

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 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- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blararik- absent
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Visitors –None

Communications –None

Minutes- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the July 24th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **Workshop** Meeting Minutes from the August 7th, 2018 Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. McGown **motioned** to approve payment to SGA in the amount of \$3,844.49, invoice No. 17004-14.3. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Shotter asked to confirm that the total amount to SGA was already approved once by council. Mr. Leone confirmed but finds it essential to approve each payment as they come in. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report-Mayor Short will have his monthly report at the upcoming August 24th council meeting.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He began by giving a brief summary of the celebration that happened that afternoon in town for the DCED \$3 million grant award received. Governor Tom Wolf came to the celebration and was happy to give the formal announcement that the grant monies will go toward the Round-about on the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street. Joining his voice was Representative Robert Matzie and Secretary Dennis Davin with words of encouragement and support. Mr. Leone stated county commissioners were there as well and county staff and leaders. Mayor Short thanked those involved especially Mr. Vince Dioguardi for letting them use his property where the event was held and thanked Yolanda's Restaurant for the pizza they donated as well. Mr. Leone then touched base on the Beaver County Local Government conference that was held last week. They had about 250 who attended. He said it was a solid event regardless that the keynote speaker Mayor Fetterman and his wife could not make it due to schedule conflict. He said overall, all were pleased and thought the event to be very informative and are looking for bigger and better things. He stated they are making progress with TIF and a meeting is scheduled with the Beaver County assessment office next Tuesday.

Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick updated council on the status of adopting Spruce Alley ordinance. He accidentally had the wrong date for adoption in the notice that was sent to the Times. He corrected the date and resubmitted the revised notice to the paper. He said all will get the updated documents and adoption is set for September.

Department Report -WWTP Curt DiGiovine gave his monthly report for July 2018.

Ordinance Review Committee Report-Mr. Shotter reported Solicitor Urick will review final revisions on the ordinances and should have them within the next week.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors gave a brief update on National Night Out. Due to weather the date was changed to “piggy-back” with Food Truck Thursday that week which turned out well. They were able to raise \$370 for the police. The Police made a decision for the money to go toward the care of K-9, Kazan. She thanked Mayor Short, Chief and resident Trudy Koehler for all their work and could not have done the event without them. She then mentioned she has the kids working along the streets doing community service. She was very appreciative of the fine job they did this morning cleaning up the islands on 17th Street before the event. The kids resume back to school Monday the 20th which she is anticipating road clean up in the evenings all next week, weather pending.

Downtown Business Authority Report- Mrs. Majors restated that meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the Month in the evenings at 7:00pm. She emphasized the cooperation thus far with all the organizations/committees has been great. There is a lot of “positive” moving ahead. This month’s meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 15th at the borough building at 7pm for those who would like to attend. President Booher thanked Mrs. Majors for all she has done.

New Business:

1. Mr. LaPearle motioned to approve purchase of 6 inch water meter from LB Water in the amount of \$6,209.41 for the Beaver Valley Industrial Park. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Chief Piuri came to the podium to explain and discuss the Civil Service Commission request for authorization to establish an eligibility list for the position of full time police officer in the Borough of Monaca. Council discussed and asked questions. Chief Piuri said since there are new members on council he thought it necessary to request the authorization to grant this again then they can move quickly on doing the testing process. Mr. McGown **motioned** the Civil Service Commission request for authorization to establish an eligibility list for the position of full time police officer in the Borough of Monaca. Second by Mr. Rebich. Vice Pres. Shotter then asked what is the intentions or 2 year plan for the officers or bringing on a full time officer. Chief stated there is no plans but he recommends they should have a list of available officers in case they lose an officer then they can work off of the list which would make filling the position quicker than usual. They may also get funding for school resource officer that could turn into a fulltime officer. Council discussed. Motion carried unanimously.
3. For the next item on new business, Chief Piuri remained at the podium and said he had to go ahead and review these changes for Civil service Commission request to revise rules and regulations including creating the rank of a Corporal. Due to changes, he would like Solicitor Urick to look over the code and revise the existing rules to have them properly updated. Mr. Shotter asked for specifics of the testing and what it entails. Chief Piuri referenced sections in the code to give a better understanding. Chief reiterated he will make sure all necessary changes are made and if authorized by council he will make sure Solicitor Urick makes the changes to address any of the concerns mentioned by council. President Booher said regardless, they are bound by the solicitor’s decisions which will protect them. Mr. Shotter then **motioned** to authorize Solicitor Urick to work with the Police Department and Civil Service Commission to update the Civil Service requirements as necessary. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Piuri also expressed his appreciation for Councilwoman Patricia Majors for all her hard work and dedication toward National Night Out and for the donation to the K-9 fund.

