

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mr. Snyder- present	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present	Mr. Rossi- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present

-Others Present

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

Visitors –None

Communications –None

Minutes-Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the June 27th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried 8-1. Mr. Michel-No

Mayors Report

Criminal Arrests: **22**

Citations and Parking Tickets: **130**

Call For Service: **678**

Mayor Antoline also thanked those who participated and helped with Community Days this year; Recreation, Borough Office/Employees, Police, Fire Department, etc. He said it was a complete success and in his opinion was actually one of the better years they've had. He mentioned all the vendors doing well including Fire Department who took over the Beer tent and took care of exits during/after event. He said there were no incidents, which was a plus. And again, he recognized the many Borough Employees who lent a huge helping hand in preparation for the big day. Lastly, he thanked the Borough Manager Mario Leone for putting together the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony event held on July 4th at Antoline Park for the opening of the new pavilion. He was very grateful.

Managers' Report

a.) Mr. Leone gave the following Project Updates:

1. Antoline Park/Comfort Station- Mr. Leone followed up with Mayor Antolines' comments about the Ribbon Cutting on July 4th. He reported the event persisted about 3 hours including those who were interviewed that day from KDKA's Rob Pratt who did a live broadcast right at the park. Monaca resident and retired Recreation Director Theo Polce had the honor of cutting the ribbon to the New Comfort Station/Pavilion that day as well.
2. CJ Mangin Elevator/Library- the Final Inspection is scheduled Friday, July 14th between 12pm-2pm. The Library has currently started their move to C.J. Mangin with plans of a soft opening on July 24th.
3. Streetscape- There has been a multitude of meetings and phone conferences since the last council meeting for the Streetscape project. Yesterday, July 10th, Mr. Leone informed council he had a meeting at the Borough building with a couple of the grant consultants accompanied by President Booher. Mr. Leone stresses his excitement for the multiple opportunities the grant could provide to the downtown area of Monaca. They are "Thinking Big" for this project with an emphasis of \$12million to help with the round-about and the many Streetscape improvements. Meetings are scheduled for next week with Streetscape consultants as well as the same consultant who is dealing with the EPA Grant. They have plans of repurposing some of the properties from 4th to 17th Street. Mr. Michel had a few questions about the future plans. President Booher reiterated the grant could be anywhere from

\$12million up to \$20million. Therefore, those projects are all still up for discussion pending the amount received.

Borough Solicitors Report -Solicitor Urick gave his report. He mentioned he is still working on the Quality Of Life Ordinance. He sees they have circulated the street maintenance map and will wait to hear for further comments from council before making any further decisions on his end.

He also recommend council go into Executive Session this meeting to discuss the ongoing Union Grievance.

Department Report -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

Ordinance Review Committee –none

Executive Committee – (Mr. Wilson -not present) Mr. Shotter announced there was no Committee meeting due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

New Business:

- a. Mr. LaPearle motioned to approve 5th application payment in the amount of \$3,802.50 to Union Electric Construction, LLC for CJ Mangin Elevator Installation. Second by Mr. McGown. Mr. Michel asked if this was the final payment. Mr. Leone said no. There is \$3,460.00 remaining. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mayor Antoline discussed this item and why it was added to the agenda last minute to hire a part-time patrolman. He and Chief Piuri made this recommendation since a fulltime police officer is now out on leave and a few others not on duty at this time which leaves the Police force a little short staffed. Mr. Michel motioned to hire Christophe T. Stitt as part-time Patrolman. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Shotter discussed the Safe Zone meet up spots at the Borough building and why it would be a great idea to designate that area. He also confirmed the surveillance cameras were looked at and are working fine per Mr. Leone. Solicitor Urick informed council/Borough Manager that if the Borough would agree to this, liability would lie in the hands of the Borough being the parking spots are on Borough property. Yet, the Borough's insurance would cover any incidents if any should occur. Chief Piuri approached council and stated he was for the Safe Exchange Zone as long as the cameras and lighting are properly equipped at all time in the parking lot. After a detailed description by Mr. Shotter and more discussion by council, Mr. McGown motioned to approve 2 Safe Exchange Zone parking spots at Monaca Borough Building. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Snyder-No

-Mr. Michel asked a question about Ridge Road. Mr. Leone answered accordingly and said everything was cleaned up from the incident that week.

-Mr. Shotter asked if Kermiet Tank property will be up for bid soon. Mr. Leone confirmed the hole from the demo is not completely filled in so not yet and this could be discussed at the next council meeting. Also, the Police Jeep that is up for bid is not quite ready at this time either.

-Mayor Antoline asked council to consider putting up a 3 foot fence at Antoline Park once the construction fences are taken down around the new pavilion. He recommends there be a barrier of some sort from the playground/picnic area to the road for safety reasons. Council discussed this further and gave a few other suggestions besides a fence. Mayor Antoline had another item to discuss. He stated since it wasn't as easy to raise money and collect funds for the 175th Anniversary Event that just recently past, he would like to get a jump start for the future committee in charge and recommended they start funding soon for the 200th Anniversary.

-Mr. Michel asked about the pipe that leads into the pit of the new building that's leaving stagnant water in that large ditch. Mr. Leone stated it has to remain open according to the DEP. More discussion was made by council how they could resolve the issue.

-Mr. McGown asked if the sidewalks on the main street near 11th and 12th Street could be cleaned up. Mr. Leone said the Road department will look at it, but it is primarily the property owner's responsibility.

-Mrs. Rossi asked if the Legion pavilion kitchens' sink issue was fixed yet at Antoline Park. Mr. Leone confirmed they did work on it and it is fixed.

-Lastly, Mr. Michel asked who owned the bucket truck that sits outside the borough. Mr. Leone said it's the Borough's truck. Mr. Michel reported there was a complaint from a resident that one of the lawn services was using that truck today. President Booher and Mr. Leone confirmed the lawn service is allowed to use the truck when needed as it states in their contract with the Borough.

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Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

1. **Gretchen Harich-919 Indiana Avenue-** was in attendance to let council know that ever since her alley way has been paved, when it rains her garage and yard become a “river” and flood. The water goes directly into her garage and her yard which has been an ongoing problem ever since they paved her alley. She would appreciate if someone could look at it. President Booher did inform Mrs. Harich that he had a contractor look at this issue recently. Mr. Shotter also informed Mrs. Harich they will revisit this issue at their next meeting and will keep her posted.

2. **James Peters-2596 Front Street-** was in attendance to ask council about the Quality of Life Ordinance. Mr. Shotter stated this is still being written by the Borough Solicitor and gave him a brief summary of the ordinance. Mr. Peters mentioned the empty buildings on the main street that are being fined (from last meeting), he asked where the money goes. Mr. Leone stated in the borough’s general fund, and is allocated toward the individual who performs that work (Neighborhood Service Officer) for their time and effort. Mr. Peters suggested a few other ways the money could be allocated to help fill those vacant properties. He also asked about the large pit that’s collecting water at Antoline Park. He made some suggestions such as setting up a rain catchment system or sending a message out to the public to collect the potable water for gardening purposes if needed. President Booher thanked Mr. Peters for all his suggestions.

Announcements- Vice President Shotter announced the Third Annual Day of Service will be held Saturday, July 15th, 2017. Those who would like to volunteer and help clean up Monaca for the day can register online at OurMonaca.com.

Executive Session

Mr. Snyder motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:57pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:35pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 8:36pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

