

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 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. Blanarik- absent
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the January 28th, 2020 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the **Workshop** Meeting Minutes from February 4th, 2020. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Citations and Parking Tickets: 79

Criminal Arrests: 21

Call For Service: 434

Total Miles patrolled: 4,246 miles

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone began by giving an update on the TIF. He announced upcoming meetings regarding the TIF and all who are involved. He plans on attending the next School Board meeting. This should all wrap up beginning of June 2020. He said everything is moving forward and they are looking at a \$1.2 million dollar TIF. He confirmed the new Dollar General will not be captured into the TIF. President Booher also announced March 11th is the next School Board Meeting. Mr. Leone mentioned the email he sent to council regarding the work they are doing with the Smith Group, who are a part of RiverWise. They have a bold vision to add solar panels to the Monaca-Rochester Bridge, he explained a little further. He also stated the Penn Dot agreement is still in the works. Lastly, Mr. Leone mentioned he would be out of town in the upcoming coming week, so Council decided and President Booher announced the Council workshop meeting on February 18th will be cancelled. This concluded the manager's report.

Mrs. Majors added the new Primanti Brothers in Center Township has joined with the CDC as their new sponsor and on March 3rd, they are having an invitation only event. All donations will go toward the MCDC and Primanti's will match up to a thousand dollars. She said it would be greatly appreciated if council could make an appearance prior to the Workshop since the event begins at 6:00PM. She will get more information and let council know.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He first stated Center TWP Chief Kramer is receptive to signing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Monaca Borough. Next he would need Council's authority to write up a draft and send it to Center TWP for review. VP Shotter made a **motion** to authorize Borough Solicitor to write up a draft for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Monaca Borough and Center Township. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked if there were any questions regarding this motion. He asked the citizens three times. There were none. He asked council if they had any further questions, which there were none. Motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Urick then asked to confirm that the Borough Manager is not buying the property that is listed

under "New Business" motion #two. Mr. Leone confirmed he is not buying the property. He explained this is a blighted property and the buyer has an interest in remodeling the house. Solicitor Urick continued with his report. Lastly, he stated the Gas Company stairway matter is still pending and he is waiting to hear back from them. There were no further questions.

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

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

Monaca Community Outreach Report (on sabbatical until Spring)

Monaca Business District Authority Report & MCDC- Mayor Short gave a brief MCDC update. He mentioned Mrs. Majors already touched base on Primanti's event happening on March third. They are still looking for a few sponsors for the Friday concert series this summer. He did have another meeting with Penn State Beaver and gave an update how they would like to correspond with Monaca for the use of certain areas in the Borough for some of their activities and he explained. He emphasized PSB's excitement in regards to the bike trail idea from the college to downtown Monaca and said this is still moving along. Mayor had nothing further to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- None (Councilman Blanarik was absent)

New Business:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough to sign letters of support for Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to sign the consent form approving the Borough of Monaca for the private offer to purchase from Repository of unsold property located at 1235 Washington Avenue, Tax Parcel #35-002-0521-000. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

1. **Rico Elmore- Rochester, PA-** introduced himself and his achievements thus far including being a Penn State Grad and currently with the Airforce in his 11th year. He was in attendance as a candidate for State Representative and wanted to make himself known in this District and to become more aware of what is going on in this area. Council thanked him for his presence and for his service.
2. **Curt DiGiovine- Monaca WWTP Superintendent-** was curious about the idea that was brought up earlier in the meeting regarding Solar Panels being added to the Monaca-Rochester Bridge. He wanted a little more insight. Mr. Leone elaborated and he and Curt discussed this item briefly.

Announcements: Mr. Rebich read the following announcements. Wednesday, February 19th is the Municipal Staff Training at Chippewa TWP building from 8:30am to 11am. Municipal Staff and Elected officials are invited to attend. February 21st through the 23rd is this year's Winter Carnival. Location will be held at St. Johns Monsignor Farri Hall. Details can be found on the Borough website or Mobile App.

Executive Session: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:22pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motions carried unanimously.

Due to lack of quorum, the Executive Session and meeting of February 11th, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of February 25th, 2020 council meeting which a quorum was present. Council voted to adjourn Executive Session and returned to regular session at which a motion was made by Mr. Rebich, Second by Mrs. Majors to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary