

**Monaca Borough  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:01pm**

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- **absent**  
Mr. Wilson- present

Mr. Rebich- **absent**  
Mr. Blanakik- present @ 7:06pm  
Mr. Michel- **absent**  
Vice President Shotter- **absent**  
President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Short, Mario N. Leone, Jr.

**Items to Discuss:** Chief Glen Rambo of #1, Chief Joe Bittner of #4 and Chief Mike Ribar of #5 all were in attendance as the Monaca Volunteer Fire Department representatives for tonight's List of Attendees. The new Fire Building/Municipal Complex committee was the first discussed topic. The new committee is made up of two Representatives of each Department. Mr. Leone read the list of the new committee members: Police Reps, Chief Piuri/Officer Hogue; Administrative Reps, Borough Manager Mario Leone/Treasurer, Dave Kramer; Council Reps, President John Booher and Councilman James Blanakik; VFD Reps, from #1, Chief Rambo/Assistant Chief Montgomery, from #4, Chief Bittner/Chris Shotter, #5, Chief Ribar/R. Tanner. Mr. Leone then asked each Chief in attendance which day/time would work best for their schedule so the committee can meet once a month or as needed in making decisions about the new complex. All suggested Monday at any time after 6:30pm. Chief Piuri was in attendance and also agreed this time would work for him as well. Mr. Leone took note of this and also reiterated he is waiting to hear back from consultant Kevin Turkall and what day works for him as well. Chief Rambo, representative from #1 mentioned they opened up bids Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> for the new Fire Truck, which the bids all pretty much came out to the same amount, still pending which bid they will accept. He then presented council with a drawing of the new fire truck they would like to purchase with the grant monies they have been awarded. The new truck will be longer than the existing truck in #1 station right now. Chief Bittner, representative from #4, brought up their station is working on a 2019 State Grant. Due to the future mergers, all stations are trying to decide if each should submit a grant as one or three separate submittals. This is still undecided. He also stated they are making preparations for the ISO since they will have a representative from the ISO visit soon. He announced the Stop Drop & Run 5K coming up on October thirteenth. He announced they were summoned to four houses over the weekend to help pump water out of the resident's basements due to the flood. As fast as they were pumping the water out, water was coming in. Unfortunately they could not reach all houses that needed their help. He would like council to consider in the future purchasing a bigger electrical pump when issues like these arise so houses won't be neglected. Mr. Leone told Chief Bittner that a couple residents came to the last council meeting and thanked the VFD publically for their hard work and dedication during the flood. His next wish-list item was a cab lift that is needed. He gave Mr. Leone a bid from Herzog's to replace the pump for \$1,400. Chief Ribar, Representative from #5 started by saying they are now consolidating all their items at this time. He mentioned Rob Brady also stopped by to review the bylaws with all departments for the upcoming merger. Lastly, Chief Ribar mentioned how it's a bit hard right now juggling calls with his department alone at #5 due to the lack of man power. He finds it wise to possibly combine with #4 automatically so they can have enough volunteers when duty calls. He also put on council's radar that the equipment cost on average for one fire fighter roughly amounts to \$3500 for one set of equipment alone. The \$5000 equipment fund they receive from the Monaca Borough each year does not go a long way and some volunteers have to use their old/used set and wait their turn to upgrade. Council discussed the manpower and budget. President Booher thanked them for all they do and commended them for their efforts. All three Chiefs were dismissed at this time.

Chief Piuri first came to the podium and asked when action will be taken by Council on the amended Civil Services Rules and Regulations, rank of Corporal position added. Mr. Leone said he is waiting on the Solicitor for direction what will happen next. He will also send a reminder to council to re-read the updated document. It's a lot of reading and there are some unanswered questions that need discussed with Solicitor Urick about the Corporal position before taking action. He will keep Chief and council abreast of the steps to follow. Chief Piuri dismissed himself from the meeting at this time. Mr. Leone continued by stating he received a BILCO quote from Curt Digiovine, for two access doors needed at the

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WWTP in the total amount of \$5,400. Council looked at the photo received in their package and looked over the quote. They approved and it will be put on the next council meeting agenda.

**Manager's Update:** Mr. Leone had a conversation with a gentlemen from the DCED for the CFA Multimodal grant and overall it was a positive meeting and he is optimistic he is looking into assisting the Borough. The gentlemen had a few questions on budget so Mr. Leone will get back to him as soon as possible. He received an e-mail that afternoon in regards to meeting with Senator Toomey in Washington D.C. That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. He is also trying to coordinate a meeting with the Deputy Secretary from the D.O.T. and is not certain if that meeting will occur before or after the meeting with Sen. Toomey. He is trying to also have Rep. Rothfus join the meeting with Sen. Toomey as well. He asked council's direction and authorization to attend this meeting along with who should attend the meeting with him. Council and Mr. Leone discussed it's a long day. Commissioner Camp may not be able to attend this time as he did before due to the B.C. Commissioners meeting that day at the Borough building. President Booher, Mayor Short, Mr. Leone, and Mr. Blanakik all volunteered to attend pending travel costs. Mr. Leone will also confirm with V.P. Shotter if he can attend as well due to his absence. The trip will be funded by the Borough and cost and ways to travel for the day was next discussed. Lastly, Mr. Leone passed out the COG Salt Bids that were opened last Thursday. He announced there is a salt shortage this year. They compared Allegheny, Washington County and Beaver County usage. Beaver County has the most. They discussed COSTAR cost and COG bid amount to be used for the winter months.

**Old Business:** Mr. Leone briefly touched base on the Borough's Water Utility Software update. There were some questions V.P. Shotter had on network security after L.B. Water Reps gave their presentation a few workshops back. He stated he is waiting to hear back from V.P. Shotter in regards to an e-mail that was sent to him with answers to those questions. Mr. Leone wanted to keep this on Council's radar to discuss this further at an upcoming meeting due to the existing system being very outdated. Lastly, Mayor Short asked if they could reach out to get volunteers for the upcoming Oktoberfest event September 30<sup>th</sup> at Antoline Park.

**Announcements:** It was announced that the Beaver County Commissioners meeting will be held at the Borough building September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The first Oktoberfest is set to take place Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00pm at John Antoline Memorial Park. The next food truck event will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> same time and place.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, no motion was made due to lack of council quorum, all were dismissed at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary