

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
June 26th, 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. Blararik- absent
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.

A **Community Days Event** recap was given by John Antoline (former Mayor of Monaca). He thanked all those involved with planning the event. There were a few minor glitches that he said will certainly be altered in the next coming years but overall the day was a complete success as always. He mentioned while minds are still fresh from this event, he would like to plan a meeting with all individuals that were involved with the scheduling, planning, setting up, cleaning and so on to come up with a smooth planning strategy to take away any of those glitches for the upcoming years. The 5K Mad Dash that morning had over 70 participants which was one of their best years yet. John announced the recipients of the \$1000 earned will go toward Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He thanked Chief Piuri for his help at the race as well as the Police force keeping everything in line at the event. Aside from the Mad Dash crew, he was pleased that Recreation and VFD also made out well too. Lastly, he wanted to point out the 200th Year Anniversary is not long off and he vividly remembered reserves were hard to come by for the 175th due to lack of funds. It was difficult to plan and hard to raise that kind of money in such a little amount of time so he recommends they start putting at least \$500 to \$1,000 away per year in a separate account if they wish to have a smooth process when the 200th comes around which, keep in mind, will be even bigger than the last anniversary. President Booher and council thanked the former Mayor for everything he has accomplished and is still doing for the Borough. John Antoline was excused from the meeting at the conclusion of his recap.

Visitors- none

Communications- Mayor Short read a letter he received from Governor Tom Wolfe's office. With great excitement and good news, he reads the letter stating Governor Wolfe has decided to grant Monaca Borough \$3million toward the Gateway project and more specifically the possible round-about for improved traffic flow to and from the Shell/Cracker plant through the Monaca Borough corridor. President Booher was pleased in hearing this substantial amount and now feels secure in moving forward with submitting the grant that's due July nineteenth, which was discussed at the last workshop meeting with SGA. He also mentioned he spoke with U.S. Representative Keith Rothfus at Community Days who felt upset the Borough didn't receive any funds from the last grant submitted. President Booher gave council Rep. Rothfus's information and asked that everyone please reach out to him as he will try everything he can to help the borough acquire some type of funds toward the project.

New Business:

- a. Mayor Short gave a brief description of the individual they would like to hire part-time for the Monaca Police department. He stated Brandon Bredemeier used to work full-time at Beaver Falls. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to hire Brandon Bredemeier for part-time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Council then discussed cancelling July 3rd workshop meeting due to the holiday on July 4th and the office being closed that day. Mr. Shotter motioned to cancel Workshop meeting on Tuesday, July third. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes- Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the May 22nd, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rebich motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of June 5th, 2018. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of June 19th, 2018. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report- (Mr. Leone was absent)

Borough Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He mentioned a few Ordinances still pending such as Parking Meter, Quality of Life and Road Maintenance Ordinances. He is still working on these and apologized for the delay in completing them. Second, Life Steps tax appeal is still pending and waiting on a response after he gave a final proposal. Solicitor Urick brought up the Redden/Gay tax appeal for the property at the old Bachelors home. The Kermiet Tank property is awaiting signatures for the sales agreement from the buyers. President Booher informed all that the buyer of this property was having some personal matters and they will check with Mr. Leone of this status. Lastly, he gave an update of Mr. Dioguardi's situation with the vacated alley way and all parties involved. It was brought to Solicitor Uricks' attention that Mr. Dioguardi will reimburse the borough any Solicitor fees for his time spent with him. President Booher asked if Solicitor Urick could make it a priority to finish the Parking Meter ordinance as soon as possible.

Citizens: none

Announcements: President Booher announced Movies in the Park will be held Friday June 29th at Antoline Park with a rain date of Saturday, June thirtieth. The next Food Truck Thursday event will be held July 12th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm with five food trucks attending. Entertainment will be provided by Recreation and the Hall of Fame Building will be open to the public. The borough office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day and he also reiterated the July 3rd workshop meeting is cancelled.

Old or New Business: Mr. Wilson asked what are the next steps going forward with the \$3million mentioned earlier in the meeting. President Booher stated first they will need to confirm when the money will be received, then sit down with SGA and ask for the best direction. More discussion was made.

Mr. Shotter made a **motion** to authorize Sustainable Solutions and Baker Engineering to submit all forms and documents required to submit the BUILD grant (due July 19th). Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the public 3 times if anyone had questions/concerns regarding the motion. None were given. **Motion carried 5-1, Mr. Wilson-No.**

Mr. LaPearle posed a question regarding the deadline dates for the next grant submitted by SGA. It was confirmed the deadline is July nineteenth.

Attachments: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

