

**Monaca Borough  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:02pm**

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- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present via telephone
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- <b>absent</b>
Mr. Wilson- <b>absent</b>	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mario N. Leone Jr., Mayor Short

**Items to Discuss:**

- SGA Consultant Sean Garrigan was present and gave council an overview of the Dry Utility Study that was discussed earlier in the day at their meeting with Mr. Leone and President Booher. He mentioned all the strategies they anticipate in going forward with the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Project. He noted the project cannot go forward without Duquesne Light's consent which is a slight setback at this time. The Borough Manager Mr. Leone and President Booher are to reach out to Duquesne Light in an approach that will let them know the importance of this project to the Borough and it needs to be responded to before going forward. He also spoke of additional funding's for the project that could possibly be available and he will discuss this further with Mr. Leone. The project will in fact be coordinated with the gas line and paving projects scheduled in town as well this year so it does not interfere with one another. Mrs. Majors asked about the islands. Mr. Garrigan did confirm they will be rid of and said raised planters will be in their place which allow more opportunity to do planting and are easier to maintain.
- Small Water Grant- Mr. Leone gave a brief update. The Resolution for this grant will need adopted at the upcoming February 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Solicitor Urick does have to review it first. The packet that Mr. Leone handed out to council explains the cost and where the work is being completed. The project that they are applying for is at an estimated cost of \$425,397.98. The Borough would put \$125k into the project with a grant of approximately \$300,000.00. The project will pick up from original scope of work from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Then from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to a point right before 16<sup>th</sup> Street. It was highlighted that because of Shell and the large amount of traffic running through that area, the borough should eliminate the possibility of water breaks in the future for that area to keep traffic flowing, hence the purpose of updating the lines in that area. More discussion was made by council about the lines being replaced, restoration and so on.
- Turns on 9<sup>th</sup> Street-(added to *Items to Discuss*). Penn Dot was requesting a traffic study be completed for right hand turns only out of the alley ways onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Widmer Engineer wrote a letter for the reasons. PennDot is requesting this letter. Once received they can move forward when making the necessary signs for the corridor. The Borough may also have to adopt an ordinance in accordance with the new sign since the alleys are Borough roads. This will be passed on to Solicitor Urick and discussed at the next council meeting.

**Manager's Update**- Mr. Leone touched base on the following items:

- Roller- This has been on the Road Department wish-list for quite some time. Mr. Leone explained the older drum Roller does not have much life left in it. Walsh Equipment has a 2017 model/brand new for \$16,613.00, best price he's seen in a while. This cost would come out of the liquid fuels which borough has the extra reserves due to money saved from the L.E.D. street lights around the borough.
- TIF Update- Meeting scheduled Wed, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am with the School District, President Booher, TIF Consultant and two reps from the county: Lance Grable from Planning Commission and Jim Palmer Beaver County Corp. of Economic Development. Mr. Wilson will also be asked to attend the meeting.
- Bucket Truck- Not working, reason why Christmas decorations have been left up in town. He asked they should look into upgrading. Hoping to coordinate with Halama's to use their equipment in the meantime to get the decorations down. Mayor Short suggested if getting a new one, might want to get a heavy duty model with a hitch that will be able to tow.

### Old Business:

1. **Quality of Life-** Mr. Shotter was not present to discuss this ordinance.
2. **Parking Meter Ordinance-** Solicitor Urick is still working on the draft. Mr. Michel asked if someone other than the Parking authority could write the ordinance. Mr. Leone confirmed this is a Borough ordinance that provides parking authority the authorization to do what they are doing. Therefor the Borough Solicitor is to write the ordinance.
3. **Street Sweeper-** The issue at hand=Council needs to decide if the sweeper needs repaired or replaced. Three options for repairing the street sweeper were included in the packet for council to review. Council bounced around ideas, suggestions, and questions in regards to the best option for the street sweeper weighing all the pros and the cons. Mr. Leone noted with Streetscape coming, the downtown area would need swept at least once a week. They discussed first repairing the street sweeper at a cost of \$8,000.00 that may or may not make it through this year, and in 2019 purchase a brand new sweeper. Mrs. Majors suggested not wasting the money and buying a new one now. Mr. Michel concurred and asked if Mr. Leone if he could look into the trade-in value for the existing sweeper. Mr. Leone said Golden Equipment has shown interest and he could possibly get an estimate from them. Overall, council needs to be in agreeance with either buying, renting, or repairing the old sweeper before moving forward. More discussion was made. Lastly, council made a recommendation in directing Mr. Leone to look for quotes & demos for a new sweeper and he will report any new information in the upcoming council meeting.

**Announcements/Attachments:** Mr. Leone briefly discussed a letter from a recycling company called ECSR (Environmental Coordination Services and Recycling). They welcomed the Borough of Monaca to host one of their collection events. This event is held by coordinating a specific area and date in the Borough for residents to bring household hazardous waste, TV's, Electronics, tires & rims, etc. Then be charged per pound. Council did not want this to intervene with Waste Management's special collection so they offered a suggestion of maybe asking WM if they would host an event similar to this for all residents.

-Mr. Rebich mentioned a concerned citizen asking about cleanup on the muddy trail at the pump house. Mr. Leone is hoping for the rain to wash most of the mud away. Then once the rain has stopped and the area is dry he will have the road department get the Bobcat/brush to clean it up.

-Mayor Short mentioned the curb on 15<sup>th</sup> Street needs the yellow line painted black so cars are not getting tickets since it is limited parking in that certain area. He also mentioned pictures were sent to him of a sinkhole on corner of Welsh/Elm. Mr. Leone noted the road department is already addressing the sinkhole issue.

-Mr. Leone wants council to be aware of the issues on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Street hills. Due to the heavy rain, the road/hillside are not in the greatest conditions. Temporary patches are being made but for long term purposes probably going to lose that road if something isn't done. Mr. Leone stated he will reach out to the engineers as soon as possible on this issue.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. McGown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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