

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
January 24th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened with 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- present
Mr. McGown- present	V.P. Zigerelli- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mr. Shotter- present	

Others Present

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

Engineers Report

Mr. Sadaka gave his report

Visitors –There were no visitors

Communications –Mr. Leone states he met with Ryan Eichhorn recently who presented him with a proposal to build four luxury apartment buildings on Ohio Avenue. Unfortunately, his plans fell short of the Borough's zoning ordinance. Mr. Leone didn't want to be the only deciding factor on the proposal so he asked Mr. Eichhorn if he could entertain council with his ideas. Mr. Eichhorn presented his proposal to council by 1st passing out his plans. He gave a brief overlay of the construction including paving the alley way that sits behind the lot and having off street parking that sits directly on the lot. Questions and concerns were asked by council. Particularly for the alley being paved and what storm/sewer drains and water lines lie underground near and/or on that property that could possibly be affected sometime down the road. Mr. Shotter suggested engineering should be done for the parking lot. Mr. Wilson added all the facts need to be given for the lot and alley way before making any decisions on the plans so no false information is given. Mr. Eichhorn answered questions accordingly and stated he would make any necessary changes for the plans to work out. He appreciated suggestions and guidance from council. Lastly, Mr. Wilson reiterated they need to get all the realities for the property before giving any advice to Mr. Eichhorn.

Minutes

Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the January 10th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

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

Managers' Report

a. Project Updates:

1. Antoline Park/Comfort station-continues to move forward. The electrical service has been connected which provides the lighting and heating in the building. Painting can begin soon along with bathroom stall updates
2. CJ Mangin Elevator- still waiting on electrical Breaker to be updated
3. Cemetery Retaining Wall- Completed
4. Waterline Replacement- continues to move forward
5. Solar Project- close out Meeting went well with the project manager and anticipating Grant reimbursement for \$70,000.00.

b. K-9 Insurance Claim –reimbursement received

Borough Solicitors Report

Solicitor Urick had nothing to report. He did want to pass along that he is waiting for the two Resolutions to be passed by the school districts for the properties that have been acquired recently and he will let council know once all is completed.

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Ordinance Review Committee

Mr. Shotter states the Fence Ordinance and the Alley-Parking Ordinance were briefly discussed in the last Executive Council meeting. Since action wasn't taken, he'd like both Ordinances to be addressed in the upcoming meeting.

Executive Committee

Mr. Wilson reports that the Executive Committee met Jan. 17th for roughly 4 hours. The discussion started with the vacancy of the Chief Police. Solicitor Urick was asked to be at this meeting and was present for about 1 hour. Mr. Wilson apologized, not knowing the rules nor realizing there was a fee for the Solicitor to attend an Executive meeting. He then apologizes for the bill Monaca Borough will receive due to his attendance. He did state Solicitor Urick had to be there for a specific part of the meeting and to notify him if anyone had questions/concerns for his appearance.

- Discussion in the Executive Committee meeting was based upon: Police Contracts, Catch Basins, CJ Mangin use regarding the Library, Gym and Custodial; Street paving & street maintenance (later discussed in the meeting).

New Business:

