

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2018 at 7:01 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- absent	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others

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

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

Visitors- none

Communications- none

Minutes- Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the July 10th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanakik motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of July 17th, 2018. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve payment to SGA, invoice # 17004-13.3, I the total amount of \$39,776.89. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Blanakik first asked Mr. Leone if this amount covers Phase 1 of Tenth to Thirteenth Street.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report starting with an update on the BUILD Grant which had been submitted for \$8.8million. He also received notice from SPC which they received a \$1million grant for smart monies applied for 17th Street Roundabout. At that same meeting, SPC also made a formal announcement designating Monaca borough corridor as a “critical freight route” which in terms is extremely huge for the BUILD grant and great that SPC is now formally recommending it to the governor to put it out there that this route is critical. Currently, CFA multimodal grant needs to take action which further in the meeting council will be asked to adopt Resolution No 10-18 in regards to the application. This grant is due July thirty-first.

Borough Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He will be filing three tax assessment appeals requested by the borough Thursday July 26th for borough owned properties at 1119 and 1302 Pennsylvania Avenue and the one on Bechtel Street. The hearing will be set sometime in October in hopes to have a decision before end of the year. He mentioned Mr. Dioguardi's plans are still looking good. He received a call from Mr. Carothers, Business owner on that property who was questioning which part of the alley he can and cannot use. Solicitor Urick advised him to contact Mr. Dioguardi about this situation. Solicitor Urick also redid the Quality of Life ordinance and is awaiting council's feedback. President Booher asked if the Parking Meter Ordinance needs passed in order for the meters to be removed in town. Solicitor Urick said it is not required to take down meter itself, but something that should be done soon after the ordinance has been passed.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve CV Little Warriors authorization to use Stone Quarry field for practice pending proper liability insurance forms are submitted. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to sign Repository Sale Form waving borough taxes for parcel #'s 37-001-0407.000 & 37-001-0408.000. President Booher announced these are the properties that were talked about in the last workshop meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Shotter asked about signatures on the repository

form and in which order the school, Borough manager and County need to sign. Mr. Leone said the county signs first, school district then Borough Manager. It's void either way if one party doesn't sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to Table the motion to hire part-time public works employee James Ross at an hourly rate of \$13.50 not to exceed 28 hours per week pending physical and drug screening results. Second to table by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 10-18, CFA Multimodal Application. Second by Mrs. Majors. **Motion carried 6-1, Mr. Wilson-No.**
- e. Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve final payment to X-Press Underground Inc. in the amount of \$5,569.57 for Walnut Street Water Line replacement. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Shotter asked Tony Sadaka, borough engineer, if he did any final inspections. Mr. Sadaka said he did. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: none

Announcements: Mayor Short announced the upcoming events for July/August. Movies in the Park will be held Friday July 27th at Antoline Park with a rain date of Saturday, July 28th playing Peter Rabbit. Local Government Conference will be held at the CCBC Dome August ninth. All who want to attend need to register with Brittany. Food Truck Thursday event will also be held August 9th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. Added to the announcements were National Night out which will be held Wednesday, August 8th at Washington Plaza and lastly the Recreation Pirate Game will be held Wednesday August first.

Attachments: NSO Monthly Report was given to council, prior to the meeting, to read.

Executive Session: Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for Personnel. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed briefly on the part-time public works individual they were interested in hiring, Mr. James Ross. Mr. Leone announced his drug screening and physical results already came back that day and he is cleared. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to hire part-time Public Works employee James Ross at an hourly rate of \$13.50 not to exceed 28 hours per week. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed possibly hiring another individual for part-time public works position. Council went back and forth with suggestions if they can use the extra man hours, which department needs this individual, will it be worth hiring in the long run, etc. Overall, council stated they need more information such as monthly data of work from the Road Department and Water Departments in order to make this decision. They also recommended each department to start logging weekly information and submitting monthly reports to council as they used to, then council will be able to make a better decision of how much man hours are being used, where they need the manpower, and so on for hiring another individual for the public works department.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

