

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
October 16th, 2018 at 7:00pm**

The Work Shop 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**
Mrs. Majors - present
Mr. McGown- present
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson- present

Mr. Rebich- **absent**
Mr. Blanakik- present
Mr. Michel- present
Vice President Shotter- present
President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; Mario N. Leone, Jr.;

List of Attendees: None

Items to Discuss: Council first made it known to table the first discussion for the Monaca Resource Officer until all information has been gathered and Chief Piuri can be present. The Vargo Company Proposal was next discussed. Mr. Leone explained that this particular 457 Plan will allow Borough employees to add to their Pension plan since the Borough does not participate in a 401k Plan. He went over costs which include set-up, base, and participant's fees. He asked for council's direction in hopes they would consider establishing this program for the employees. Council discussed and asked questions pertaining to the given proposal. This was asked to be put on the next meeting agenda for further discussion/possible motion.

Manager's Update: The 2019 Budget was discussed. Each council member, Mayor and Mr. Leone had copies of the General, Sewer and Water Budgets to review.

General>Mr. Leone first touched base on the General funds. Mr. Wilson made it known that the Monaca Resource Officer is not factored into the budget being that it hasn't been discussed yet. He also requested that the Road Department submit their "To-do" list of roads to be repaired in 2019 to have a better understanding of funds needed. Mayor Short & Mr. Wilson mentioned if Food Truck Thursday continues, they should consider a way to off-set the cost of overtime worked by the public works department for that event. Next, questions were asked about the K-9 Fund. Mr. Leone made it clear that the K-9 fund still exists and that donations are to be received through the Borough, therefore there will be money to offset any costs for the K-9. Council discussed and it was asked what the annual expenditures are for the K-9. It was then requested the Borough Treasurer Dave Kramer be present at the next meeting the budget is discussed for his financial. As the first go-around discussing the budget, council asked that the following topics that were briefly touched upon can be further discussed at another meeting: projects in town, a list from road department Lead, how to utilize millings, the Daycare, Borough's Rental Inspector, Fire Marshal, and the Food Truck event.

Water>Mr. Leone reiterated the water fund practically mimics this year's 2018 budget. He did mention water lead Jared McKay has requested a full-time employee in the near future. Council discussed funding for new employee. Some costs on the budget provided were noted as unclear such as the Chemical costs. They asked that the Borough Treasurer check over this for the year. Councilman Blanakik asked where the money goes if not all used at the end of the year. President Booher said in the Reserves. Mr. Shotter asked the treasurer to also look into how much Reserves are in the Water Fund as of now.

Sewer>Overall, Mr. Leone stated overall the sewer budget is very healthy. Council briefly discussed employees at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and future equipment to be purchased such as a VAC truck. Throughout the whole budget discussion, Mr. LaPearle brought up the Reserves and made a suggestion of how the Reserves could be dispersed. Council discussed different ways and asked for clarity on the budget of where the reserves should go.

Old Business: Mr. Wilson asked for status on the Old Library building. Mr. Leone stated there has been no further communication and the Borough still owns this property. Mr. Wilson then asked about the TIF. Mr. Leone reiterated this is his first TIF and said as far as he knows it's a process & nothing is happening real fast but he noted it is moving along. Mr. Shotter asked for update on the Fire/Municipal Complex. Mr. Leone said he is trying to get the consultants' schedule

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for a good meeting day. Mr. Shotter also asked status on Kermiet Tank property. Mr. Leone said he reached out to Mr. Deluco last week. He is waiting to hear back. Mr. Deluco is aware, if he read his e-mail, of council's action on timeframe of completion of the sale and what council intends to do if it's not completed after a certain amount of days. Mr. Shotter asked about Ohio Avenue/Jackson Avenue project. Mr. Leone said it's completed but somehow the yellow lines got destroyed. The Road Department will have to repaint. Lindy Paving Co. also came back to Colonial Hill that Monday to restore the road since the first go around was not a success. Mr. Leone stated they did a nice job. Mr. Shotter then asked for update on Borough owned property at Tammy's Treasure. Mr. Leone said he needs council's direction at this time if they want to put it up for sale or not.

Mr. Leone announced that he received a phone call from the County that day pertaining to the Recycling Grant they had applied for. He excitedly announced Monaca Borough has been awarded \$198,000.00 from the DEP.

Continuing on with Old Business, Mayor Short asked when the yellow lines will be painted in town. Mr. Leone will touch base with Road Department on this. Mr. LaPearle asked if the treasurer could e-mail all of council the fund balances per month. Mrs. Majors asked about the Library Lease agreement. Mr. Leone said Solicitor Urick is still working on this. He did get the name of the attorney this week and Mr. Leone updated council as to what actions they have completed thus far with the Library's wish-list. Lastly, Mr. Michel asked which Wells are working. Mr. Leone confirmed all are working except Well 12.

Announcements: Mr. McGown read the announcements. The 34th Annual Monaca Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be held October twenty-first. October 27th is the Halloween Parade & Party in town beginning at noon. To conclude, Trick or Treat is Wednesday October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn at 9:48pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary