

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
April 24th, 2018 at 7:02 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

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| Mr. Snyder- absent | Mr. Rebich- present |
| Mrs. Majors - present | Mr. Blararik- present |
| Mr. McGown- present | Mr. Michel- present at 7:05pm |
| Mr. LaPearle- present | VP Shotter - present |
| Mr. Wilson- present | President Booher- present |

Others

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

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

Visitors –Jim Fredricks-827 Ohio Avenue-was in attendance to first ask council who owned the vacant lot next to the Drafthouse. Mr. Leone said the Borough owns it. Mr. Fredricks said he does not like the fact that the public can park there for free. President Booher explained they are doing no harm to the Borough by parking there, plus they are doing away with all meters in town so it is O.K. for the public to park there for free.

Communications –none

Minutes-Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the April 10th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.
Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of April 17th, 2018. Second by Mr. McGown. 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 gave a brief update of the TIF District Resolution. He is waiting for the County to sign. He mentioned the three municipalities that were designated the Quality Opportunity Zone which was stated in the newspaper. Unfortunately Monaca was not one of them. It was a tight opportunity but worth a try. Mr. Leone also passed around to council a proposal from Go-Net-Speed Fiber Internet Provider. He explained Go-Net-Speed compared to Comcast provides a lower cost with quicker speed for all Borough owned locations including Library and Community Center which as of right now does not have service at that location. He mentioned our IT department will install in-house if they are to go with this new provider. Discussion was made and questions were asked about wireless internet, a grant that paid for the wireless nodes in the locations where cameras are and so on. They discussed all the cameras and their locations in the borough as well.

-Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize borough manager to enter into a Contract with Go-Net-Speed to provide internet at all Borough locations on the proposal. Second by Mr. McGown. President Booher asked citizens three times if anyone had any comments in regards to this motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He stated both Parking Meter and Quality of Life ordinances are still being worked on. Kermiet Tank property is still pending and waiting on purchasers to sign and give a closing date. Chief Piuri sent him an e-mail and they will work on getting together on changes within the department. Lastly, he mentioned no word still on the Life Steps appeal.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to accept resignation from Russell Kopecky from Full-Time Public Works position. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. McGown **motioned** to authorize the Monaca Borough to enter into discussions toward entering an agreement

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with the CED to provide assistance in the selling and/or marketing of various Borough owned properties for the intent of promoting economic development. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Mr. Shotter first asked if the formal agreement will be separate before they enter into agreement. Mr. Leone answered "yes". Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion was made for the Operator's position and Laborers position and when they should be posted due to Mr. Kopecky's resignation. He was one of the three operators amongst the Public Works Department, therefore his position will need filled per the contract. The recent new hire cannot bid on this position until 180 days have passed. Council discussed and then clarified the timeframe in which to post each position making it known that the Union will send the approval when the laborers position can be posted once operator's position has been filled. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to post the Operators position internally. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

-Mayor Short mentioned the Boy scouts may be able to help out with Community Days clean-up. -Mr. Shotter then asked in regards to the CED properties, appraisals were done 2-3 years ago but was there ever a market price analysis completed. Mr. Leone said yes, three approaches were done and they will take a mean average of the three to compare. -Mr. Leone was excited to announce Monaca secured a lease with "Big Shot Bobs" and is going to be located where Anthony Jr.'s Pizza used to be on PA Avenue. -President Booher requested "Food Truck Thursday" be included under Announcements on the Agenda from now until October. The new banners for Food Truck day and their location was discussed and some suggestions were given where to put extra signs.

Citizens: Jim Fredricks-827 Ohio Avenue-was in attendance to stress his concern and ask council if a traffic study could be completed on the corner of Ohio and Constitution due to traffic not stopping at the stop sign that seems to be hidden in its location. He fears there will be an accident if nothing is done. He also wanted to notify council of neighbors that ride quads illegally in the area. Council discussed the stop sign issue. Chief Piuri suggested an engineer should look at the site first to determine what should be done for long term purposes. Mr. Leone suggested for now, the road department will paint a white line and "STOP" across the road as a temporary fix while the research is underway.

Announcements: none

Attachments: none

Executive Session: Mr. McGown **motioned** to enter into Executive session at 8:02pm for Real Estate. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:05pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:06pm. Second by Mrs. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager Mario Leone to participate in the Hostetter Multi-property regarding Monaca properties up to the legally permissible amount. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher asked citizens three times if anyone had any comments in regards to this motion. None were given. Motion carried 8-1. Mr. Wilson-No.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

