

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2018 at 7:01pm

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	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. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the December 12th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of December 19th, 2017. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the **Reorganization** Meeting Minutes of January 2nd, 2018. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report-Mayor Short gave his report.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **28**

Criminal Arrests: **8**

Call For Service: **461**

Managers Report- Mr. Leone gave his report.

a.) Item Updates:

-9th Street- Mr. Leone gave an update on the Penn Dot meeting that was held December 27th for 9th Street updates. He stated they are now waiting on their proposals for the updates.

-Antoline Park Grant close-out- The the inspection went well. Now waiting on a reimbursement check for finalization of the Park.

-TIF Consultant- He announced to council he met with a TIF consultant last Friday. The consultant has worked with Allegheny County and has experience with doing a multitude of TIF's. He gave an outline of the program which will take roughly around 5 to 6 month with a consultant fee of approximately \$30,000.00. This cost will be reimbursable once TIF has been established (which will come from the Tax Revenue from the economic development that is generated from the infrastructure improvements). Mr. Leone first needs to reach out to Beaver County Redevelopment Authority before making any decisions. Lastly, who pays for those services? These are all questions that Mr. Leone will follow up with council with once answered.

Today a Central Valley High School Senior job shadowed Mr. Leone. She is interested in studying Environmental Science upon graduation. Mr. Leone took her on a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant where Curt DiGiovine presented the ins and outs of the plant and how it is maintained. She was also taken to the Pumphouse, toured by Jared McKay who briefly explained how the Water Department works.

-Streetscape- keeps moving forward, nothing major to report.

Lastly, Mr. Leone announced there is an **EPA meeting** with the Sudak's January 23rd about their property.

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Questions were asked by council. Some discussion was made about TIF consultant, how the Borough plays a role with risks and involvement for the TIF and a follow-up from Mr. Leone was given of which grants were denied/approved.

Borough Solicitors Report -Solicitor Urick gave his report. He first stated there are three tax appeals pending at this moment. 1.) Life Steps-pending, 2.) Gay/Redden-pending, 3.) S.O.I. tax appeal-entered appearance. The Dioguardi Alley matter is still in the hands of their lawyer. Eichhorn 5th Ward re-zoning was approved and Ordinance adoption has been set up for January 23rd. The Quality of Life Ordinance is still pending. Also waiting to hear on School Districts for the property issues in the downtown area. Solicitor Urick also mentioned he is still working on the Parking Meter repeal.

- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to draft the necessary documents to repeal the Parking Authority collection from parking meters in the Borough of Monaca. Second by Mr. McGown. President Booher asked if there were any citizens who had questions about this motion since it was not on the agenda. There were none. Lastly, Councilman Mr. Michel asked if the verbiage could be changed on the ordinance. Solicitor Urick confirmed he will make any necessary changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Department Report -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

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

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors announced they are on sabbatical until spring.

Downtown Business Authority Report- Mrs. Majors announced there is no meeting until next week.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve payment #2 to X-Press Underground in the amount of \$12,995.67 (**we are retaining 3% \$5,569.57 for yard restoration work*) . Second by Mrs. Majors. Some questions were asked by council for confirmation on payment retention/restoration. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve Final payment to Mele Mele & Sons, Inc in the amount of \$8,192.50. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Leone explained the Resolution for Lot Line adjustment for Woodward, Kross, Popp & Casimiri. Council followed along in their agenda packets of the drawing that was given of the readjustment to be made. Some questions were asked. Due to the Dec. 27th council meeting cancellation, this Resolution (being No. 14-17) will now be changed to No. 2-18 since this is a new year. President Booher skipped down to Item e. to make a motion on Resolution No. 1-18 first to make sure motions were passed by number order. (*Motion skipped until after item e.*)
- d. (*skipped until after item e. & c. were completed*)
- e. Resolution No. 1-18 was briefly explained by Mr. Leone. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 1-18, Beaver County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC) Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously. President Booher then rerouted back to item (c.)
 - (c.) Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve Resolution No. 2-18, approving the lot line revision situated on Palmer Alley, Monaca Borough in accordance with subdivision Ordinance No. 762 and known as the Mark J Woodward & Nancy L Woodward and Jordon M. Popp & Kristina N Casimir! subdivision plan. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
 - (d.) Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Widmer Engineering Inc. to submit two separate year-end reports to the regulatory agencies for the Borough's Waste Water Treatment Plant at a total cost of \$3,750.00 (**\$1,875.00/each*). Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
 - (f.) COG Delegates were discussed by council. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to appoint President John Booher as Primary, Derek Wilson as the 1st Alternate and Justin LaPearle as 2nd Alternate. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Quality of Life Ordinance**- Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.
 - Mrs. Majors brought up an issue at Washington Plaza- the concrete is splitting and should be repaired for safety reasons when the weather starts warming up. -Mr. LaPearle asked about the brown water in the downtown area this week. Mr. Leone said the Water Department has been working on this issue to figure out what is causing this. The issue is still pending. Mr. Wilson quickly explained to the audience when the Borough gets brown water complaints the Water dept. is very quick to respond and resolve the problem by physically checking the resident's homes, and/or flush the system, changing hydrants, etc. until the problem is fixed. No brown water complaint is ever left unanswered which means sometimes working overtime, holidays and weekends for all Water Dept. employees.

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-Mr. Leone then brought up the Street sweeper and options to either rent or buy new. A long discussion was had by council and Mr. Leone of the best options and how often the street sweeper should be run throughout the year compared to other towns, boroughs, townships, etc. This will be discussed at the next workshop meeting when it can be supported by facts. Mr. Shotter added that council should consider hiring either a part-time or full-time employee for the Public Works Department and to add this item to the next workshop meeting. Mr. Wilson then suggested a list to be made for Workshop meetings to keep structure and so items can be checked off the list each and every meeting. Mr. Shotter also added to start putting time frames on each of the items so they aren't drug out for long periods.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments- None

Councilwoman Majors added a comment to recognize NSO Nick Vorrias for his effort and hard work this past week. She witnessed him picking up garbage on the side of the road in the freezing weather and wanted to personally thank him for all he does.

Announcements- Mr. McGown announced Go-Net Speed will launch in town during the month of March for those who were interested in using Fiber Optic high-speed internet connection.

Executive Session- Mr. McGown motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal matters at 9:03pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 10:28pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 10:29pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

