

MONACA BOROUGH  
Meeting Minutes  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:02pm

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. Blanakik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- <b>absent</b>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Simon D. Short, Mario N. Leone Jr., Rich Urick, Esq. (via teleconference)

**Visitors** –None

-John Antoline-2027 Marshall Road-was in attendance to ask permission for his sister Diane McKay to hold the Monaca Mad Dash 5K Run/Walk for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Mr. Antoline was also present to seek council's approval in allowing him to coordinate Community Days on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 this year as he has done in the past years. He would like the ability to communicate with the office staff to organize and direct the event. Council gave their approval along with Mayor Short letting him know he is willing to assist.

President Booher asked visitors three times if anyone had any comments or questions in regards to the Mad Dash event this year. None were given. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve Monaca Mad Dash 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communications** –None

**Minutes**- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the **Workshop** Meeting Minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**Mayors Report**-Mayor Short gave his report.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **180**

Criminal Arrests: **28**

Call For Service: **496**

**Managers Report**- Mr. Leone gave his report. -He mentioned State Representative Robert Matzie who sent a letter to the Secretary of Legislative Affairs in request of several Beaver County areas including Monaca, seeking to reinvest in new manufacturing in Qualified Opportunity Zone. Mr. Leone passed the request on to Governor Tom Wolf for the Borough's economic development in the downtown corridors. -Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for SPC grant. Once final draft is completed it will be sent in. -He submitted a DEP Recycling Grant Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> to try to obtain new recycling bins and find a new solution for leaf collection. -The borough is waiting for the County to take action on the TIF along with getting the signed copies from school district. -Lastly, there will be a Valve Exercising demo by Herco on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, borough building.

**Solicitors Report**-Solicitor Rich Urick participated by telephone. **Parking Meter Ordinance** -he made a few changes that was circulated amongst council. Vice Pres. Shotter had brought to his attention certain streets to be added to the ordinance due to meters being on roads that were not on the old ordinance. Solicitor Urick said he will go back and cross-check those designations and send another draft out.

**Quality of Life Ordinance**- He discussed changes suggested by council. He wants to leave the draft as is until the

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committee decides exactly what they want in the ordinance. Mr. Leone and Mr. Shotter insisted the hedges and snow removal of side-walks to be added to the ordinance since they are not on the international property maintenance code. The Borough code also doesn't clarify how much time is allotted for property owners to clear snow off sidewalks. They would have to add this "time allotted" amendment to the side-walk ordinance which would then have to be added to this ordinance. Solicitor Urick said this will only add confusion to the reader since this ordinance already incorporates other ordinances. The solicitor said he will look at it again. He also would like to schedule a meeting with Chief Piuri to discuss personnel moves and changes. Chief Piuri was there and confirmed. Solicitor Urick reiterated the S.O.I. Club tax appeal matter is completed. Mr. Dioguardi and his lawyer are looking into some other matters at this time. The Kermiet Tank property agreement is waiting on the buyers to review and establish a closing date. Lastly, it was brought to the solicitors' attention prior to the meeting about propriety by council entering into Executive Session regarding Real-Estate. Solicitor Urick explains the statute and advised council that it would be best for the borough's interest to enter into Executive when discussing real-estate in case a lease of any kind comes up in a discussion. Superintendent

**Department Report** -WWTP Curt DiGiovine gave his report. Mr. Wilson asked how many belt operators the plant has. Mr. DiGiovine said only the three at the WWTP can run it. Mr. Shotter asked about their SCBA. Mr. DiGiovine confirmed Mr. Jack Scrlac has refurbished the one they have now which is certified in case of emergency. Jared McKay, Water Dept. lead, was in attendance and let council know the one at the pump house was updated at the same time.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report**- Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

**Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report**- Mrs. Majors had nothing to report.

**Downtown Business Authority Report**- Mrs. Majors announced the next meeting with be on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the borough building. Some discussion was made of a couple individuals who may be interested in joining the Downtown Business Authority.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve payment for an Autoclave MDL in the amount of \$5,479.83 for the WWTP laboratory. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to hire John Wozniak for Public Works Fulltime Laborer position, pending he pass the physical and drug test. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Leone added he already received the physical results, all is good and just waiting on drug test results.
3. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to award McCreary's Budget Lawn Care for grass cutting for #'s (2) through (11) on the bid sheet for 2018 season. Second by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Leone reiterated the prices on the bid sheet from numbers 2.) through 11.) in council's packet. Overall, the total cost for 28 cuts for all locations equals \$19,096.00 (minus the library and Baker cemetery & assuming all cuts are performed). Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve Street Sweeper repair in the amount of \$7,983.76 to Golden Globe Equipment. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Rebich asked how long the fix will take. Mr. Leone said it will be sent out mid-month and received back within 4-5 days. Motion carried unanimously
5. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to award TLC Lawn Service to trim trees and mulch island beds in the downtown areas at Washington Plaza, Municipal Building/Parking lot and 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$2,655.00 for 2018 season. Second by Mr. Blararik. It was asked by Councilman Snyder if the borough is allowed to provide their equipment to contracted businesses. Mr. Leone and Solicitor Urick said they are already covered under their own insurance provided to the borough. The Contractor should also sign a general release form free of any injury and are liable for repairs if equipment is damaged. Solicitor Urick will draft a policy for this reason. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A correction was made to the motion inserting "per cut" after the price. Mr. Shotter **motion** to award Nichol's Lawn Service to cut grass, weed-whack and trim banks at Antoline Park in the amount of \$175.00 per cut for 2018 season. Second by Mr. McGown. **Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Snyder-No.**
7. Mr. McGown **motioned** to adopt **Resolution No. 6-18**, designating the Borough Manager Mario Leone as the person authorized on behalf of the Borough of Monaca to be registered with and have access to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering and construction management system and to sign on behalf of the

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Borough of Monaca, the agreement to authorize electronic access to Penn Dot System. Second by Mrs. Majors.  
Motion carried unanimously.

-Mr. Snyder gave a list to Mr. Leone of a few Library issues for review. Mr. McGown announced with regret he resigned from the Recreation Board due to conflict of interest. -Mr. Shotter asked council to send NSO Nick Vorrias any items they see in the borough that need attention so they can properly be addressed and rectified. Their goal is to clean up the borough instead of leaving issues stagnant. Mr. Blanakik thanked those who were involved with the insert that went in the water bills this month. A special thanks went out to Tony Sadaka, Jared McKay, Gabby Hernandez, Mario Leone, Vice President Shotter and Rich Urick on their expertise in explaining the brown water issue that arose just recently. Mr. Blanakik also appreciated the descriptive ways to pay your bill. Mr. Wilson asked if flushing is still on April 16th. Mr. Leone confirmed only if the weather permits.

**Citizens:**

1. Robert Mazinko-1032 Pennsylvania Avenue-was in attendance to first let it be known he has helped other businesses remove snow on their sidewalks by verbally asking them to do so. He suggests other businesses doing this to keep the main street looking presentable. Second, he asked for council's approval to start the First Annual Monaca Hotdog Eating Contest at the Community Days event. He will sponsor it and provide the hotdogs. President Booher asked that he bring it to the Recreation/Community Days committee's attention and they can bring it to council for approval.
2. Jeff McKay-1222 Virginia Avenue- EMA Coordinator since January 1996- was in attendance to inform council of Emergency Management. He passed out a manual for council to review.

**Announcements:** None

**Executive Session:** Mr. Snyder motioned to enter into Executive Session for Real-Estate at 8:13pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:15pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 9:16pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

