

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 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	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- absent
Mr. McGown- absent	Mr. Michel- present @ 7:08pm
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short, Mario N. Leone, Jr.

Items to Discuss:

Monaca VFD Chiefs from #1, #4 & #5 Monaca Fire Departments were present to update council on each of their departments.

- **#4 Chief Joe Bittner:** gave an update of the Fire Department merger and where it stands. They had a meeting with the lawyer who gave direction on a time frame for the merger. It was a little too soon than they expected since the bylaws for the bodies in each individual department and a few other things aren't quite ready yet. He mentioned Water Ways doing their yearly testing but perhaps they will wait until next year for the test due to the small amount of fires and hose usage they had in the past year, thankfully. **Pumps-** All three pumps on the engines need tested.

President Booher asked why Monaca is getting fire calls from Hopewell. Chief Bittner and Chief Ribar explained this is because of the **RIT** (Rapid Intervention Team) that they are a part of. If Hopewell has a call and needs help, depending on how severe the fire, Monaca will send two qualified personnel to their rescue to help if the Hopewell fire fighters are inside the burning facility and need assistance. Discussion was made about the 15-20 minute travel to get to Hopewell in an emergency and how it's a bit difficult to get there in a timely manner especially for a fire. They might give them another six months to get a feel for it and see if it's still worth doing or not due to travel time.

- **#1 Chief Glen Rambo:** He first asked the status if they are **building a new fire station**. Mr. Leone said nothing has been finalized. He states so far he has the consultants giving a proposal on a few different locations and their recommendation. In addition, the borough is looking into constructing a municipal complex with a fire station. He's waiting to hear a cost analysis first from consultants of a combined structure versus building just a fire station. That will be presented to council in the next two weeks. Then, council will give their input on what their vision is and can be the deciding factor. Chances are if there is a desire to build a new facility that's the direction they will go in and if not they will stay here at this building and build a joint fire station, hence the merger. **Equipment-** Chief Rambo said they have \$5,000.00 for equipment. He asked will it change to \$15,000.00 when the merger comes around. President Booher said "Yes" and as long as it's in the budget. The **Fire Tax** was discussed. President Booher said this money will go toward a new fire station building. Lastly, Chief Rambo discussed Water Rescue Team and which Fire Departments in the Beaver County area 911 recognizes.
- **#5 Chief Mike Ribar:** He began by giving more information of the training and certifications that are needed for the Water Rescue. Because of their status as volunteers, the 200 some hours of training is a bit difficult to achieve over 5 years. Beaver Falls has paid Fire Fighters and that's why they are more advanced and recognized as #1. They decided when Monaca VFD merger is finalized, they will look into training for this rescue team particularly because they are the closest to the water for those types of instances. **Equipment-**once the merger is underway there will be a lot of doubles of equipment. They will more than likely sell the extra equipment. Chief Ribar stated all will need tested first before they can sell and this is where they will need council's help when that time comes.

President Booher thanked all for coming and sharing the VFD information with council. They were excused from the meeting at this time.

Manager's Update- -Mr. Leone indicated that Norm Ely will be resigning from the Zoning Hearing Board. This motion will be added to next week's council meeting upon receiving his letter of resignation. Nick Vorrias (NSO) reached out to

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Jack Skrlac who indicated an interest in filling Mr. Ely's position on the Zoning Hearing board. Council agreed to add his appointment to the agenda as long as Solicitor Urick does not find any conflict since Mr. Skrlac updates/services all the fire extinguishers within the borough. -The county passed the TIF Resolution and now just waiting on signatures. He is also working on grants for Streetscape. -The bid was posted for the Operator's position and he currently received an interest from Donald Kronk. The bid ends May fourth. The laborers position was posted on the website, but nothing in the paper yet. He's only received one application so far. They discussed timeframe in which to post the laborers bid, then after 10 days will be open to the public. It was asked to change the wording on the website to "Public Works" instead of "Laborer". -The Water department is done flushing in the downtown area. They are up on the hill now and almost finished. -The Street sweeper should be back this week. -The Milling head status was giving and the price is around \$15,000. Council gave the approval to put this payment on next week's agenda. With all this being said the existing John Deer was suggested by Mr. Michel to be put on Municibid.

Old or New Business: Mrs. Majors reported a broken tree hanging over the road on Cascade. President Booher confirmed road department already looked at it and it is not the borough's responsibility due to the location of the tree. She also mentioned weeds growing around a fire hydrant by Leaf Pest Control near 9th and Atlantic. Discussion was then made about getting a Porto john at Stone Quarry again due to the amount of kids who practice and play on that field throughout the summer months. Prices were discussed. Council agreed to add a Porto john at the field. Mr. Rebich brought up Riverfront Park and the messy situation that still remains in the amphitheater are from all the floods. Jake and the Road department are aware of the issues and are working on fixing the problem. Mr. Shotter updated council stating him and Mr. McGown are still researching the most cost efficient way to go about either renting or buying equipment for Movies in the Park. It was confirmed this would come out of Recreation's budget.

Announcements: Food Truck Day will debut Thursday, May 10th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

