

MONACA BOROUGH
July 23rd, 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-out of town	Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich-present
Mr. Snyder-present	Mr. Nichol-present
Mr. Krizan-present	Mr. Wilson-present
Mr. Booher-present	Mr. Karczewski-present
Mr. Ely-present	President McKay-present
Mayor Antoline-out on business	

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.-Borough Manager
Solicitor Richard Urick
Nick Urick-Esq.

Jack Manning, Town Center Associates, and Laura Rubino, Downtown Business Authority, provided Council with a slide show presentation updating them on the demographics of the downtown business area, and the need for revitalization.

Engineer's Report-Attached

Minutes

Mr. Karchewski motioned to approve Meeting Minutes of July 9th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Booher, noting a correction needs made to the Executive Session section. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

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

Standing Committees and New Business

Public Safety/Highway Committee

Mr. Booher motioned to appoint Bryann Mazine and Nick Vorrias to the EMA staff as recommended by Jeff McKay, EMA Coordinator. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the proposal received from Bickerstaff Lawn Service for tree clearing on the (3) hills. Mr. Snyder asked if this project was put out for bid. Mr. Leone stated that if Council wishes for him to obtain (3) quotes, he will have them for their review for the next Regular Council Meeting. He does suggest they move forward with Eckert Road, it being the worst of the three.

Mr. Nichol motioned to accept bid from Bickerstaff Lawn Care in the amount of \$7,000.00 for tree clearing on Eckert Road. Second by Mr. Ely. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Karchewski motioned to have Mr. Leone obtain (3) quotes for the tree clearing on Colonial and Cascade Road. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Mr. Booher motioned to approve payment #3 in the amount of \$37,865.52 to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co. for the Monaca Aeration Basin Improvements Project. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to approve **Resolution 10-13** authorizing the Borough of Monaca to acquire a Sanitary Sewer Line Easement/Right-of-Way for a sum of money, in lieu of condemnation over and under property in connection with the Markey's Run Sewer Project. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leone stated that before Council motions on the next Agenda item, he is recommending them to approve the amount at \$1,000 less to Martino Inc. for the additional crack sealing work that needs to be completed.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve payment to Martino Inc. in the amount of \$24,184.17, \$1,000 less than final payment request. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

COG Report

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25th, 2013.

Managers Report:

Mr. Leone stated that blue print drawings have been received for the elevator project at CJ Mangin School, and the project is moving along nicely. After a few modifications, the plans will be presented to the County and the project will be ready to be placed out to bid.

He updated Council on the project at 17th Street, and thanked MCVO and the various individuals that came out to help plant and clean up the area.

He advised Council that Columbia Gas will be finishing their work on 12th Street in the next few weeks.

New Business

Mr. Ely stated that he received a call from Jim Brandhooover stating his concern with the crosswalk on 9th Street. He sometimes waits over 10 minutes to cross, and then when he goes to cross he's had numerous close calls being hit. On behalf of Mr. Brandhooover Mr. Ely is asking for assistance from the Police Department to monitor this area.

Mr. Snyder asked since plans have been received for an elevator, have we decided what kind. And he is assuming this will be installed on the corner of Indiana and 10th, and will it be a partial indoor/outdoor elevator? Mr. Leone stated that yes it will be installed on the corner wall and be totally enclosed.

President McKay stated that he was in the CJ Mangin building and the restrooms are in deplorable condition, something needs done sooner than later.

Old Business

Mr. Leone stated that the Communities of Distinction filming took place and there were a lot of good shots taken. Mr. Ely asked how much the filming cost and how much was received as donation. Mr. Leone stated that \$5,000 was received in donations, he was hoping for \$12,000. A second set of requests will be sent to cover the \$24,000 owed.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Complaints

Norman Fletcher, Sixth Street-Mr. Fletcher was in attendance to make Council aware of the flooding issue that occurred at the Monaca Saxon Club and the residence he occupies next door. He believes the cleaning of the street sweeper may be a contributing factor to the problem. He is asking if the cleaning can take place elsewhere.

Rick Krepps, 1611 Virginia Avenue-He is the head trustee for the Saxons. He is asking for the Borough's assistance with the cleaning of the street sweeper as well.

James Steele, 1312 Center Road-Mr. Steele was in attendance to make Council aware of an ongoing issue he has been having with water coming down and flooding his yard, garage and basement. The water is coming from a pipe; he believes that is owned by the Borough.

Mr. Booher motioned to have Widmer Engineering look into and provide suggestions to Council pertaining to the property at 1312 Center Road. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Snyder motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:07 pm for legal issues. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Krizan motioned to re-enter chambers at 9:59 pm. Second by Mr. Booher. Motion carried unanimously.

President McKay stated that Mr. Ely left shortly after entering Executive Session.

Mr. Booher motioned to approve **Resolution 11-13** authorizing the signing, filing and recording of a declaration of relinquishment and notice of same, relating to Beaver County Tax Parcel No: 34-001-0203.000, owned by William and Ruth Herzog. Second by Mr. Krizan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to approve **Resolution 12-13** authorizing the Borough to acquire Sanitary Sewer Line Easement/Right-of-Way for a sum of money, in lieu of condemnation over and under property in connection with the Markey's Run Sewer Project. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to approve **Resolution 13-13** authorizing the Borough to acquire by purchase, property located at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, Beaver County Tax Parcel No: 36-002-0818.000, from the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau Repository for a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 inclusive of costs. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder asked when Council made the motion to increase taxes by 1% was it not for ½ roads and ½ blight; he is asking for clarification how this money is going to be expended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Booher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Second by Mr. Karchewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn R. Werthman