Mr. McGown acknowledged the fine work of the Borough Staff, Chief Piuri and all included in pulling everything together for the event earlier that day. Mrs. Majors added and said the Public Works department was tremendous as well. She also commended their work on Penn. Avenue particularly the weed-killing and the walkways that look more pristine than ever before. She thanked the Mayor for his participation and all his work he put in for the event that day. It’s an exciting time in Monaca and she finds it a privilege to be a part of this journey. Mr. Shotter joined his voice and gave a great thanks to the ones that have served on the board for the past 10 years. He especially thanked President John Booher and Councilman Derek Wilson who have served on the board for over 13 years now including borough manager Mario Leone for all the hard work over the years, and even the members who have passed away who had a hand in this big celebration they had today.

Citizens: Joe Yarosz-1338 Lincoln Drive, Monaca-was in attendance to inform council of an ongoing parking issue in the alley at 1516 Pennsylvania Avenue-Rear that he owns. Mr. Yarosz explained in the past his Uncle, who owned the property at the time, formed a right-away in the alley on his property and has the paperwork as proof. The issue is that a gentlemen keeps parking on his property for the past 2 years and repeatedly is asked not to park there by the police and he keeps doing it. He moves but takes some time which is inconvenient to the woman who rents the apartment there bringing groceries in to the house. The second issue is that the alley has six inch potholes and needs attention. He stressed his concerns to council and was seeking direction. Mr. Leone said they will do a work order to the public works for the road issues. Solicitor Urick then said to the extent that this man is doing something on private property is a matter between the property owner and the man, not the borough since it is not a borough owned road. All he would need is

written proof, which he has, that would help show the portion of it being a right away and not a street owned by the borough which is not open to the public for parking. The property owner is responsible for the actions to take on this matter, not the borough.

Paul and Amanda Lomagro-1144 Walnut Street, Monaca- were in attendance to inform council of their road that has been poorly fixed from previous water main breaks over the past four years. They asked that the street please get attention due to a peak in the road which is unsafe for children and also park on the other side of the street is challenging for street sweeping. Mr. Leone agreed with them that damage needs cleaned up but also let them know that road is scheduled to have waterline replaced “in-house”. They do need to go back and make sure it’s safe for travelling. But he did want to make them aware that Marshall to Allen is scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Lomagro asked if the peak could at least be fixed in the meantime. Mr. Leone said he will take a look at this.

Michael Frey-2508 Beaver Avenue, Monaca-was in attendance to make council aware of the sewer drain that backs up on the corner of his road every time it rains. It clogs and floods a portion of the road completely.

Nora Frey-2508 Beaver Avenue, Monaca-mentioned she has contacted the borough a couple times about weeds that are growing very high when entering onto 51 heading toward Aliquippa. She stressed how high they are blocking her vision when pulling out from Beaver Ave onto 51. She is not sure if it’s Penn Dot’s job to clean them up or borough. Mr. Leone said it will be hard to reach Penn Dot on this issue at this time, so he will have the public works look into cutting them.

Announcements: Mayor Short announced “back to school” Last movies at Antoline Park is scheduled for Friday, August 31st playing The Greatest Showman.

Executive Session: Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters at 7:48pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:20pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shotter motioned to resume to the public meeting at 8:20pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary

