

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- absent	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. Mr. Sadaka gave a brief overview of a survey that was taken for 2 buildings on Ridge Road that were completed by Widmer Engineering (issue talked about in previous meetings pertaining to side yard setback measurements). He indicated the measurement was exactly 3 foot 7 inches; the requirement for side yard setbacks are 5 feet. Council discussed this further with Tony. Solicitor Urick stated he will let council and the borough manager know the next steps in the process due to this issue.

**Visitors** –None

**Communications** – Mr. Leone welcomed SGA Consultant Sean Garrigan as he gave a brief update on the Streetscape Project. He mentioned they are beginning to establish a pallet of all fixtures along the streets such as the lighting, benches, etc. that may need repaired. They will have a follow-up meeting with Mr. Leone to discuss this once a list is prepared. Questions were asked by council.

**Minutes**

Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously

**Fiscal and Contractual**

Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. McGown. A few questions were asked by councilpersons and Mr. Leone answered each. Motion carried unanimously.

**Managers' Report**- Mr. Leone touched base also with the Streetscape project adding a few comments to Mr. Garrigan's update. He also met with a couple TIF consultants who were lining up the step-by-step process in which the Borough needs to follow to start the TIF if they were to go forward with it. The next step is to reach out to the School District and coordinate a meeting to make sure they are on board with the plans. Overall, the plans cannot go forward unless the school shows their support. He then mentioned a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> with SGA and various consultants working with the EPA grant for a follow up.

**Borough Solicitors Report**: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He mentioned the Quality of Life Ordinance was almost finished. He will also have a draft by next meeting of the ordinance regarding the repealing the parking meters in town. Lastly, he asked council if anyone had questions about the zoning map that will be motioned in New Business to be amended for 5<sup>th</sup> Ward area. Mr. Michel asked Solicitor Urick to confirm the exact roads added to 5<sup>th</sup> Ward per the new zoning map.

**Ordinance Review Committee**: Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

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**Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report:** (on sabbatical until spring)

**Downtown Business Authority Report:** Mrs. Majors gave her report. The first meeting of the year was held Thursday January 18, 2018 at the Borough building. The new officers in charge are all unique business owners: President Nick Mandalakas, Vice President Kevin Kerr, and Secretary Rebecca Miller. Mrs. Majors gave a positive overview of the successful meeting and is very excited for the energetic younger individuals who are stepping up. She believes this will make a big difference going forward with the downtown businesses. Mrs. Majors also asked council if they would consider adding an additional person to the committee.

**New Business:**

- a. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve Beaver County YMCA 2018 Playground Proposal in the amount of \$2,560.00. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mrs. Majors motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 957 (amending the zoning map). Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried 6-2. Mr. Blanarik-No, Mr. Michel-No
- c. (Items c. and d. were explained by Mr. Leone for repairs on the borough Water Wells- #16 & #13.) Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Well #16 repair in the amount of \$10,200.00 to Ohio Drilling Co. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Step 1 in cleaning Well #13 in the amount of approximately \$17,000.00 to Ohio Drilling Co. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** President Booher announced Old Business will now be discussed only at Workshop meetings from a check-list provided by council. Any New Business brought up in regular council meetings that need further reviewed or discussed will be added to the list and discussed in the workshop meetings.

Mrs. Majors asked Mr. Leone about the elevator issue at CJ Mangin. Mr. Leone said it's being taken care of and was a very minor issue.

Mr. McGown brought up an issue on Greiner Street that a resident brought to his attention earlier that day. This is in regards to Center TWP's new development/project on Marshall Road and possibly wanting to tap into Monaca's waterline. Mr. Leone firmly stated the Borough has not approved Center TWP to do anything with the borough's waterline. Mr. McGown also asked if there was a cheaper way to pay the water bills online. Mr. Leone explained the \$3.00 fee when paying online is a convenience fee by the credit card company which Mr. Leone confirmed they have chosen the most economical one out of all. He will research this again to make sure the borough is still up-to-par using the company with the lowest fee.

Mr. Shotter suggested the Public Works dept. to work on temporary fixes to the roads and all the potholes when the weather permits.

Mr. Blanarik asked multiple new questions that are now being added to the "Old Business list" that will be discussed at the next workshop meeting such as residential parking, monthly water bills instead of quarterly, and the Ordinances adopted by Monaca Council and how the public can view them if need be.

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

1. **Bob Robison-1212 Greiner Street-** was in attendance to relay back on Mr. McGown's comments/concerns about the Center TWP new development plan on Marshall Road. His main concern being his new driveway which he does not want it being ripped up if they were planning on digging there. Mr. Leone was confident in telling Mr. Robison nothing is happening right now nor has it been approved on Monaca Borough's end for Center to tap into the waterlines.

**Announcements:** none


**Attachments:** none

**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brittany Bologna, Secretary

