

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2020 at 7:00pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present	Mr. Rebich- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanakik- absent
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- absent	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Simon D. Short; Mario N. Leone Jr., & Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from the **February 11th, 2020**. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from **February 25th, 2020**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- VP. Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the Month of February 2020.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **87**

Criminal Arrests: **17**

Call For Service: **477**

Total Miles patrolled: **4,098 miles**

Mayor Short then thanked Primanti Bros. on behalf of the MCDC for their Sponsorship and putting together the fundraiser of their soft opening for the Monaca CDC on March 3rd, 2020. He thanked those who participated as well. They raised \$5,696, which was also confirmed by Mrs. Majors. It was a great event. Mayor then informed council he and Mr. Leone had previously discussed that he and NSO Nick Vorrias are coordinating a Clean-Up day in the Borough on April 25th for Earth Day, rain date set for the twenty-sixth. They want to clean up the three main hills and would like to talk to the Borough about setting that up.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone began by discussing the TIF district. They will meet the 2nd Wednesday in April with the school board, seeking their approval to participate in the TIF. He then explained Well 15 pump repair and cleaning will be at an estimated cost of \$25,000. It's not pressing but need to get on the schedule for repair this year. VP Shotter suggested to move this item to New Business for motion. Lastly, Mr. Leone touched base on the Monaca-Rochester bridge rehabilitation project and seeking council's opinion on the matter for traffic control when it begins. There are four options that are being proposed. The 1st Option is to maintain 2 lanes of traffic and take 2.5 to 3 years to complete. The 2nd Option is maintaining 1 lane of traffic that would alternate in directions and take 2 years to complete. The 3rd Option is to close the bridge entirely and direct all traffic to the 17th Street Bridge which would take 9 months to complete. Fourth option, direct traffic leaving Monaca borough 1 lane out toward Rochester, and detouring all in bound traffic to the East Rochester Bridge which is a 2 year project. Council discussed the four options. Chief Piuri came to the podium to give his opinion as well. His initial reaction is any restrictions on that bridge is going to cause nightmares. Regardless, in the end, he says he thinks they are just looking for the Borough's input. Chief said speaking with Rochester, he thinks the bridge is wide enough for 2 lanes. President Booher asked if they should make a motion to send a letter back to PennDot giving their options. Solicitor Urick said it's best to make a motion and right a letter. It's not necessary but it will show them what you are thinking. VP Shotter said when will this start? Mr. Leone said year 2023. President Booher suggested

this will move to New Business for motion.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick mentioned they would have to go into Executive session for two matters, and he will announce the matters when they go into Executive Session.

Department Report – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of February 2020.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- None.

New Business:

1. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Mr. Wilson **motioned** to repair and clean Well 15 at an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 (twenty five thousand dollars). Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.
2. In regards to the previous discussion of the Monaca-Rochester Bridge traffic options, VP Shotter **motioned** to write a letter to PennDot with council's request to first use Option 1, keep both lanes open and second to use Option 3, close the bridge down entirely and direct traffic to other bridge. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

1. **Robert Svanda- 307 13th Street, Monaca, PA**-was in attendance on his neighbor's intent that she is planning to set up a Recovery Home at 309 13th Street, right next to his house. He raises a family and he's concerned. From a zoning standpoint, his neighbor lives in a two family residential district and from what he's heard, this is not allowed. He had also spoken with the neighbor and she states she will have six people living there soon under these circumstances. He's seeking what the Borough's decision is going forward. Mr. Leone is well aware of this matter. He said the Borough has heard rumors this was going to happen. The Code enforcement officer had looked into it and saw some Facebook posts. He stated NSO just sent a certified letter to the owner of 309 13th Street which states to cease and desist her business. Mr. Leone also mentioned a meeting they were supposed to have with the owner but she happened to cancel. They have not heard a response yet from the letter but the matter is in the hands of the borough. Solicitor Urick suggested for Mr. & Mrs. Svanda to give the Borough any evidence they may have going forward and the Borough will be able to take legal action. Mr. Leone confirmed to send him any videos, pictures, any evidence whatsoever to prove this neighbor is going forward with the Recovery home she states she's going to do. President Booher said she is going against Borough code therefor it is in the hands of the borough at this time.
2. **Jake (Chief) Rambo- 1008 Washington Avenue, Monaca, PA**-first announced the new fire truck is back. He had concerns with the roof at the Borough that it is leaking in the garage and the water has leaked on one of the ladder trucks which stripped the paint. He does not want this happening to the new Fire apparatus. He asked if someone could come look at the roof. Mr. Leone confirmed he will schedule Nick Mandalakas to come look at the issue.

Announcements: none.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session at 7:35pm for pending litigations and for an old Center Road sewer line project. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motions carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:18pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:18pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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