

MONACA BOROUGH
June 25, 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-vacation
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-present	

Others Present

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

Engineers Report-Attached

Minutes

Mr. Booher motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11th, 2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Karczewski second. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

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

Standing Committees and New Business

Public Safety/Highway Committee

Mr. Karczewski advised Council that there was no meeting held. He pointed out that they had the unfortunate incident on Clearview Dr. with killing of a dog and had spoken to a few people in the area regarding the incident.

President McKay presented to Council an EMA- Appointment Letter and an EMA-Cert Letter.

Mr. Booher motioned to appoint Chief William Petures as Deputy Coordinator for the Monaca Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Wilson second. Motion carried

Mr. Booher motioned to appoint Paul Lyons, Drew Snyder, Paul Abbott, Mark Giannetti, Dan Colville, Tom Sargeson, Patrick Young, Dawn Werthman, and Hilary Drogus to the Monaca Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Wilson second. Mr. Snyder voted No. Motion carried.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to support the CERT program. Mr. DiMarzio second. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Waste Water/Health and Sanitation Committee

Mr. Booher motioned to award Graziani Construction Inc. as the low bidder for the Base Bid plus the Add Bid in the amount of \$680,229.00 for the Markeys Run Sanitary Improvements. Mr. Karczewski second. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government Committee

Mr. DiMarzio apologized for not preparing an agenda for the General Government meeting that was held on June 17, 2013. He read the 5 items that were discussed at the meeting.

1. Discussed the hiring of Dawn Werthman and the strategy for the office moving forward should she accept.
2. Discussed the iCloud Technology –Mr. Booher attended training.
3. Discussed Police Negotiations. The General Government committee will be scheduling a meeting in the near future. It is yet to be scheduled.
4. Discussed the Washington Street Basketball Court.
5. Discussed Blighted Property-Bechtel Street Property and asking the Solicitor to do a title search.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve final payment to Frankl Electric in the amount of \$6,525 for the Electrical Service Upgrades at the WWTP. Mr. Booher second. Motion carried unanimously.

Network of Hope lease agreement was tabled.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to approve the request from the Network of Hope to hold their second "Hope for the Valley" event on August 10th from 12-4pm at the 15th Street Playground. Mr. Wilson second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Booher motioned to re-hire Dawn Werthman permanent full-time as the Confidential Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$17.00 per hour. Mr. DiMarzio second. Mr. Snyder voted No. Motion carried.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Committee

Pat Majors updated Council on the progress through-out town at various locations. With the help of the Adelphi students they were able to plant 11 Alberta Spruces along with red brick rose bushes at in front of the CJ Mangin building. All the islands are finished and have been mulched. The beds at the Pumphouse have all been weeded; tree branches and shrubs have been pruned. There is also a dead tree that will be removed. Also, 25 yards of mulch was delivered at the pumphouse and should all be laid out by tomorrow and ready for the Beaver County Boom Celebration on Saturday. She plans on doing some painting the railings on and clean up. She's looking at spraying weeds along the curbs and some of the walkways on Pennsylvania and 9th street. Pat was happy to announce that the Lutheran Church has partnered with the MVOC and will volunteer to cut, weedwacked, and manicure the German Lutheran Cemetery. She hopes to install a crosswalk on July 2nd at the Legion.

COG Report

Mr. Booher advised Council that Downtown Business Authority will be providing a quarterly report and they would also be attending a meeting to explain to Council exactly what the Downtown Business Authority is. Mr. Booher updated Council on the following new businesses that had recently opened; Doodlebugs 911 Pennsylvania, Starr Styling 1107 Pennsylvania Ave, Anthony Jr's Pizza 815 Pennsylvania Ave., and Big Bennys Sandwich Shop will be opening at 219 9th Street formerly Rossi's Pizza. He explained that there are 4 properties that are being advertised to sell, and 17 properties that are currently vacant that are not available to sell, they are working on trying to get these people to sell or put new businesses in. Mr. Booher announced that this quarter's Downtown Recognition Recipient this was the MVOC Youth Volunteer Program. He also announced the following upcoming events:

Monaca Community Days/June 30th /John A. Antoline Park/Fireworks at 10pm

Beaver County Boom /June 29th/Beaver & Ohio River/Fireworks at 9:45pm

ORTC Beer and Gear Music Festival/September 8th 8am-6pm/Lodge at Bradys Run Park

Managers Report:

