not. He is asking for clarification on the size of fence he can put up, where the back yard and side yard ends. President DiMarzio stated that an application would need filled out and if it does not comply or something is out of the ordinary, they would need to request a Zoning Board hearing. Mr. Leone reviewed the drawing explaining to Mr. Marchionne what would be permitted; a 6 foot fence can go on the back alley and 6

foot up to the back of the house. A 4 foot fence is permitted in the side yard. Mr. Marchionne stated that Mr. DeChellis's fence is on the property line, if not on his mother's property. Mr. Leone stated that he will update Owen, Code Enforcement, on the issue and will have him look into the issue of either fence being on the property line and the question of items in the right-of-way in the alley.
Regina Abraham, 2109 Ridge Road, was in attendance to discuss with Council the two dead tree stumps on the (2) vacant lots next to her property. Her concern is there are termites and is asking if the property owners can be held accountable for not maintaining the property. Mr. Leone stated that this is a difficult and challenging matter, due to the Borough not having anything in the code addressing the removal of stumps or even dead trees. She is asking if there are termites and they get into her home from these stumps is she responsible to paying the costs. President DiMarzio is asking that the Code Enforcement Officer look into the issue.

Mr. Michel asked if the previous year's budgets were available and is requesting copies of the last 10 years including line items.

Executive Session
Mr. Booher motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:23pm to discuss Judicial Sale Properties. Second by Mr. McKay. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Michel motioned to re-enter Council Chambers at 9:09pm. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
Solicitor Urick asked Council to entertain a motion authorizing the Solicitor to conduct title searches on properties that are subject to the Beaver County Judicial Sale list set for September on the tax ID numbers for the properties to be supplied by the Borough Manager. Mr. Booher made the motion. Second by Mr. May. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Urick asked Council to entertain a motion authorizing the Solicitor and Borough Manager to pursue interest in and feasibility of purchasing properties that are near or abutting Pennsylvania Ave. Mr. Booher made the motion. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Mr. Booher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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