

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
December 12th, 2017 at 7:01pm

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

Mr. Snyder- absent	Mr. Rebich-present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanakrik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor John Antoline, Mario N. Leone Jr., Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors –John Dioguardi-1501 Corporation Street, Beaver, PA- was in attendance to ask Solicitor Urick why there is a delay in closing the alley way that was requested by him and what he can do to help get this accomplished. Solicitor Urick explained that an old ordinance was brought to their attention of a vacated alley way some years ago but has missing information such as the drawings which could determine if this is the alley that Mr. Dioguardi wants vacated. At this time, they are searching further at the Courthouse for evidence to support the ordinance.

Communications –None

Minutes- Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the November 28th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of December 5th, 2017. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried 7-2, Vice President Shotter & Mr. McGown abstain due to financial interest (both are receiving Fire Pay from Fire Department)

Mayors Report-Mayor Antoline Gave his report

Citations and Parking Tickets: **78**

Criminal Arrests: **25**

Call For Service: **474**

Mayor also thanked those who were involved with Light up night (held in town on December 2nd) including Recreation and the Borough workers. Even without the band for the parade, it was still a fun and successful day. President Booher recognized that this was Mayor Antoline's last report. Mr. Michel thanked Mayor Antoline for all he has done.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report.

a.) Item Updates:

Planning Commission meeting was held last Tuesday. The two items on the agenda, Woodward lot realignment and 5th Ward Rezoning, were recommended for approval. Woodward lot will be set for next agenda and rezoning of 5th Ward is scheduled for January 23rd, 2018.

-Zoning Hearing meeting was held last week for the old Bachelor Funeral home. The owner was requesting three units in an R2 zone. The Board denied her request. She then amended her application to two units instead of three.

-Well 14 will be going online tomorrow (12-13-17). The Water department has been working on it and wrapped things up today.

Mrs. Majors asked if the owner of Bachelors Funeral home needed a permit for the work being done on the roof. Mr. Leone confirmed it is not required due to the kind of work being done.

Borough Solicitors Report -Solicitor Urick gave his report. He first stated that the County Law department sent him a set of documents for another tax appeal that was filed for the S.O.I Club in Monaca. They are requesting a reduction in

taxes for a parcel that is not identified in the appeal (parcel#35-003-0814). Property tax collection for this property is about \$200 per year. Their tax obligation to the borough is minimal. The reason being, value is too high and they are paying too much in taxes.

>following motion added to the agenda: *Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to file a petition seeking permission to have the Borough intervene as a party to the tax appeal filed by the S.O.I. Club. Second by Mr. Michel. President Booher asked if any visitors had questions or concerns since this was not on the agenda. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Urick also brought up the Parking Meter Ordinance. The Parking Authority received a letter stating all Meters in the borough of Monaca are to be removed. Mr. Michel spoke on behalf of the Parking Authority which he stated they do approve of the removal of all Parking Meters in Monaca. Council discussed how and when they would like the meters to be detached.

Department Report -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

New Business: (for items a. and b. –both were amended since the millage was missing from the verbiage on the agenda)

- a. Mr. Wilson motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 955, Levying a Tax of .027 mills during the 2018 tax year upon real estate situate within the corporate limits of the Borough of Monaca and fixing the rate thereof. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilson motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 956, Levying a Fire Tax of .002 mills during the 2018 tax year upon real estate situate within the corporate limits of the Borough of Monaca and fixing the rate thereof. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Wilson motioned to adopt 2018 General, Water & Sewer Budgets. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Michel asked a question about software update for water budget. Mr. Leone confirmed this has been updated. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Wilson motioned to advertise the Reorganization meeting on January 2nd, 2018 at 6:00pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Quality of Life Ordinance-** Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

-Mr. Wilson asked President Booher once Old business is complete, if they could go back to Ordinance Review Committee since it was accidentally skipped over. He also asked Mr. Leone if the meeting with Penn Dot for 9th Street had been set up. Mr. Leone stated no date/time has been determined.

Ordinance Review Committee – Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

1. **Curtis DiGiovine**-263 Hickory Drive, Beaver Falls, PA-wanted to simply clarify the algae issue that was reported earlier in his WWTP report and why it wasn't cleaned up immediately on Thanksgiving Day.


Announcements- Monaca Borough office will be closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas.

Executive Session- None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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