

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2017 at 7:04 pm

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. Blanakik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others

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

*President Booher skipped down briefly to New Business, items a. and b. The following verbiage was added to each motion: Ordinance No. 955 will reflect that it is 27.00 mills & Ordinance No. 956 will reflect that it is 2.0 mills (these are the same as 2017).

Engineers Report

Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report. Mr. Sadaka left the meeting after his report.

Visitors –None

Communications – None

Minutes

Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the November 14th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of November 21st, 2017. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report-none

Borough Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He received notification from the County's Planning Commission which they have no comments on the Ordinance of the Rezoning of 5th Ward. He will give Mr. Leone a schedule of "things to do" to get this underway. He tentatively scheduled a hearing for 6pm and adoption of the ordinance at 7pm on January 23rd, 2018. This gives enough time to notify all the effective landowners, post the property, advertise, etc. He also mentioned that Mr. Leone briefly touched base with him about repealing the parking ordinance for the Parking Meters. Solicitor Urick said he would need more information and specifics for this topic. The decision needs to be if council wants to repeal the ordinance or suspend it. If suspended, this could be reversed and the meters could be used again in the future. More discussion was made by council about what was discussed in the previous workshop meeting held Tuesday, November 21st. Mayor Antoline asked if anyone reached out to the businesses if they want the meters rid of. Mrs. Majors confirmed majority would like them removed. Solicitor Urick asked to add a motion to New Business for this meeting. This being to grant him the authority to make an appearance at the tax appeal filed by Gay/Redden. President Booher asked if any citizen wanted to make any comments in regards to this motion. There were none.

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

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Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report: Mrs. Majors had nothing to report- they are finished until spring.

Downtown Business Authority Report: The meeting was cancelled.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Michel motioned to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 955-Levying a 27.0 mill Tax 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. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Blarrik motioned to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 956-Levying a 2.0 mill Fire Tax 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. Shotter motioned to authorize Borough Solicitor to amend the Parking Regulation Ordinance; to eliminate "all" Parking Meters in downtown Monaca, and various parking spots along 9th Street for the safety of relocating new crosswalks. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Michel asked Solicitor Urick if any changes were to be made to 9th Street, do they need permission from the State. Solicitor Urick confirmed they do need permission since it's a State road. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. LaPearle motioned to approve the 9th Street Curb Ramp Replacement Project with a 20% cost share for reimbursement to Penn Dot in the amount of approximately \$21,000.00. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Shotter motioned to approve Penn Dot Waste Water Treatment Plant temporary construction easement. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Blarrik motioned to approve Humane Society Contract for the year 2018 at a cost of \$1,800.00 for the year. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept resignation of John Booher as Planning Commission Board member. The reason being, President Booher and Patricia Majors cannot sit on the same board since they are both on council. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Majors then thanked John Booher for his service.
- h. Mr. McGown motioned to appoint Dawn Mizak as Planning Commission Board member to replace John Booher at a term ending December 31, 2017. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. (This motion was added to the agenda from Solicitor Urick's Report earlier in the meeting)
Mr. Shotter **motioned to authorize Borough Solicitor to enter an appearance for the Borough in the tax appeal filed by Gay/Redden.** Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Majors announced Thursday, December 7th, there will be a musical concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church called "The Reason for the Season". She invites all to come. All proceeds from free-will offering will go toward Santa Cops.
- Mr. Shotter announced December 16th, the Monaca Fire Dept. will be bringing Santa around town starting approximately at noon. Nominations are now open for the Monaca Fire Dept. as well for secret Santa.
- Mr. Blarrik stated the phone tree message from the previous water main break a few weeks ago sounded very garbled and was very hard to hear the message. President Booher stated they are looking into getting a new system for the phone tree.
- Mr. Michel asked if the tires and wheels were placed online yet. President Booher stated not yet. He also brought up the street sweeper and equipment not being used for the highway dept. and the borough needs to look into
- President Booher commended the Public Works dept. for all their efforts over the past few weeks. They flushed hydrants all last night, then as they were going home from their shift had to turn around and fix a water leak that happened suddenly. Needless to say, their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

1. **Kevin Schwarz-** 928 Grant Street-was in attendance to thank the Council and all who was involved for paving his road. Everything is working and he is happy the catch basins were finally fixed. He also thanked Mr. Shotter for his services at the Fire Department.
2. **Chief Piuri-** made a comment about 9th Street- He strongly stated it has been a dangerous street for many years, mainly from PennDots lack of attention to the traffic that comes across the bridge. Vehicles already make 2 lanes as soon as they come across the bridge, something needs done. President Booher added to make a note for Mr. Leone to set up a meeting with Penn Dot with Chief Piuri and Mayor Antoline to attend as well.

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3. **Dough Hiltz**- 1206 Blaine Road- He's been having issues with the road ever since they paved his road about 8-10 years ago. They keep telling him the curb cannot be built since his neighbor does not want that done, so water runs down his driveway and washes out his topsoil, etc. It's at the point where it's going to start doing damage to his property.
4. **Mike Frey**- 2508 Beaver Avenue- was in attendance on behalf of his neighbor who has had cloudy water coming out of his faucet ever since the water main break a few weeks ago. He did mention the water dept. was there to flush the hydrant to help clear the water but it still has not worked which is odd since his water at 2508 is perfectly fine. His neighbor has breathing problems and would like something further to be done for his sake.

Announcements: Reminder: Hometown Christmas Celebration will be held December 2nd, 2017. Festivities will be held at Fire Station #1 from 2pm-3pm. Parade will begin at 5pm followed by the lighting of the town's Christmas tree at the plaza.

Attachments: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary