

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
January 22nd, 2019 at 7:01 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. Majors - present	Mr. Blararik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present @ 7:17pm	President Booher- present

Others

Mayor Simon Short-present; Mario N. Leone, Jr.-present; Rich Urick, Esq.-present;

Engineers Report-Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report.

Visitors- none

Communications- Mr. Leone read a "Thank-You" card from Shari Berresford Mills. She thanked President Booher, Monaca Volunteers and anyone who was involved with the American Flag replacement at Union Cemetery last year. Mr. Leone said they actually had to jump through hoops plus get approval to help with that so he does also applaud those who helped with the deplorable flag at that time.

Minutes- Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the January 8th, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blararik **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of January 15th, 2019. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone is working on a grant for \$3million dollars for Dry Utilities from 10th Street to 14th Street. This will be submitted at the end of the month. He also mentioned Well 16 should be back online by the end of next week. All parts have been ordered and they anticipate having it online, weather permitting. President Booher and Vice President Shotter advised they shouldn't start using Well 16 until VFD is in as well. Mr. Shotter then asked if they have a Resolution for Chlorination system and the amount of chlorine that can fluctuate. Mr. Leone said this is being worked on, which they may eventually need to change the system. Council discussed what system they could change to. Lastly, Mr. Leone mentioned they had a meeting last evening with the New Building Committee in regards to possibly reconstructing a new facility for the Fire Department/Municipal Complex. The committee gave three scenarios to Design Stream consultant, Kevin Turkall. The cost of an independent Fire Station; the cost for utilizing the existing Borough building, expanding and acquiring additional property around the existing building; building a new Municipal complex on Pacific Avenue property. In the meeting, after all scenarios were given and projected costs were discussed, the consultant recommended the most feasible option which is to build a brand new joint complex, option three. Mr. Shotter gave the cost of all three scenarios which were roughly between \$1.8million and \$4.7 million. He said the price to build a brand new facility would realistically be around \$5-\$6 million. Mr. Leone said if this scenario was chosen, they had discussed the multi-purpose community room that would serve as Council Chambers, fire department meeting room, and so on but it would also need a decision on the size and what kind of events they want held in this space. Mr. Shotter asked council what their vision was of room, whether it be small birthday

parties, graduation parties, or even weddings. Mr. Blanarik suggested if it is the size of the SOI, then he would like to see Wedding receptions, maybe even the Hall of Fame ceremony to move there. He said the two present fire stations on the hill rent out their hall for graduation parties so he doesn't see why they can't make this new room big enough to host events that big, or even for any unforeseen event that may take place. He said it would be a win-win by enlarging that room. Mr. McGown asked who will receive the rental money. Mr. Shotter said that was also discussed in the meeting and the money would go to the Borough. He also said they need direction from council to be able to tell the Consultant their wishes upon for the drawings. Mrs. Majors was in favor of the bigger space as she would also like to have the Hall of Fame at the new facility. Mr. Snyder asked what the intentions are for the existing building. Mr. Leone said to sell it. Mr. Leone said he has the documents for those who would like to see what was discussed in the meeting. He hopes later in the meeting council can authorize Design Stream consultant Kevin Turkall to move forward with a professional contract for this project.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick had nothing to report.

New Business:

1. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to accept resignation of Dennis Pokita from the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to accept resignation of Sheila DiBacco from the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to re-appoint Kelly Harper to the Recreation Board with a term ending December 31st, 2022. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to re-appoint Judy Scassa to the Recreation Board with a term ending December 31st, 2022. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to appoint Jodi Pavalinch to the Recreation Board, replacing Dennis Pokita, with a term ending December 31st, 2022. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Snyder **motioned** to re-appoint Pam Roncska to the Library Board with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Blanarik posed a question about how many people are currently on the Library board. Mr. Leone answered they have to have 7. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to re-appoint Greg Garlitz to the Library Board with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to re-appoint Mark Giannetti to the Library Board with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to re-appoint Gretchen Harich to the Library Board with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Mr. McGown **motioned** to re-appoint Mary Ann Tompkins to the Library Board with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter questioned the terms of Library members that were just reappointed. Mr. Leone said he will double-check the master sheet in the office tomorrow for each of their terms and to leave all the motions as is for now.

11. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve 2019 Beaver County Humane Society agreement at a cost of \$165.00 per month. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Council discussed the request of Central Valley Youth Baseball to utilize CJ Mangin gymnasium and the dollar amount they are willing to give for the use. Mr. Leone said they agreed to give a security deposit of \$500 and a contribution of \$795.00. President Booher reiterated \$500 is the deposit and will be given back if no damage is done to the gym. Mr. Snyder asked about terms and how long the contract is good for, three months or a year. President Booher and Mr. Leone agreed to 1 year. President Booher asked three times for a motion. There were none. Motion failed.
13. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Council President to sign Library lease. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Council President to sign CJ Mangin lease and agreement and confession of judgement for Kid Country Daycare. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to accept resignation of John Antoline from the Vacancy Board. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Mr. McGown **motioned** to appoint Danny Colville to the Vacancy Board with a term ending December 31st, 2019. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to appoint John Antoline to the Civil Service Board with a term ending December 31st, 2024. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to appoint Brad Skrlac to the Civil Service Board, finishing this year's term, ending December 31st, 2019. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
19. a.) Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Borough Treasurer at an hourly rate of \$23.43, retro-active to January 1st, 2019. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
b.) Mr. McGown **motioned** to authorize Water Utility Clerk at an hourly rate of \$20.24, retro-active to January 1st, 2019. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
c.) Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to authorize NSO at an hourly rate of \$17.74, retro-active to January 1st, 2019. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
d.) Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Administrative Assistant at an hourly rate of \$16.81, retro-active to January 1st, 2019. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
e.) Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize Chief of Police, WWTP Superintendent, Road Foreman, and Borough Manager a 3% rate increase, retro-active to January 1st, 2019. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to higher Kevin Turkall from Design Stream as architect and Project Manager for Monaca Borough Municipal Complex. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions or concerns regarding this motion since it was not on the agenda. None were given. Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Snyder –No.

Old/New Business: Mr. Wilson asked if a letter can be sent to Shiela DiBacco and Dennis Pokita thanking them for their dedication and service spent on the Recreation Board over the years. He also asked if they could get some kind of report from the Beaver County Humane Society from the past year of how many times they had to come to the Borough.

VP Shotter announced he got "thank you" cards for the borough employees being that they are getting their raises. He asked that council please stick around and fill the cards out and they will all sign. He also asked Mr. Leone if they could look into some sort of employee recognition and come up with a system. Mr. Leone said that is a great idea and they absolutely will look into it.

Mr. McGown wanted to make it known that he was having difficulty paying his water bill on-line over the weekend with multiple failed attempts. Mr. Leone said he had already notified Gabby and she will work on it first thing in the morning.

Citizens: Jeff Nichol-1307 Center Road, Monaca PA- was in attendance to let Council know how difficult it is to drive up and down his street due to cars parking on both sides of the road. He lives on a narrow street where in fact all the houses have driveways. He would greatly appreciate council consider putting up some kind of sign to prevent this from happening. Mayor Short concurred that Mr. Nichol is correct. Mayor drove to Mr. Nichol's house that day to see the issue. He said this definitely needs looked at. He also added there are a lot more streets just like Center Road in the Borough that need addressed for parking issues as well. Councilman Wilson announced the reason why he was late coming to the meeting was because he was stuck on Center Road due to parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Snyder asked is it perhaps the employees parking on the street since there are three business in that area. Mr. Nichol said not at all, and that it is the residents parking on the street. Mrs. Majors said she insists they start working on this immediately so it can be resolved soon in case of emergency. Mayor followed and said there could be an emergency on other narrow roads that have the same issue too so he suggests they act on all roads. Council discussed if this particular road has curbs and if yellow lines are needed. Mr. Leone suggests to get the Public works input as well as the Police since they know the roads. Mr. McGown asked if they need to paint yellow lines. Solicitor Urick said painting the curbs is not an option, this tells residents

“no parking” which would need an ordinance. Mr. Shotter insists a traffic study be performed which the solicitor concurred. Solicitor Urick then said anything dealing with traffic regulation or control does require a traffic study. Mr. Leone will get with the Chief of police and highway superintendent to compile a list of those narrow roads and then perform traffic studies on those roads.

Vice President Shotter **motioned** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to look into the narrowed streets in the Borough. Second by Mr. McGown. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions or concerns regarding the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment-There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary