

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
June 19th, 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

Mr. Rebich- **absent**
Mr. Blanakik- present
Mr. Michel- present @ 7:29pm
Vice President Shotter- present
President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short, Mario N. Leone, Jr.

Guest Speaker-SGA consultants: Sean Garrigan from SGA was present along with their Lead Engineer Gary Lester to provide council a follow-up on the Streetscape project and answer any questions or concerns regarding the utility study. Mr. Garrigan discussed the project in full detail and gave the ideas of what they need now from council to proceed. He explained this phase will need to expand from 13th Street to 14th Street due to how the utilities are assembled. Specifics on funding and grants were next discussed. The total for the whole corridor will be approximately \$3.3 million. The project for 10th to 14th street will be \$1.3 million and the Clean-up cost for the whole corridor would be \$2.8million. Mr. Shotter asked if Mr. Garrigan can give specific break-down of these costs. Mr. Garrigan answered. President Booher emphasized whatever decisions are made now on the project will reflect back on this board 20 years down the road so every decision now is an important one. Mr. Wilson asked for a grant recap of all they have applied for so far. Mr. Leone said they did not receive the \$6.6million INFRA Grant. Over 115 applications were submitted and only 6 were selected nationwide, which Pennsylvania received 2 of those grants. The amount of grant submittals for the Streetscape project totaled \$48,000 submitted by SGA. Mr. Leone mentioned the state governor's office will be reaching out to him within the next week with possible good news on funding. Mr. Leone confirmed he will provide this information at the next council meeting. It was discussed that when grant monies are received, it will then be determined what the funds are used for. Mr. Leone confirmed the amount they have received thus far for Streetscape project is \$1.5 million from the County, which is kept secured through the county. Mr. Leone mentioned they have a meeting with Shell on July 10th at 10am to explain the Streetscape project and try to get them "on board" to be a part of the project. It was determined the project will be funded either through the TIF, which will be announced in October, or hopefully by Shell if they decide jump on board. Mr. Garrigan is to submit council with a brief one page rundown of all funding's and grants applied for so council can be on the same page. The Round-about drawings on 17th Street was then discussed and to clarify if certain buildings in the drawings are to be eliminated. Mr. Garrigan said there is nothing they have done or conveyed that is stating any business will be put out of business or taken down. The drawings are just a concept and will be updated on the Borough website as soon as SGA submits the latest drawings per Mr. Shotters' wishes. President Booher confirmed the drawings that were provided at the SGA meeting in March at CJ Mangin were hypothetical were not drawn by engineers. Overall, the round-about is not a certainty, it's a concept that Mr. Garrigan, Mr. Leone and council wanted to make known from here on out. More discussion was made about funding and what they would like Mr. Garrigan and Engineer Gary Lester to provide at their next meet. SGA consultants were excused from the meeting at 9:37pm.

Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Leone explained Resolution No. 9-18. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 9-18 supporting the principles of 'Smart Transportation'. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried 7-1, Mr. Wilson-No.
2. Mr. Leone confirmed applicant for Public Works laborer position George Lamel's physical/drug screening came back good. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to hire George Lamel for Fulltime Public Works Laborer position. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Leone discussed the replacement of Waste Water Treatment Plant pump. This pump is over 45 years old. It may be installed "in house", by Curt DiGiovine and if not he will let Mr. Leone know. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve purchase of Fairbanks Pump for the WWTP in the amount of \$17,245.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the audience 3 times if there were any questions/concerns regarding the motion. None were given. Mr. Wilson asked if the borough had funds in the budget for this item. Mr. Leone confirmed they do.

Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Update: He and 4 other councilpersons attended the PSAB conference at Hershey Lodge last week. He mentioned Monaca being one of the Borough's that is further ahead of the other Borough's. Overall, the best value at this conference is networking and forming relationships with other councilpersons along with conversing with the multiple Vendors that attended. President Booher announced New Brighton Boat Docks were donated to the Monaca Borough and will be tugged down to Monaca Pump house/Riverfront area soon. Council would like these to be 'convenience' docks, not permanent docks. Council gave suggestions how to use the docks. In the meantime, they can be stored at the Pavilion until final decisions are made. President Booher announced Monaca Borough and New Brighton starting up their usual Putt-Putt Golf outing at Frontier Falls then dinner following to discuss some matters. Lastly, Mr. Leone recognized the Public Works employees for all their hard work and dedication for the clean-up at the Pump house/Riverfront park area. He gave accolades to Jared McKay (water dept.) for his extra efforts and passion in making the area beautiful for the upcoming event. He thanked all involved once again. Finally Mr. Leone announced he received the Penn Dot ECMS approval, which is good news. Engineer Tony Sadaka can now submit the water project to Penn Dot for traffic control. Mr. Leone announced the Borough won the 2nd place award for the Borough website at the PSAB conference. They will try for first place next year.

Mayors Report-Mayor Short gave his report due to cancellation of beginning of the month council meeting).

Citations and Parking Tickets: **136**

Criminal Arrests: **20**

Call For Service: **591**

He also thanked Nick Mandalakas for cleaning up the property on the corner of 6th and Indiana where Community Days is located.

Old or New Business: The previous Old Business list will be updated in the upcoming workshop meeting per Mr. Leone.

Announcements: President Booher announced the following upcoming events: June 23rd Monaca Community Days event will be held at Riverfront/Pump house area beginning at 2:00p.m. Movies in the Park was discussed for June 29th date. There was talk of cancelling this one. Mr. Shotter asked if council can get all the equipment in on time can they still proceed with the event. Council agreed to keep the date of June 29th. The next Food Truck Thursday will be July 12th at Washington Plaza with live entertainment. Mr. Blarrik added the Hall Of Fame building will be open to the public as well. Mr. Michel asked if the Food Truck event can have vendors selling at tables too. Mayor Short stated they were only going for Food Trucks for these events.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:13pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary