# MONACA BOROUGH Meeting Minutes March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:03 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-present Mr. Rebich- present Mrs. Majors - present Mr. Blanarik- present

Mr. McGown- absent Mr. Michel- present (via telephone)
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.

Visitors -None

## Communications - None

#### Minutes-

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Workshop** Meeting Minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Fiscal and Contractual</u>- Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

## Mayors Report-Mayor Short gave his report.

Citations and Parking Tickets: 101

Criminal Arrests: 14
Call For Service: 485

## Managers Report- Mr. Leone gave his report.

He updated council on the Street Sweeper demos for those who were not able to attend the demos on March 1st, March 12th, and today. Three units were brought in so far. Today, due to weather, they did not get a full performance on the sweeper, and will have to wait to bring in another unit to make a better decision for that sweeper. The next demo is Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at 8:30am for those who can attend. Mr. Leone also touched base on COSTARS Salt bid in the packet given to council. The deadline for this is March 15th, 2018. He also mentioned a meeting with the School District will be held Wednesday, March 14th to discuss the TIF for Streetscape. Mr. Leone also attended the Ohio River Trail Council meeting that was held Friday, March 9th at the Borough. Lastly, Mr. Michel asked if Mr. Leone could please distribute to council the article on turbidity.

Solicitors Report-Solicitor Rich Urick gave his report. The S.O.I. Club real-estate tax appeal has been resolved. He signed a document on behave of the Borough that week. LifeSteps tax appeal is still pending. Some questions were asked about wording in the drafted ordinance for parking meter removal. Mr. Shotter questioned post office parking and should it say 15 minute parking or 2 hour parking? Mr. Wilson also suggested a permit from the borough be required for permanent overnight parking. The Parking Meter Ordinance was tabled to discuss at next workshop meeting where they will have a final answer for Solicitor Urick for the final draft. Solicitor Urick also met with Mr. Dioguardi and his lawyer and surveyor once more. They have finally reached a point for what they need to do with the right-of-way and vacant alley way situation. Kermiet Tank sales agreement will be completed and sent to Mr. Leone this week. He then brought to councils attention that Mr. Michel will be granted a onetime exception this meeting for telecommunication. The following reason being, per the bylaws, council may only participate via telephone if: 1.) the council member is ill or disabled. 2.) Caring for the ill or newborn of an immediate family member. 3.) In case of emergencies. 4.) For Business



or family travel only. Mr. Michel does not fall under these reasons. Mr. Michel concurred. Mr. Snyder wanted confirmation that the Parking Authority is going away completely due to getting rid of the parking meters in town. Mr. Michel and President Booher corrected Mr. Snyder and said the Parking Authority decided to get rid of the meters and will be on sabbatical. Lastly, President Booher informed Solicitor Urick to be aware that Central Valley School Board attorney is supposed to reach out to him regarding Lifesteps.

**Department Report** -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- Mr. Shotter mentioned the Quality Of Life Ordinance discussed in the workshop meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>. They asked Solicitor Urick his opinion of a flat fee of \$50 instead of increasing each citations given in the borough and also how a citation can be delivered when a resident doesn't follow code. Solicitor Urick said you can do a flat fee of \$50.00. Though, in some cases such as a multiple violator, if the fee increases, the less inclined they would be to violate. The best way to deliver in his opinion is by mail. This was also tabled to discuss in the next workshop meeting Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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, March

President Booher made a change to items #4. And #5. of New Business. He changed the verbiage to "discuss/motion". Due to the change, he asked the citizens three times if there were any questions/comments in regards to those two items. None were made.

### **New Business:**

- 1. The 2018 Beaver County Boom Sponsorship levels were discussed. Mr. Shotter prefers the Bronze level at \$625 while the motion is for the borough to select Gold at \$2,500 as their usual level in the past. Mr. Leone explained Monaca should set the example and "Lead-the-Way". Mr. Shotter gave more reasons to support his choice why it should be lower. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve \$2,500 Gold Sponsorship Level for 2018 Beaver County Boom. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Shotter-No
- 2. As stated earlier in the Solicitors report, the Parking Meter Ordinance has been tabled to discuss at the next workshop meeting Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 3. Mr. Leone explains the multiple invoices that were sent to council in the agenda packet for approval of payment to SGA in the amount of \$43,302.82. He points out a few of the higher costs/invoices and specifies what they were for. Mr. Rebich pointed out the amount is too high to approve so soon with nothing to physically show for in town. Mr. LaPearle agreed that there was zero detail given for these payments in the last meeting when SGA gave their presentation of the Dry Utility Study. He would rather wait to hear their presentation in the upcoming council meeting (March 27<sup>th</sup>) rather than make a decision tonight. Mr. Leone explained these invoices are proof with detail of what each payment is for. There was a long discussion by council to postpone payment to SGA. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to table payment to SGA to the last Council meeting in March. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Street Sweeper repair was discussed by council. A long discussion was had by council and Mr. Leone on the best decision. Overall, they decided to wait until all demos have been completed and to let Jake Iorio and the Public Works department make an executive decision as to what direction they would like to go in such as: purchasing new, which model and how long it will take to get the model in, and if repairing the old one is the way to go if the time frame for a new one would arrive later than expected. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to repair the Street Sweeper with the proposal of \$7,983.76. Nobody second the motion. Motion Failed.
- 5. Mr. Shotter explained MyCivicApp. Mr. Shotter, President Booher and the office staff watched a webinar earlier that day of a demo of the App and heard the proposal if the borough was to enter into contract. The feedback was great, everyone was impressed who watched the demo. President Booher said this could be a good avenue to help businesses promote in town. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager Mario Leone to enter into contract with MyCivicApp. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. They asked if this could also be included on the next mailer to inform all residents that this App is coming soon.



Mr. Blanarik complimented the public works department for cleaning the walkway down at the pumphouse. He was very thankful. Mr. Leone will pass on the good word. Mayor Short brought up a proposal he would like to discuss in the next meeting with council. He has a unique idea to push creativity in the downtown area with a splash of art. Mr. Leone announced four applicants have been chosen for the Public Works Full-time laborer position (chosen in a meeting by Jake Iorio, Jared McKay & Curt DiGiovine). Interviews will be set up next week. President Booher announced Mr. Leone, himself, Vice President Shotter and Commissioner Camp are flying to Washington, D.C. Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to try to acquire a grant for the Streetscape project.

**Citizens:** Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

None

**Announcements**: None

**Executive Session**: None

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary

