

**Monaca Borough  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm**

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- absent	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Short  
Mario N. Leone, Jr.- absent

**List of Attendees:** Jake Iorio, Monaca Borough Road Foreman was invited by council give a brief department update of wish-list items and projects for the year. Jake began by addressing council with all projects scheduled for the year he hopes to get accomplished. (1.) Ohio Avenue Waterline Replacement Project- going extremely well. Mr. Wilson asked who the crew is that is working on the project. Jake stated all public works employees, minus those who are running the street sweeper. (2.) Colonial Hill Project-starts Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>- Jake plans to close Colonial road for necessary road restoration. Mayor Short asked if he could put Detour signs at the main road at Cascade. He also asked if a phone message could be sent from the office to residents up on the hill to notify those in the area.

\*President Booher paused for a moment to teleconference Solicitor Urick. As he answered the phone call, Solicitor Urick began by explaining the LifeSteps tax appeal hearing scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at the courthouse. He explained the request they ask for their previous taxes and what they are willing to pay going forward. After he explained Mr. Shotter asked if all documents pertaining to the hearing could be sent to council. Solicitor Urick will make sure they get everything they need. No further questions were asked, and Solicitor Urick was dismissed from the call.

Jake Iorio continued with his report. (3.) Antoline Park- he said there is a lot that needs done. He will first start pulling benches out that need fixed. The Lions Shelter Cookhouse also needs tore down. He contacted Halama's for the electric and will knock down all walls except one per Halama's request. He asked council where to put the appliances from cookhouse. Council suggested the Comfort Station, but said to ask Mr. Leone and Angel to make sure. (4.) Boat Dock area- he wants to take a piece of guard rail out down at the bottom, back the Peter built down through it and try to haul material out of the channel. He asked where he should dump the material since the dump is a bit of a far trip and he only has the Excavator rented for one month. He is trying to get as much done in the little time that he has. President Booher said to his understanding the Excavator is a needed piece of equipment, more than the Backhoe. Jake stated the Excavator is at the top of his equipment needed list.

Jake then gave his **Wish-List** items: He first thanked Council for approval of the Hot Box and the Flush Truck. His first big item he would like is an (a.) Excavator which would be great help in the future. He's just not sure of size yet. His second big item is a (b.) Crack/Seal machine. Jake said he's not real familiar with this type of machine but would help a ton. President Booher suggested he check out New Brighton's. He had a couple small items which President Booher directed him to talk to Mr. Leone about. Last item on his wish-list, he states since they are getting the flush truck, he would like a Camera as well.

(Council asked Jake questions): Mr. Wilson asked Jake if he was notified about cleaning the bottom floor of CJ Mangin. Jake was unaware, and Mr. Wilson reassured him this will need done by July this year and is time sensitive. Mr. McGown asked if the plate on the corner by CoGo's could be fixed, which always seems to be an issue. Jake said he is on it. Mr. Shotter asked council to prepare a list of roads they would like worked on this year and to discuss in the next workshop meeting this month. Jake said 9<sup>th</sup>/Atlantic he is reconstructing the curb.

**Manager's Update:** (absent)

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**Items to Discuss:** 1.) Mr. Shotter **motioned** to ratify the Solicitor's signing of the consent order on behalf of the Borough settling the Lifesteps tax appeal based on a PILOT of 100%. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had questions/concerns in regards to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.  
2.) Mr. Shotter briefly discussed Ordinance No. 964 pertaining to Street Openings. He had some questions for the Solicitor which is he waiting on those answers before council can move forward with this discussion.  
3.) Council read over the quote from DAS Group, Inc for new pumps at Taylor Avenue Booster Station. They decided this was a must and will go on the next Council meeting agenda for approval.

**Old Business:** Mr. LaPearle asked for status update on dry utility study and where Duquesne Light Company stands. It was asked for the Borough Manager to give this update as soon as he can. Mayor Short then asked also that the Borough Manager clarify where the "no parking" signs will go and have a finalized list soon for the public works department to erect the signs. Mr. Rebich asked about interviews and when they will be starting for Labor's position. President Booher also said he will get with Mr. Leone and check status on this. Mr. Blarrik asked if the Police received their two new vehicles. Mayor Short said they were in the process of getting them that day. Mr. McGown lastly asked about a garbage issue in the alley behind the main road downtown.

**Announcements:** Mr. LaPearle read the announcements. April 11<sup>th</sup> is the First Food Truck Thursday Event at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter Egg Hunt at Antoline Park beginning at 1pm. June 9 through the 12<sup>th</sup> is the PSAB 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge.  
It was also announced that Mayor Simon D. Short will be officiating his first Wedding Ceremony and he gave his "Notice to Officiate Marriages" in writing to council which the borough office will keep on file.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Real Estate and Personnel at 7:49pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:13pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:13pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn at 8:14pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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