

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 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- present
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson- present @ 8:30pm

Mr. Rebich- **absent**
Mr. Blanakik- present
Mr. Michel- present @ 7:02pm
Vice President Shotter- present
President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short, Mario N. Leone, Jr.

Items to Discuss: **List of Attendees:** Susan Polce, Recreation Director, was in attendance to present to council her wish-list items for the remainder of the year per the Recreation board. Riverfront Park/Washington Plaza-everything looks beautiful and in great shape. Washington Avenue Basketball Courts-request by residents to maybe convert the court into tennis courts. The majority of her wish-list will be for Antoline Park. Volleyball court location was discussed earlier between herself and Angel (who is employed to help maintain the pavilions and the park). She insisted a refrigerator is needed at the Comfort Station and Recreation is going to look into that next spring. Also, outside the new bathrooms, there is cracking in the concrete on the floor which needs looked at. High wall near Lions Shelter needs replaced because it will eventually begin to run down into that shelter. Council, Mr. Leone and Susan discussed what the plan of action is for Shelter 4. They discussed if they should tear it down, relocate and rebuild, which Susan sent council pictures of Wright Field's new Pavilions located in Chippewa. They have metal roofs, metal poles, panel for electricity, picnic tables, etc. She gave them information of the company they are made by and hope it is something they can look into. She also suggested adding a sign in town that show upcoming events. She thanked Mr. McGown and Mr. Shotter for their help with Movies at the Park this year. She also thanked Mr. Leone and Mr. Shotter for the donated refreshments. She announced Kelly and Joe will be singing at the next food truck event. September 16th, Recreation will be sponsoring a sing-a-long Beauty and the Beast show at the Amphitheater at Riverfront Park; a flyer will be sent to Council. October 27th they are planning the Halloween Parade/Party and requested the main street to be shut down for a small period. December 1st will be the Christmas parade and activities for the kids. The Parade will possibly be moved back by St. John's pending how Mass is scheduled that day. She ended by saying it was a great summer and she thanked everyone for their support. Mrs. Majors commented that a friend of hers was thrilled with Movie night and thanked Recreation and council for everything they did. Mr. Michel asked what repairs are needed at Shelter 4. Susan said the main issue is the floor, which is cracked badly. Council discussed ways to try to fix this shelter. Mr. Shotter then made recommendations for the Comfort station. He said to get rid of the large three-basin sink that was put in, and add a counter and refrigerator. Complaints are in fact coming into the office about the needs of the new shelter. Mr. Leone also suggested the most popular Shelter, being the Legion and the biggest shelter, should be the first to get repaired. It needs a new roof, per Jake from road department. He also said the master plan shows Shelter 4 is to be demo' d and relocated within the next year or two. As the pavilion discussion came to an end, President Booher mentioned a councilmember needs to be the Representative on the Recreation board. Mr. Blanakik raised his hand and considered being the Rep. Susan reiterated to Mr. B. that they meet the second Monday of every month at Hall of Fame building. President Booher thanked Susan for all she does and likewise Susan thanked Council for all their support. Susan was excused at this time.

Manager's Update: Mr. Leone gave an update on a couple **John Deere quotes** given to council for WWTP Front loader. Curt had said to Mr. Leone prior to the meeting that the 4WD is less expensive than the 2WD. He gave timeline of the Bobcat attachment they were looking into, which is two weeks out. The bucket is being manufactured and should be another week as well. The existing tractor is functioning but parts are rotting and getting fragile which is more of a safety issue. The tractor has always been in the WWTP budget request for the past three years but has never been purchased. They asked if Curt could get other quotes and also check Royal King pricing and if they have CoStar pricing or not. The Public Works **F550 dump truck** was discussed whether to repair the transmission or not and/or sell it. Mayor Short and President Booher said that it's a good long-term back-up truck if they choose to keep it. Mr. Michel asked if they reached out to Herzog's yet to make the repair. Mr. Leone said they did not. They have until February until inspection is up and to make a decision whether to repair. President Booher said let Jake do the "leg work" on this. Chief Piuri then approached the podium to discuss the quotes that were given to council for two police vehicles the police

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are looking to purchase for 2019. There will be two payments for the 2019 year. How to make payments on these new vehicles were discussed and also budget. After the next 4 vehicles are replaced over the next few years, there will be a gap between then and purchasing the next set of vehicles so funds should even out over time due to the gap and not having to purchase vehicles during those years. Chief Piuri asked if the purchase of the two vehicles could be added to next council meeting agenda for approval. Mr. Leone then mentioned bids were opened Friday August 31st for the Waterline Replacement project on Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfortunately they only received one bid, which was a little high than expected per Widmer Engineer Tony Sadaka. Since only one bid, they could not compare with others. This is a 90 day project and timing does not seem feasible as of now since Fall/Winter months are approaching. He advises they hold off, re-advertise come March 2019 and by then they should have a better understanding of timing with projects in town. Council discussed who is responsible for the waterline and should the businesses get involved. Mr. Leone reiterated the engineers recommend to have the lead lines changed per Penn Dot and DEP. *Mr. Wilson entered the meeting at 8:03pm.* Mr. Leone touched base on a couple conference calls he had for CFA Multimodal Grant for some clarity on the grant. Visiting Senator Toomey in the near future was brought up and to only to visit and spend the money if he is available to speak to face-to-face. Mr. Leone said he still needs a response from all VFD stations on their chosen Representatives for the new Fire Building/Municipal Complex committee. Mr. Shotter said they have their meeting Thursday and will have their decision. Mr. Leone announced Chief Piuri and Officer Hogue are the Police Representatives, himself and Borough Treasurer Dave Kramer are the Admin. Representatives and President Booher and Mr. Blararik are the Council Representatives. Those Representatives present all discussed to maybe schedule their meetings Tuesdays, before council meetings possibly beginning at 5:30, 6:00pm., pending it works with Kevin Turkalls' schedule (consultant).

Old Business: The updated Old Business List was discussed. Vice President Shotter went over the current updates from the previous meeting. The first main topic was the parking meters. An update was given by Mr. Michel on behalf of the Parking Authority. They have emptied all meters for the last time and bagged each. It was said that some have already been removed that day by Public Works. They questioned Mr. Michel on the funds and where the money will now go since no revenue is coming in. He does not want the budget to be at zero but is willing to help the Borough when necessary. President Booher suggested they sell the Parking Authority Lot to the Borough for \$1 dollar. Mr. Michel will consider and will talk to Parking Authority board at their next meeting. The Street Maintenance Ordinance was then discussed. There was many questions that still need to be answered per Mr. Shotter. Council was trying to determine if the new schedule will work and how it is written in the ordinance. The draft ordinance states Street sweeping sign will now be changed to Street Maintenance and will be year round instead of just 8 months. The parking schedule will be one day a week on one side of the road for 5 hours and will be for all of street maintenance including street sweeping, street repair, snow removal, Mr. Shotter read them all. Council gave insight of how things were done in the past with the police ticketing process and the parking routine/schedule. There was disagreements on the topic of consistency with giving tickets. Chief Piuri asked if they should hire a part-time officer to do this job. His main concern is credibility within the police force. Mr. LaPearle said there has to be a full commitment and consistency of ticketing. Snow removal was also discussed and how it will tie into the Street Maintenance schedule. President Booher mentioned this all came about when Chief Petures (at the time) said it was hard for the Police to consistently write tickets since street sweeping signs were faded and residents could not read their schedule on when to park on opposite side of the road. Due to this, it was brought up that signs need to be replaced. But, before buying all new signs, President Booher said the ordinance needs reviewed and updated. Mr. Shotter said the police will patrol the streets until all residents get used to parking. Then eventually, residents will get used to the new routine, tickets will go down and they won't have to patrol all day long. Mr. Shotter then read the section in the ordinance that states all the specifics of what street maintenance entails. Mr. Michel said some do not have driveways or a garage and have only on-street parking. This may be an issue to those residents. Manual garbage pick-up was also a topic that may happen in the near future which will cause residents to have to move their cars so their garbage can get picked up. Overall, council was asked to review the ordinance to get a better understanding and the discussion was ended as undecided. Mr. Shotter ran through the rest of Old Business list touching base what was updated in last workshop meeting. Mr. Leone added that the Planning Commission had a meeting that evening and has recommended Ryan Eichhorn Almarri's four lot subdivision on Ohio Avenue. He said that will be on next council meeting agenda for approval. Mr. Shotter asked if Public Works is coming back to do restoration on Bechtel Street where water break was in front of Nichol's market. He also asked if they could take a look at VFD #4's parking lot since they are having an issue with parking. Mr. Leone said Bechtel Street will get repaired and he will let public works know about parking lot. Mr. Wilson asked to discuss the issue of the resident with sewer line damage that was discussed in last executive session but never resolved. President Booher said the individual was previously told to get his insurance involved. He explained how the borough's insurance works. The resident was present before this meeting but was asked to come back to Council meeting where he can speak. Mr. Wilson suggested council should have an answer ready for when he comes back. Mr. Leone said if the resident does not like the outcome of the Borough's decision, it can be his

decision to file a claim and the Borough will submit it to our insurance. Lastly, Mr. Blarrik brought to Mr. Leone's attention earlier in the week that he has pictures of about 8 Verizon telephone lines hanging all over town.

Announcements: Mayor Short announced September 13th will be the next Food Truck event at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. As it was mentioned earlier in the meeting, Kelly and Joe are providing the entertainment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

