

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
February 28th, 2017 at 7:02 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened in prayer by Curt DiGiovine followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mr. Snyder- present	Mr. Rossi- present
Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. McGown- present	V.P. Zigerelli- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mr. Shotter- (present @7:14pm)	

Others

Mayor John Antoline-absent
Mario N. Leone Jr.-absent
Rich Urick, Esq.-present

Engineers Report

Mr. Sadaka gave his report. A discussion was then followed by Council and Mr. Sadaka about the MS4 program and the timeline in which to proceed with the program.

Mr. Wilson motioned to proceed with the design effort for the MS4 Program. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors –There were no visitors

Communications – None at this time

Minutes

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the February 14th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Special** Meeting Minutes from the February 20th, 2017 Council Meeting held at 6:30pm. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve the **Special** Meeting Minutes from the February 20th, 2017 Council Meeting held at 6:45pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report-None at this time

Borough Solicitors Report

Solicitor Urick gave his report.

- Decision was received of the County Commissioner's grant accept status for the DeFelice properties that the borough purchased.
- Mr. Leone and Solicitor Urick will be meeting with the purchaser of 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue to complete the closing.
- Still working on the Monaca Borough Building ad.
- Proposed Pension Ordinance to be modified for the Police department for the drop of the pension.

Ordinance Review Committee

Executive Committee

Mr. Wilson reports: Executive Committee met Monday February 20th after the 6:45pm meeting.

Issues discussed: Rezoning of the 5th Ward from Antoline Park to Jackson and Ohio Street in making it an R3 zone.
-Police Chief Vacancy was discussed along with hiring a Police Officer, Public Works employees, and Street Sweeping.

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to Table both items (1. & 2.) of “Executive Committee” and item (a.) from “New Business” until after Executive Session. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
2. (item 2. tabled ‘til after exec. session)

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report:

Patty Majors gave her report. Thanks to the warm weather, she was able to do major clean up on Cascade Road and Colonial. Moving forward, next clean-up will be on Eckert and 14th Street hill. Mr. Wilson asked if she’s able to do clean-up on Ridge Road/Spring Run area. She said it is Spring Runs responsibility to clean up their portion and can’t have the children climbing up that hill, but she can certainly have them do the lower portion. She thanked the Road dept. and the Police officers for their cooperation and helpful assistance to keep the children safe.

Mr. McGown commended Patty for all she does in the community but he did see the roads were not blocked off as well as they should have been for the last clean-up. He asked if there is any way to have better security so cars will not try to pass for the safety of the children. Patty said this has been an ongoing issue in the past so she will work on getting improved security for this year and the future.

Patty previously discussed with Officer Piuri and announced she would like “National Night Out” to start again in support of the Police Officers down in the Plaza sometime in August.

Downtown Business Authority Report:

Patty Major had nothing to report.

New Business:

- a. (this item was tabled until after Executive Session)
- b. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve 6th application payment in the amount of \$111,839.40 to Martino Inc. for the Waterline Replacement Project. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Council discussed the use of Stone Quarry for the CV Travel Baseball team. Council does not see an issue with them using the field this year as they have done so in the past, along with cutting the grass and keeping the area around the field clean. They will leave it up to Mr. Leone to accept or deny them access to the field.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Wilson motioned to table/discuss landscaping maintenance bids until next Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

James Star-770 Beaver Street, Rochester- was in attendance as a spokesperson for **Charles Werthman-2600 Front Street, Monaca.** Mr. Star began by letting council know of an incident that happened back on December 18th, 2016 at Mr. Werthman’s home. He had sewer back up in his basement and Mr. Werthman had to call a plumber plus hire a clean up crew to get it resolved which came at a high cost since the Monaca Borough’s insurance denied his claim. He is unsatisfied with the outcome and these costs and requests a full reimbursement from the Monaca Borough.

Solicitor Urick explained in detail that the borough is required by their insurance policy to submit any claim to their insurance company. Currently, the Borough pays a premium for their insurance to make the decision on a claim, whether it be fortunate or unfortunate. Unfortunately in this situation, Mr. Werthman’s only option now would be to sue the Borough, and the borough would then have their insurance company defend them. If Mr. Werthman is correct and would win, then the Borough’s insurance company would have to pay him.

Executive Session

Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Hiring at 7:28pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 7:45pm. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 7:48pm. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

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- I. **Motion to Hire Officer James Ball as Full Time Monaca Borough Police Officer with a start date of March 12th.** Solicitor Urick read the requirements needed before hire which include: passing a Physical/Mental health Exam, having a successful background check, and satisfying any other tests that are required by the Monaca Borough Civil Service Commission of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Shotter motioned to hire James Ball as Full time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.

- II. Mr. Snyder motioned to accept a letter from Rodney Biskup Jr, requesting to have his name removed from the Full Time Police Officer list. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

- III. Mr. Shotter motioned to not advertise for the Monaca Police Chief position. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **Motion to Hire Officer David Piuri as Chief of Police with a start date of March 12th.**

Solicitor Urick read the requirements needed which would be to sign an agreement that outlines the terms and conditions of his employment and the benefits as to which he is entitled to.

Mr. McGown motioned to Hire Officer David Piuri as Chief of Police of the Monaca Borough Police Department. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. **Motion to Hire Officer Jeffrey McConnell as a Full Time Monaca Borough Police Officer with a start date of March 13th.**

Solicitor Urick read the requirements needed before hire which are: passing a Physical/Mental health Exam, having a successful background check, and satisfying all other tests that are required by the Monaca Borough Civil Service Commission of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Shotter motioned to hire Jeff McConnell as Full time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

- VI. Mr. McGown motioned to authorize a \$0.65 per hour raise to Part time road department employee Vernon Stacy. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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