

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 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- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanmarik- present
Mr. McGown- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others**

Mayor Simon Short-present; Mario N. Leone, Jr.-present; Rich Urick, Esq.-present;

**Borough Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. Mr. Leone had given him a Resolution that day to review for the TIF project. He confirmed it is good for adoption. He then explained the time frame as to why the Tax ordinances for 2019 need to be advertised in accordance with the 2019 Budget. He touched base on the Kermiet Tank property and the letter he had sent to Mr. Deluco. He sent two letters, one to his registered mailing address and one by ordinary mail. The registered mail came back unclaimed. He is presuming Mr. Deluco received the ordinary mail and received the message. He then presumed to tell Council they should review and act on the draft that he had sent to them for the amended Civil Service Rules & Regulations, adding a Corporal Position. Solicitor was dismissed from the meeting at this time.

**Engineers Report-**Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report. He stated he and Mr. Leone had recently been in contact with a representative from the USDA. They are looking at projects in the Borough that deal with Waterline replacements and the like. He states the Borough will need to come up with a list of long term projects for the next 5-10 years such as replacing Waterlines, fire hydrants, the Reservoir and so on. To apply for a loan, the Borough will have to explain why the Borough deserves to have these projects completed. Mr. Leone explains the USDA looks at your current rate structure, your ability to pay and then find a way to assist. Tony continued with his report. He brought up the WWTP Secondary Clarifier that needs replaced. It was brought to council's attention last workshop meeting by Superintendent Curt DiGiovine. The project cost is estimated at \$300,000. It was confirmed money is available for this project as well. Tony asked for council's direction. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Engineer to prepare the bid Specifications for Secondary Clarifiers at the Monaca Borough Waste Water Treatment Plant. Second by Mr. Michel. President Booher asked the audience three times if anyone had any questions or concerns in regards to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, a presentation was given by Eagle Scout Adin Bender. The young man was in attendance to ask council's permission to use Antoline Park for an Eagle Scout Project. Young Adin would like to put in a Gaga Ball Pit and explained how the game is played and structured. Mr. Leone had passed out a picture to council of a Ball pit. Adin also explained how it is built and that the round amount cost would be between \$700 to \$800. Adin stated his first funding strategy is to try and get donations from local businesses. Any money raised would go toward kits, permits and any expense he would need toward his project. He also asked if there was park funding available to go toward his project it would be greatly appreciate it. President Booher announced that the master plan for the park actually has a Gaga Ball Pit. Mr. Shotter asked Adin if he is going to build the kit and would he need help. Adin clarified he will build the pit and gather as many volunteers as he can to help. He will also make it as ADA assessable as possible. Mr. Leone insisted the Public Works employees to get involved to help make the flat surface for the pits and so on. Adin confirmed two will be built. He also confirmed the troop has to be involved at least with building one. Mr. Shane Bender was also in attendance and began to introduce himself as he is a Scout Master. He said the way the project works is that Adin has to first get council's blessing, then has to put a package together and present it to the Troop Committee. Once he gets their blessing he can proceed with the project with fundraising and so on. Mr. Blanmarik **motioned** to authorize Eagle Scout Adin Bender to proceed with his project of building a Gaga Ball Pit at Antoline Park. Second by Mr. Wilson. President Booher asked the audience three times if anyone had any questions or concerns in regards to the motion. None were given. Mr. Blanmarik gave clarification how Adin is to go about the project as well. He is to gather as many volunteers and troops to help with the project which in turn will show his Leadership Abilities. Council's blessing is allowing him the opportunity to obtain this level. Mr. Michel asked about maintenance of the ball pits. Adin said there is little chance of rust and they have padded rails. Motion carried unanimously.

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Lastly, Mr. Shotter asked for Adin to please send council a letter once he gets the Troops blessing and can proceed with the project.

**Visitors-** none

**Communications-** none

**Minutes-** Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Managers' Report-** Mr. Leone touched base on the meeting he had with Penn Dot pertaining to the projects in town. He had given council his minutes from that meeting prior to this meeting to review due to the lengthy discussion with Penn Dot. Overall, he said it was a successful meeting. He discussed the Pros and Cons from Penn Dots point-of-view. The Pros are that Penn Dot likes the project for the Monaca Borough and the Borough's project will be moving forward, but these projects will take some time. Council asked questions regarding the projects funding and their strategies going forward. Mr. Leone explained the process/timeframe and studies that have to be done per Penn Dot. Mr. Leone also explained a T.I.I.F. fund which stands for Transportation Infrastructure Investment Funds. He said these funds are administered toward State projects.

**New Business:**

1. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize the Monaca Downtown District Authority to legally change the name to "Monaca Business District Authority". Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to accept resignation of Melissa Catanzarite from the Monaca Library Board. Second Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to appoint Gretchen Harich to the Monaca Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Rebich. Mr. Blanarik asked the formality of appointments and how the dates are determined. President Booher explained Mrs. Harich will finish out the term. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The verbiage of the motion was briefly discussed and altered accordingly. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to negotiate up to \$6,000 for the purchase of #5 VFD Rescue Truck. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Wilson asked if this motion pertained to the \$51,000 truck that will be mentioned in New Business.
5. Mr. Leone discussed the two following standard Tax Ordinances based on the advertised budget. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to advertise the Notice of Intent to Adopt 2019 Fire Tax Ordinance at .002 mill. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to advertise the Notice of Intent to Adopt 2019 Tax Ordinance at .027 mill. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher announced that it has been four years in a row that the tax has remained at .027 mill and he commended the office and the board for making that happen. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Leone explained every year all municipalities that are MS4 have to do an annual advertisement. If all municipalities did this individually the cost would be over \$1,000. Therefore, the County handles this asking all municipalities that are MS4 to agree to a joint advertisement so the amount will more than likely be under \$100 divided amongst the other municipalities. Mrs. Majors asked what the acronym is for "MS4". Engineer Tony Sadaka answered by giving explanation of MS4 and said it means: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to participate in 2018 Joint Advertisement for MS4 Municipalities. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Chief Rambo was in attendance to answer any questions regarding to the difference in cost needed for the new Monaca VFD Vehicle. Vice President Shotter began by reiterating the total cost of the new Latter Truck. He stated the grant monies received will pay the majority and the Borough will cover 5% of the cost totaling \$51,201.00. Vice President Shotter proposed to Council all the ways they could pay the 5 percent possibly taking the remainder of the Fire Dept. savings plus the Fire Tax funds so the fire tax fund won't take such a hit. Chief Rambo said the Vehicle will say "Monaca Fire" since they will soon become one department. Chief also confirmed since it is from a FEMA grant, FEMA will own the truck forever. Council and Chief Rambo also touched base on the particulars of the Fire Truck fund. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve payment for new VFD truck in the amount of

\$51,201.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements:** Councilwoman Majors read the upcoming announcements: Hometown Christmas Celebration will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 3pm-VFD #1. Parade will begin at 5:30pm followed by the lighting of the town Christmas tree at the Plaza along with singing Christmas Carols. December 1<sup>st</sup> the Christmas Decorating contest begins. Entries can be submitted December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> at [www.OurMonaca.com](http://www.OurMonaca.com). Winners will be announced Christmas Eve. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Reason for the Season" Holiday Concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church beginning at 7:30pm. She also happily announced there will be a guest Soloist by Miss Gabby Wilson.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", written in a cursive style.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary