

MONACA BOROUGH  
Meeting Minutes  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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**

Mr. Snyder-absent	Mr. Rebich- absent
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blararik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present @ 7:10pm
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- (present @ 8:03pm)	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors:** Robin Heberling, 1128 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monaca- was in attendance to stress her concern about the parking signs that have been put up in town recently pertaining to 2 hour parking and the overnight parking signs. Mayor Short assured her that all new signs have replaced the parking meters in town that have been removed. She said on the contrary, there are overnight parking signs on Wahl Street where there wasn't any meters. Mr. Leone said he is unaware of this and will verify where these are located with the road department and have them correct the problem.

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McGown **motioned** to approve **Workshop** Meeting Minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Vice President Shotter stated due to a financial interest, he abstains only from one item in the bills pertaining to fire department equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report-** Mayor Short gave his report for the month of November 2018.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **82**

Criminal Arrests: **21**

Call For Service: **451**

**Managers' Report-** Mr. Leone brought to council's attention that he and Treasurer Dave Kramer received a proposal from the USX Credit Union to offer Borough employees membership at no cost. He asked council's direction. There were no objections from council. Next on his list, Mr. Leone touched base on the recent announcement on the DOT Grant from Senator Toomey. They awarded Butler County \$20 million for their transportation project. This does not bode well for the grant the Borough had submitted. There has been no formal release of the totality of the grants overall yet. He then updated council on the Dry Utility grant. He did say they do need to continue lobbying on the borough's part.

**Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave a quick report.

**Department Report** -WWTP Curt DiGiovine gave his monthly report for November 2018. At the end of his report, President Booher asked if he tested out the new attachment on the Bobcat. Curt informed council he has not tested it yet, but will get with the Road Foreman soon to schedule this.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report-**Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

**Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report-** (on sabbatical until Spring)

**Monaca Downtown Business Authority Report-** Mrs. Majors announced their meeting has been cancelled for the month

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of December due to the holiday. They will resume in January.

**New Business:** Mayor Short read a Proclamation recognizing the Monaca Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for celebrating the church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Mayor then handed the Proclamation to Reverend Angela Smith and Lori Brown who were in attendance as the proud representatives of the church.

1. Mr. Blarrik **motioned** to approve Proclamation of Recognition to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, which celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adopt Parking Ordinance No. 960. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 13-18, designating and declaring an area in the Borough as Blighted and in need of redevelopment. Second by Mr. Shotter. Mr. Michel first asked to explain the areas in which this Resolution pertains to. Mr. Leone answered the areas it pertains to such as the main street corridor and gave the outlined areas from street to street in the downtown area. Motion then carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Blarrik **motioned** to approve 2019 Budget for General, Water & Sewer. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. McGown **motioned** to adopt 2019 Tax Ordinance No. 961 at .027 mill. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Michel **motioned** to adopt 2019 Fire Tax Ordinance No. 962 at .002 mill. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. McGown **motioned** to advertise Notice of Meetings for 2019. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance for Corporal Position. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Mr. McGown **motioned** to advertise for bid for the purchase of a Valve Turner and VAC trailer combo unit. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Mr. Leone reiterated the two bids submitted December 11<sup>th</sup> for the Sewer Jet Truck. One was for a 2012 VAC Truck at \$184,900. And the second one was for a 2001 VAC Truck for a bid total of \$70,015.00. Mr. Leone said these are the two bids for council's consideration. Jim, the representative from A&H was present if council had any specific questions for him. He approached the podium as council began to ask questions about the vehicle and their services. Mr. Michael asked how much this model would cost brand new. Jim said roughly around \$400k. Jim also touched base on the engine hours, the maintenance Curt DiGiovine-WWTP Superintendent-asked if A&H could take the old VAC truck in as a trade. Mr. Leone complimented the suggestion by Curt, but it would negate the bids that were submitted. He said the state the VAC truck is in would be better to leave it as is and put it on Municibid and see what dollar amount the Borough could get for it. Council and the Rep also compared their bid specs to the other bid that was submitted. Mr. McGown then asked about the yearly maintenance on the vehicle and how much the borough should be looking to spend each year. He said that all depends on how much use it gets but it should just be routine maintenance. Mr. Michel asked about the tires. Jim said they are brand new. Lastly, Mr. Michel asked what type of license is needed to operate and drive the vehicle. Jim answered a CDL Class B license. After much was discussed and answers were given by A&H Rep, Mr. Shotter made the **motion** to award bid to A&H for purchase of Sewer Jet Truck in the amount of \$70,015.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** Reverend Angela Smith-Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Monaca- she gave a compliment to council and thanked councilwoman Patty Majors for putting the proclamation together for their Church. She then gave a heartfelt "thank you" to Council for all they have done for them including making the motion to pass the proclamation. She said they view themselves as partners with the Borough/Council in serving their neighbors. Reverend Smith announced they will be presenting the Proclamation that Sunday to the congregation. She said Lori Brown, who was also in attendance, is part of the church's council and has taken note on the proclamation that was passed that night. She thanked Council once more and council thanked Reverend Smith.

**Curt DiGiovine-Operator Monaca WWTP** - hopes he didn't speak out of terms or step on anyone's toes when making his suggestion earlier in the meeting for the jet truck. Mr. Leone said they always appreciate his feedback and suggestions.

**Robin Heberling- 1128 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monaca**- was in attendance to address council with the problem at Whiskey Rhythm and the overflowing dumpster that seems to be an ongoing issue. Mr. Leone confirmed this issue was addressed today and they have been contacted. She also brought up glass being dropped all on the road from garbage trucks. VP Shotter reiterated to Ms. Heberling that anytime there is an issue with Waste Management to please call the

office to report the incident so it can be logged and the office will take care of the situation.

**Announcements:** Vice President Shotter announced that the borough office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>. He also announced Santa cops donations can still be dropped off at the Borough building.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Michel motioned to enter into Executive Session for legal matters and real estate at 7:56pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson entered the meeting at 8:03pm.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:48pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the public meeting at 8:48pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve agreement and confession of judgement. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve new lease with Kid Country at \$1,700 a month. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the second disbursement to the Monaca Library in the amount of \$7,500. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried 7-1, Mr. Blanakik No
- Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Central Valley Middle School Resource Officer at the hourly rate including benefits for 179 days. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize balance of Fire Department budget to Fire Truck Fund. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Blanakik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary