

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
July 10th, 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. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present @ 7:04pm
Mr. LaPearle- absent	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Proclamation of Recognition: At this time the gavel was passed to Vice President Shotter and a young lady by the name of Aurora Jade Apple and her mother approached Council. Mr. Shotter proudly read the following proclamation in honor of the young lady and her outstanding actions: “The Borough of Monaca is a community in which it and its citizens strive to lead the way. On July 9th, 2018, Aurora Jade Apple, a Five year old resident of Monaca established an art sale to benefit the Beaver County Humane Society outside of her residence. On the day, Aurora raised nearly \$400 for the betterment of animals at the Humane Society. After an outpouring of support from the community, Aurora plans to attend the July 12th Monaca Food Truck Thursday to raise additional funds for the Humane Society through the sale of her artwork. Mr. McGown **motioned** to approve a Proclamation of Recognition of Aurora Jade Apple. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Shotter walked up to the young lady and handed her the certificate and happily announced “***The Borough of Monaca Council and Mayor do hereby proclaim July 9th to be Aurora Jade Apple Day’ in the Borough of Monaca and to encourage all staff and citizens to recognize Aurora for her good deeds that have exemplified the mission statement of Monaca to Lead the Way***”. She smiled ear to ear accepting her certificate while family, friends and all in attendance gave her a well-deserved standing ovation.

Visitors –None

Communications –None

Minutes- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the June 26th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report-Mayor Short gave his report.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **95**

Criminal Arrests: **13**

Call For Service: **559**

Mayor Short let Aurora and her mother know that he would help in any way if they needed assistance setting up her art sale at the Food Truck event that week.

Managers’ Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. The contract for the CDBG Curb ramp project has been awarded and the project should be started shortly. He was proud to announce the Borough has received it’s S&P Global ratings for the Borough finances. He thanked Borough treasurer Dave Kramer for assisting in this task. They are now upgraded from an A minus to an A plus staple which stands for better opportunity for better and lower interest rates going forward. He thanked council also for the fine job they are doing with the financing. He then reminded all that the Beaver County Local Government Conference will be held August 9th at CCBC dome and to let the office know so they can be registered if attending. The creation of the TIF District is in progress. Establishing assessment basis, anticipating October deadline.

Working on submittal of two grants such as the BUILD grant which is approximately \$10million, due July nineteenth and the other grant is the CFA Commonwealth financing authority through Penn Dot for approximately \$3million. Mr. Wilson asked to confirm if the BUILD grant was the one they voted on in the last meeting. Mr. Leone confirmed that was correct. He also asked for costs of each grant submittal. Mr. Leone provided the answers.

Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report and status update of the following. There was some movement with the Life Steps appeal and he will try to get another hearing scheduled. Gay/Redden appeal is put on hold until more work is completed on the property. Parking Meter Ordinance changes have been made which he is awaiting council's comments. He also needs feedback for the Street Maintenance ordinance. Quality of Life ordinance needs other provisions which he will have to look over in the International Property Maintenance Code book. This book will help reference the correct cites for accurate facts when establishing the ordinance. He then said Mr. Leone e-mailed him about three Borough owned properties in which the Borough is being taxed. Mr. Leone asked to file a Tax Assessment appeal on them. Solicitor said he will need to make a tax assessment of his own to see if they can do so and then he will get the appropriate forms to Mr. Leone which will need filed in the first week of September. He also advised them in the meantime if taxes are due to pay them. Lastly, he recognized Mr. Dioguardi and his associate who was in attendance and gave an update on vacating Spruce Alley which paperwork was sent to council that week. By vacating this alley, it will help in aiding the development in that area that Mr. Dioguardi has. Solicitor has a set schedule for advertisement of that ordinance and plans to have it adopted at the second meeting in August in case of any "bumps" in the road. Lastly, one other agreement prepared that asks the Borough to be a Signatory for a private right-of-way to be granted by the Dioguardi's for use by the present shop owners in that area. Mr. Dioguardi said out loud he is very satisfied and thanked council for all their work and effort on the matter. Mr. Michel asked if there were any utilities the Borough is responsible for in that particular area. Solicitor Urick said no and in the Ordinance it states if there are any kind of public utilities it would still be allowed to be there, and not forced to be removed. Mr. McGown asked if this would interfere with the future "round-about" and was it discussed with those engineers. Solicitor Urick confirmed it is far from the "round-about" area and will not interfere.

Department Report -WWTP Curt DiGiovine gave his report.

Ordinance Review Committee Report-Mr. Shotter had nothing to report as he is waiting for Solicitor to finish Ordinances.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors gave a brief update of the work she plans to do in town for the month. Naitonal Night Out will be held August 8th at Washington Plaza to benefit Police Department. This is a Crime Watch Program for children of all ages. She described the event. Eat n Park has come on as one of the larger sponsors this year which is great. All proceeds will benefit the Police and the departmental needs. She announced there will be a Chinese auction there for those would like to donate toward it. She gave a follow up on the youth in Monaca. They help maintain 17th Street and the islands on PA Avenue. They also were a big help with Pump house clean-up for event with Jared McKay. She plans to do another road clean up soon.

Downtown Business Authority Report- Mrs. Majors announced meetings will now be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the evenings at 7pm at the Borough due to some scheduling conflict with meetings held at noon. The next meeting is scheduled for Wed. July 18th, Borough building, 7o'clock. She mentioned they recently reorganized officers due to schedule conflicts. Kevin Kerr is now President, Nick Mandalakas Vice President and Rebecca Miller is the Secretary. She welcomed all to attend meetings when they see fit. Mrs. Majors said they have a very energetic group, Mr. Leone concurred. He said of the ten years he's been with the Borough, this is the most energetic group and he's excited to see what they have in store for the downtown businesses.

New Business:

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve #4 Fire Department 6th Annual Stop Drop and Run 5K Race. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Following, Mr. Leone announced, as he held up the plaque, that at the PSAB Conference this year, the Monaca Borough was the 2nd Place recipient for borough website throughout the commonwealth, populations between 5,001 and 7,500. He said he takes much pride in the website but the goal for next year is to achieve first place. Mr. Leone then announced at the upcoming workshop meeting, Representative Kevin Turkall will be in attendance to discuss possible locations for the Fire/Public safety/Administration building. Then President Booher added the Road crew is doing a great job patching problematic potholes around town with the new equipment and gave them admiration for their fine work.

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Announcements: Mr. Leone announced Food Truck Thursday is scheduled for July 12th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm with five trucks attending this event. Live entertainment will be provided by Recreation. Movies at Antoline Park is scheduled for Friday, July 27th playing Peter Rabbit.

Citizens: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37p.m. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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