- a. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve 4th application payment in the amount of \$10,191.60 to BJ Electric Inc for John Antoline Park. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve 1st application payment in the amount of \$41,431.55 to Bioni Contracting for the Monaca Cemetery Retaining Wall Replacement project. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Snyder motioned to approve 5th application payment in the amount of \$37,485.00 to Martino Inc. for the Waterline Replacement project. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Council discusses CJ Mangin usage- the Main topic> some type of agreement needs to be made for those using the facility. Rules have been abused in the past, council suggests the halls should be policed. President Booher adds there needs to be some kind of check-list when the property is being used. Mr. Leone says that the bigger questions is> is the community going to be charged and required to submit a security deposit? He states there has never been an established Policy but agrees there should be plus a security deposit. Mr. Michel asked who secures the building -Mr. Leone says it is self-secured; last person out is required to lock up. Mr. Zigerelli agrees and says a contract needs to be written stating rules, regulations and requirements of those using CJ Mangin. Mr. Shotter states a fact that Monaca residents along with other communities use the building, so why does the burden and costs fall directly on the Monaca borough to pay. No final decisions were made but council did agree some type of contract and security deposit should be established in order to use the facility.
- e. Mr. Wilson motioned to **Table** Tax Collector and Salary and also **Table** item 2. Under Old Business (same category) to Executive Session. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. *Police Chief Officer William Petures read his resignation letter to the public and council. It was indeed an emotional speech for him to get through but it was followed by a well-earned respectful standing ovation by council and the public. Mayor Antoline then approached the Chief, thanked him for his service and all the good he has done for the community over his 37 years of dedicated service. He gave Chief Petures a thankful embrace trailed by another pleasing round of applause.
-Mr. Wilson motioned to accept resignation of William Petures as Chief of Police. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Wilson motioned to **Table** Discussion of Police Chief Vacancy to Executive Session. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Leone explains the CDBG Block Grant which has opened up a recommendation for the Monaca Borough. It is an income qualified grant and because of the borough's demographics it qualifies only for the ADA Compliance items and making those certain upgrades that are needed. Mr. Shotter motioned to submit the grant. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Wilson motioned to **Table** the Discussion of Police Contracts into Executive Session. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
2. (This item was **tabled** to Executive Session earlier under New Business, item e.)
3. Street Maintenance was discussed: Mr. Wilson states in the last Executive Committee meeting, it was recommended for street maintenance to be done year round. The maintenance would entail leaf and snow removal, street sweeping, salting the roads, the quantity of salt being used, and anything that may pertain to the roads. The time frame for street sweeping will need determined, along with the schools and the main roads. Changing the signs also needs considered for street sweeping, etc. Mr. Leone states a new ordinance would have to be made. Mr. Michel suggests better clean-up for the main roads and that leaf pick up should be included in

street cleaning regularly. Mr. Wilson confirms from Mr. McGowns questions that when the new ordinance for street cleaning is approved, it will be uploaded to the website.

- Mr. Shotter adds a brief discussion was made at the Executive Committee meeting for a potential traffic study to be performed on Eckert and Marshall Road. A small child was recently hit by a car a few weeks back in that area. It's been discussed in multiple meetings to have a stop sign added. Chief Petures reminds council that a stop sign was added there in the past as a trial but ran into trouble in the winter months due to cars not being able to stop on the hill where the sign was placed. Mr. Shotter then recommended getting a Radar Speed Display sign instead. Mr. Leone states they are several thousand dollars but are a neat device that will allow Police to track the times when the speed is at its quickest occurrence. He will look into the updated costs for the radar signs and let council know once he has the information. Mr. Shotter then asked if 14th Street and Penn. Ave could have the roads patched soon. Don Kronk, from the Road Dept. was in attendance and replied saying they will take care of it that week.
- Mr. Zigerelli complimented Mr. Leone and the Road Department for taking care of the multiple problems on the road that week.
- Mr. McGown thanked Chief Petures for his years of service, all his hard work and for personally keeping him safe and out of trouble when he was younger.
- Mr. Snyder also thanked Chief Petures along with the Police staff for all they do.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

Suzanne Regney-1135 Linden Street- was in attendance to present council with a Grant application called "Facing Addiction". Mrs. Regney wanted council to be aware of the grant that she was applying for. Solicitor Urick suggested the District Attorney has similar programs for this particular issue if she would rather take that route. He also lets her know she does not need Council's consent nor their signatures for the application. Mrs. Regney stated she will apply for the grant in hopes of getting the help Monaca needs for the addiction issues in the community.

Executive Session

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

-Mrs. Rossi left Executive Session at 9:45pm

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:52pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 9:53pm. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Mr. Shotter motioned to authorize the Solicitor to draft an Ordinance setting the salary of the Elected Real Estate Tax Collector for the term beginning January 1st, 2018 in the annual amount of \$18,250.00. \$17,000.00 of which shall be paid from the general Real Estate Tax receipts and \$1,250.00 of which will be paid from the Fire Tax receipts. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion Carried 7-1 / Frank Snyder-No
2. Mr. McGown motioned to authorize the President and the Secretary/Manager to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the MPOA. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion Carried 7-1 / Frank Snyder-No
3. Mr. Michel motioned to authorize the Solicitor and the Pension Actuary to prepare the Drop Pension Ordinance. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion Carried 7-1 / Frank Snyder-No
4. Mr. Michel motioned to authorize a 3% raise retro-active to January 1st for Borough Manager Mario Leone and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Curt DiGiovine. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion Carried 8-0, Unanimous.
5. Mr. Michel motioned to authorize a \$2.00 per hour raise to Water Utility Clerk Gabby Hernandez retro-active to January 1st. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion Carried 8-0, Unanimous.

Announcements

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Michel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:01pm. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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