Mr. Leone added that there are 2 new store fronts that are getting ready for façade improvements; one is the uniform store in the Simonis Bldg and the other is PDub's bar project which went out for bid. In addition, the Downtown Rivertown Partnership works in conjunction with the Downtown Business District and they recently had a re-organization of the structure, they used to meet in Beaver Falls at the Community of Economic Development Corporation office and they pressed upon the County Commissioners to get them more engaged in their issues, They graciously have invited them to hold their meetings at the court house and are allotting time to attend these meetings, Mario feels that it's very important in moving forward, in particular since Monaca Borough is the next community up for a streetscape. He feels that we have to be a lot more creative in how the funding project happens because of our economic situation. Being able to have the commissioners at these meetings is going to be very important. He hopes to be able to come back to Council with some positive improvements to the streetscape. He added that the Network of Hope will be selling Starbucks Coffee in the Café that they are proposing in the CJ Mangin facility. If they sell more than 250 cups of coffee it will be pretty much a full-fledged Starbucks Coffee House. Mr. Leone stated that all the items on Old Business are a work in progress.

New Business

Mr. DiMarzio asked regarding the broken sign at the Library. Mr. Leone said that it requires more attention; it will need a whole new frame. Mr. DiMarzio asked that it be moved a couple feet up the street to settle the dispute with residents not being able to see as they come up the street. Mr. DiMarzio stated the Library is an Icon in the community and would like to see it fixed.

Mr. Leone mentioned that the Washington St. Playground is currently owned by the Central Valley School District the property and they do very limited maintenance to the property and it is getting in somewhat of disrepair. The Recreation Board met and is recommending that Council ask the Central Valley School District to give the property to Council.

Mr. Booher motioned to have the Borough Manager contact the Central Valley School District regarding the Washington Ave. Playground asking for them to maintain or turn over to the Monaca Borough. Mr. Snyder second. Mr. Krizan voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Booher motioned to have the solicitor take legal action necessary to acquire the title on the 14th street property. Mr. Karczewski second. Mr. Snyder and Mr. DiMarzio voted no. Motion carried.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Complaints

Mary Ann Dessler-844 Ohio Ave.

Mrs. Dessler was confused as to the citation she received for her pool from the Building Code Inspector Joe Luff. Mr. Luff asked that she drain her pool or acquire a permit for the pool as it was not in compliance with the ordinance. She stated that there were several pools in the area and wanted to know if they also received a notice. Borough Manager Mario Leone explained to Mrs. Dessler that when Mr. Luff is driving thru town doing his building inspections and notices a pool that does comply with Monaca Borough Code he must take action accordingly by issuing a notice advising the resident to drain and remove or acquire a permit. He also explained that just because it is a blow up pool it does not exonerate it from the same standards of erection. Mr. Leone proceeded to explain that in the event that a drowning should happen the media would be asking the Borough where is Monaca's Code Enforcement on these types of structures? Mr. Luff is respectfully asking for your cooperation in this matter. Mrs. Dessler replied that she has put the pool down and sold. She also asked why they didn't enforce last year. Mr. Leone replied that Mr. Luff was not employed by the Borough of Monaca last year. She said that she also had a list of other properties in the area that had pools.

Mr. DiMarzio asked that something be advertised regarding pool permits.

Trudy Koeller 836 Washington

Ms. Koeller wanted to know what had been decided about street sweeping. President McKay advised that nothing had changed. She also asked if there could be an ordinance so that people could not be allowed to plant vegetable gardens in front of their properties. She feels that vegetable gardens belong in back yards only and they look tacky in the front of a property. Solicitor Urick advised that it would be too hard to legislate tackiness.

Executive Session

Mr. Snyder motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 for legal matters. Mr. Karczewski second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to approve the request from Joe Gordon, Tim Reddinger and the President of the 3 Rivers Catfish Club to use the Pumphouse for a weigh in station for the Cat Fish Tournament on August 16-17th. Mr. Snyder second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Karczewski motioned to re-enter Council Chambers at 8:38 pm. Mr. Snyder second. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Karczewski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:41. Mr. Booher second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabby Hernandez

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