

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
October 23rd, 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- absent	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- (present @ 7:01pm)
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - absent
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others

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

Engineers Report-Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report.

Visitors- none

Communications- none

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the October 9th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of October 16th, 2018. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave a quick overview on projects in town. He said they are making progress on the TIF. He received the Blight Study on Friday and read through the draft. Next, the study needs reviewed by the Monaca Planning Commission Board. If they recommend council to adopt, it will move the TIF on to the next phase. Mr. Leone said overall it is good news to see the TIF moving forward. He mentioned they will be submitting a grant to turn the remaining borough street lights to L.E.D. lights. Once completed, the Borough will be 100% L.E.D. He made an announcement that the Borough received \$198,000.00 Recycling Grant from the DEP. He's waiting to hear allocations of what funds could be used toward since the grant they submitted was for \$293 thousand dollars. Mr. Wilson asked when the Monaca Planning Commission meeting will be. Mr. Leone reiterated they meet 1st Tuesday of the month as needed so they are looking at 1st Tuesday in December. Mr. Michel then asked if anything went in the water bills for Recycling bins and that they are free at the Borough. Mr. Leone said not specifically for the free recycling bins and he will look into submitting an informative piece in the next bills.

Borough Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick started by saying LifeSteps appeal will be moved along. They are requesting the judge to schedule another conference. The Dioguardi matter is finished. He spoke with their lawyer today. They are working on preparing the deeds. He stated VP Shotter is working on Street Maintenance Ordinance and will get it to him for review. The Parking and Quality of life ordinances have been advertised and set for adoption tonight. In regards to the Library Lease, he hasn't finished yet. Civil Service Rules are still pending. He requested any documents be sent to him regarding the TIF from this point forward. Mr. Leone touched base on Kermiet Tank property. He sent an e-mail and left voicemail to Mr. Deluco and has yet to hear a response. Solicitor Urick said the options, let it hang fire, or write a letter to the buyer stating the Borough wants to look into other options since they haven't received a signed sales agreement. Solicitor Urick brought up the three tax appeals for borough owned properties. He stated one of the properties has tax exempt status ruling so they withdrew the appeal for that property, which is the one across from Taormina's old store. He is waiting to hear back about the other two appeals.

Circling back to the Kermiet Tank Property, Mr. Michel asked for Solicitor Urick's direction. He answered and council discussed. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve the Borough Solicitor to write a letter to the current purchaser stating the

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Borough has no deal on the sale of the Kermiet Tank Property and the Borough is actively trying to pursue a sale of the property. Mr. Wilson second the motion but added that the letter be "certified". Mr. Rebich asked because of the letter, is there a certain amount of time they have to wait. Solicitor Urick said no because there is no signed agreement. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any comments/questions in regards to the motion since it was not on the agenda. **Kevin Shwarz-928 Grant Street, Monaca-** came to the podium to ask what the Borough is trying to sell and where this property is located. Solicitor explained briefly. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Mr. Leone touched base on Ordinance No. 960, dealing with Parking in the Borough. He brought up a few revisions that need made such as taking Ninth Street parking out of the Ordinance since council decided there will be no parking on that street at all. Also the time needs changed. The solicitor advised council not to act on this tonight. He will make the necessary changes, send copies to Law Library and Beaver County Time to re-advertise. Adoption can then be set for second council meeting in November. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to table Ordinance No. 960-Parking Ordinance-to make necessary changes and to Re-advertise. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 959-Quality of Life Ordinance. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Leone described the Vargo Company 457 Plan proposal for Borough employees to participate in if approved. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve The Vargo Company proposal for the 457 Plan in the amount of \$1,450.00 + \$10.00 per participant. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Leone asked Chief Piuri to approach the podium to assist in discussing the option to hire a Resource Officer designated for the CV Middle School. Solicitor first announced that this discussion is not circled around Monaca not wanting a Resource officer, but that there are issues the Borough need to consider before making any decision. He said once this program is implemented, the Borough will not be able to withdraw. Once the Borough steps in, they are in, which means money and funding. He understands the school board would like the Borough to pay the officer's Wage Benefit Package including perks that go along with the job. He reiterates the Borough needs to be mindful of those perks because down the road those costs may continue to fall back on them when money evaporates. As he heard in the meeting, there is no full understanding of what will happen when the monies dry up. He states the best advice is to put everything in writing. He said the Borough should also consider what the officer's duties will be during the time school is out such as holidays, summer months, etc. Will the Borough have lay-offs which come at a cost or will the officer pick up shifts at the station. Mayor Short believes this will be a great asset to the community especially for families moving to the area. Mr. Wilson states moving forward, the Borough needs to get the particulars of what they can do to support this. Lastly he asked how many schools in the surrounding area have Resource officers. Chief stated to his recollection about 8 school districts have them which all are full-time except one.
5. Mr. Leone explained a letter sent by Duquesne Light to the Borough requesting a \$20,000 deposit in order to proceed with their Design/Engineering for the Borough's underground utility project. Mr. Leone stated the money would more than likely not be reimbursed but be applied toward any future construction costs. President Booher made a comment stating consultants from SGA did mention that in their past experience this is standard procedure from a utility company. Finally, Solicitor Urick suggested that he look at the letter to get a better understanding before decisions are made. .
6. Councilman Blanarik brought up an e-mail council received that week from the Kisow family in regards to their son Preston receiving his Eagle Scouts Badge. They asked if a Representative from the Borough would come to the ceremony on Sunday, October 28th to present this award to their son. Council discussed. Mr. Blanarik made a **motion** to send a Borough Representative to the Eagle Scout Ceremony to present young Preston Kisow his Eagle Scouts badge. Second by Mr. Michel. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions/concerns in regards to the motion. None were made. Motion carried unanimously.

New business: Mr. Blanarik mentioned a discussion that was held at the recent Rec Board meeting pertaining to grass cutting/maintenance at Stone Quarry Field. It is not being used anymore for baseball. He said being that its Borough property, will public works do it or will they put this out for bid. President Booher stated this will be put on the Old Business List and be further discussed at the next workshop meeting.

Citizens: **Jeff Wass-103 Chambers Drive, Monaca-** was in attendance to ask Council's direction pertaining to his most recent water bill that had doubled. He explained it's just himself and his wife at their modular home and he stated he has

searched and has no leaks and doesn't know where all the water went. He has been to the Borough office multiple times working with Utility Clerk on the matter. The Water dept employees also came to his house to inspect the meter which they found nothing wrong. He said he has checked multiple places in and around the house and cannot find a leak. He said his meter is not reading correctly and asked the Borough for a new one because he said there is no way he used that much water. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Wass specific questions about the days he felt his meter wasn't working properly and what Mr. Wass wants the Borough to do. Mr. Wass wants his old meter replaced at no cost. Mr. Leone and Mr. Wass debated on who will pay for the new meter. There was no agreement. Mr. Wilson lastly asked if his meter is reading correctly now. Mr. Wass confirmed his meter is working correctly but he does not want this to happen again in the future. Mr. Wilson said council will discuss this further at the next workshop meeting.

Announcements: Councilman Rebich read the upcoming announcements: Saturday, October 27th is the town Halloween Parade and Party. October 31st is Trick-Or-Treating from 6pm-8pm. Due to Election Day Tuesday, November 6th, the Workshop meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 7th same time and place.

Executive Session: Mr. McGown **motioned** to enter into Executive Session at 8:40p.m. for personnel matters. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:10p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:10p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:11p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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