

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 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-present	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanmarik- absent
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Visitors –None

Communications –None

Minutes- Mr. Snyder **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the April 24th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the **Workshop** Meeting Minutes of May 1st, 2018. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report-Mayor Short gave his report.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **198**

Criminal Arrests: **26**

Call For Service: **529**

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He is still discussing with consultants on Streetscape project. GO-Net-Speed is scheduled to be installed May 9th. The DOT is coming up with another type of Grant similar to the "Tiger" grant. This will be the borough's next route if the INFRA grant does not get approved for the Streetscape project. The Street sweeper will be up and running May 9th this week. The Fountain at Washington Plaza is getting upgrades by the public works department. The water should be filled and fountain running by Thursday for the event. He mentioned an item that needed added to the agenda regarding the TIF agreement due to two contracts needing signatures. He explained the contracts and their importance. He would like council to make a motion to authorize Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to allow them to perform the necessary tasks to prepare those contracts for approval for the TIF Agreement. Mr. Snyder asked to give approximate costs. Mr. Leone will send the overall cost to council. Mr. Michel asked about the existing brushes that are being used on the street sweeper and suggested plastic so they won't tear up the brand new roads. Mr. Leone will look into the cost of a "softer" type of brush.

Solicitors Report-Solicitor Rich Urick gave his report. He reiterated the TIF Agreement and why the signatures for the contracts are necessary since time is of the essence.

Department Report -WWTP Curt DiGiovine gave his report. Portable insistence.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- No report, due to Vice President Shotters' absence.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors gave her report on the landscaping they have done around town. She announced Cascade hill will need cleaned for the third time already this year for the high volume of trash and litter. She said the litter is terrible this year on 51 and Constitution (near Colonial) which she cannot take the

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kids there for the amount of traffic. She will need adult volunteers if they choose to tackle that area.

Downtown Business Authority Report- Mrs. Majors announced next meeting is May 17th at the borough building. They are working on business development downtown which board member Kelly Burgoss-Harper is working on getting the Monaca business authority site up and running. She will work with Brittany to have it linked to the borough website as soon as it's ready. Mayor Short announced they are planning to set up a tent at the Food Truck Event this Thursday which will allow business owners the opportunity to promote and introduce their businesses to the public.

New Business:

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to accept resignation of Thomas Ely from Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to appoint Jack Skrlac for Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31st, 2019. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve purchase of Bobcat 24 inch Plainer-Milling Head and Drum in the amount of \$15,705.40. Second by Mr. Rebich. It was asked by Mr. Snyder to clarify that this particular milling head will patch up the roads and that there are no streets scheduled for repair this year. Mr. Leone confirmed that is correct. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Michel **motioned** to award Public Works Operator position to Donald Kronk. Second by Mr. McGown. Mr. Snyder asked is the position open for bid due to a previous employee leaving the position. President Booher confirmed Mr. Kronk is filling the position due to the opening. Motion carried unanimously.
5. President Booher explained this motion was mandatory so a senior employee has the chance to bid down. Mr. Michel **motioned** to post Public Works laborers position. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt **Resolution No. 7-18** appointing a municipal advisor in connection with a Tax Increment Financing. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt **Resolution No. 8-18** approving the lot-line Revision situated on Atlantic Avenue, Monaca Borough in accordance with subdivision Ordinance No. 762 and known as the Redden/Gay Plan. Second by Mr. Rebich. Mr. Leone gave a brief explanation of the property and what the property owner is planning to accomplish with the two tax parcels. The lot line revision was also approved in a previous Monaca Zoning hearing meeting. Some questions were asked by council and more detail was given by Mr. Leone exactly what Mrs. Redden plans. Motion then carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to negotiate the respectful contracts for TIF agreement. Second by Mr. LaPearle. President Booher asked the public three times if anyone had any comments/questions in regard to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.
9. President Booher announced there is scheduling conflict in the following week with Zoning Hearing Meeting and Town Council Workshop Meeting. They both fall on Wednesday, May 16th due to the Primary Election on Tuesday May fifteenth. Mr. McGown **motioned** to cancel the May 16th, 2018 Workshop meeting. Second by Mr. Wilson. President Booher asked the public three times if anyone had any comments/questions in regard to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: President Booher announced Primary Election is Tuesday, May 15th. He reiterated Wednesday May 16th Town Council Workshop meeting has been cancelled.

Mr. Leone was happy to announce the first Food Truck Day is this week on Thursday, May 10th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm.

Citizens:

1. Gretchen Harich-919 Indiana Avenue-was in attendance on behalf of herself and all home owners on the 900 block of Indiana and Atlantic who share Beech Alley. They all signed a form stating they would like the said alley milled down and repaved to prevent water from running down and damaging their properties. She passed out the form to council of the signatures of property owners on that block who wish to have this arrangement completed. President Booher first made a change to what was written on the plea stating council never said they would repave the alley but in fact mill up the paved alley and lay gravel to complete and resolve the issue. Next, President Booher told Mrs. Harich they will pass the request on to the borough solicitor, Road Foreman and borough engineer to research and obtain an overall price. Mr. Leone

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explained this will not be an easy task and they will need some time since there are lack of funds for road repair this year. Mr. Wilson asked if the millings the road department uses can be used for the alley. Mr. Leone said it could be a possibility and then gave the necessary steps of tearing up the asphalt and what the job will entail hereon after.

2. Paul Olshanski-1161 & 1159 Linden Street- was in attendance representing himself and his mother (who lives in the house next door) to let council know of neighbors burning in their area which is becoming an issue. Council explained to Mr. Olshanski that recreational fires are permitted in the borough. Mr. Olshanski said it is an everyday occurrence though and they should have a permit. Chief Piuri was in attendance and reiterated to the resident that if this is an issue, he needs to call the police, which the call can be placed as anonymous, and then it can be handled accordingly.

3. Barbara Bell-2298 Marshall Road- was in attendance to first tell council of barking dogs in her neighborhood that are becoming a nuisance since it's day and night. Chief Piuri restated if there is a noise issue to call the Police. Next, she brought up a speed limit issue near her house and ATV's driving illegally on the roads. Mayor Short said they will try to patrol Marshall Road better. Lastly, she explained how her whole house filter is dirty more often than usual and has brought pictures to the borough office and she was put on a list. She explained how she has to change the filter continuously. Councilman Wilson clarified the Borough has made the necessary adjustments to the "dirty" brown water situation. The water department has flushed the entire system in the last month and wells are being cleaned, two have been cleaned already. Lastly Mr. Wilson mentioned a detailed letter was given in the latest water bill from the engineers and borough reps stating what they believe the issue was and apologizing for the inconvenience. Councilman LaPearle said he has replaced his filters as well more often than usual but he reassured her the water has improved since they have flushed the system.

Executive Session: Mr. Wilson motioned to enter into executive session for Personnel and Real Estate. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McGown motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:44pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 8:45pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary