

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
October 2nd, 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- **absent**
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson- present at 7:23pm

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

Others Present

Mayor Short, **absent**; Mario N. Leone, Jr. **absent**;

List of Attendees:

Angel Zampogna (seasonal employee of the Borough) was in attendance for tonight's List of Attendees as the representative for Antoline Park summer help. President Booher began by complimenting her Fall decorations at the Oktoberfest event this past Sunday. All agreed it looked great and she did a wonderful job. Angel began by stating that she is very passionate about the park and loves Antoline Park for what it's worth and her wish-list items are to invest in getting the park in better shape. **1.) Security Cameras**-do not work. Chief also reiterated the software is probably the biggest issue. **2.) Wasps**- also a big issue at the park in the pavilions/cookhouses. Leaf Pest Control was called this year and came at least six times to spray but unfortunately wasps are still there. The wasps are living in holes in the buildings that need repaired. This issue needs addressed since spraying is not doing the job. **3.) Grills**- there are cast iron grates now at each pavilion. Mr. Leone asked her to make a list of how many renters this year use these. She would like to see the grills stay at the park but the existing ones are heavy and old and need updated. **4.) Overall Maintenance**- all that is done at the park should always have a follow-up inspection to make sure it was done properly and is the way it's supposed to be after completion, otherwise why do it she states. **5.) Roofs**- She requested that when roofs are being replaced, to consider shingles and not metal roofs. The metal roof that is at the park now is unattractive due to rocks and things that are thrown on it. She asked if they could keep things simple when updating the park. The pavilions are very simple. This year was a busy year so far with rentals which is great. As long as those renters are happy, and aren't complaining, they should be mindful of cost when updating these shelters, and not put the best of the best into them being that people are already happy with them. Just keep it simple. And the most that will need done is the upkeep on them when updated, she stresses again that when you maintain them, they will stay nice. **6.) Signs:** (a.) No Dogs in Park - where does Council stand? Are dogs allowed in the park or not? Council discussed and are undecided on the matter. (b.) "Park Closed" sign- Angel asked if there could be a sign that states "Park is Closed between November and March" every year. She said obviously the park is not technically closed, all are welcome to use, but people won't have the expectation that the park is being maintained in case it looks messy on the "off" months. Council disagreed because they said Public Works department should be maintaining the park year round. **7.) Comfort Station**- cracks in cement that were brought up November of 2017. These need addressed since this structure is still so new and cement shouldn't be cracking as it is. Council discussed and Mr. Wilson would like this addressed as well. Angel also mentioned the locks on the bathrooms still need fobbed. Lastly, she asked if she could be included on some of the decisions at the park being that she knows it so well and has maintained it for the past two years. Council then thanked her for all she does.

Items to Discuss: President Booher touched base first on the Water Utility Software Upgrade proposal that was given to council. This item was asked to be put on next meeting's agenda to make a final decision since all questions have been answered. Mr. Shotton relayed the Quality of Life and Parking ordinances are scheduled for adoption on October 23rd Council meeting as it states in the advertisement sent to the Times by Solicitor Urick. Mr. Blanakik touched base on the D.C. trip with Senator Toomey that he, Mr. Leone, President Booher & Mayor Short attended last Wednesday September 26th. He said overall, the trip was very positive. He complimented Mayor Short for his interaction and connection with Senator Toomey.

Manager's Update: (absent)

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Old Business: Mr. Shotter asked direction on the Street Maintenance ordinance. Council agreed the hours should be updated to reflect between 8-1. Mrs. Majors also agreed that maintenance should be done year round. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Shotter will have an updated version of the Street Maintenance Ordinance for council soon so they can act on it. Lastly, Mr. Wilson referred back to a topic that was discussed in last week's council meeting. Since Officer Greg Nichol and Chief Piuri were in attendance, Mr. Wilson asked Chief a few questions on the matter. He asked if Mayor Short spoke to them on the item discussed as he was supposed to. Chief Piuri answered yes. Chief also confirmed that the specific account was brought to the Borough treasurer as he was instructed to do. Mr. Wilson lastly asked if this account is audited every year. Chief Piuri confirmed yes. Mr. Wilson made it known that these were some of the questions brought up in last Council meeting and wanted everyone to be aware of the update. Without going further, council agreed to discuss this further in Executive Session later that night.

Mr. Michel reiterated the telephone poles on Colonial Hill still need addressed whether they are the Borough's or not. Mr. Shotter lastly asked Secretary Brittany Bologna if the New Fire Building/Admin Complex Committee has confirmed a set date on the first meeting. In Mr. Leone's absence, she answered that the Borough Manager is waiting to hear from Consultant Kevin Turkall on his availability which will then determine a date.

Announcements: Mr. LaPearle read the announcements. Leaf pick-up began Monday October 1st and will continue pick-up every Monday until December third. October 11th is the next Food Truck event. October 13th is the VFD's Stop Drop & Run 5K Race; volunteers are needed. 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 will be on Wednesday October 31st from 6PM to 8PM.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to enter into **Executive Session** for Personnel matters at 7:55pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:58pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the public meeting at 8:58pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn at 8:59pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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