

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm**

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

**Others Present**

Mayor Simon D. Short, -absent; Mario N. Leone Jr., & Rich Urick, Esq.

**Visitors:** Alexis Patton-235 Biskup Lane, Monaca PA- is a junior at Central Valley High School. As part of her graduation project, she would like to ask council's permission to run the Monaca Mad Dash 5k Run/Walk on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Monaca Mad Dash 5K Run/Walk on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Second by Mr. Michel. Vice President Shotter asked the audience three times if they had any questions/concerns regarding the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report-** (absent)

**Managers' Report-** Mr. Leone gave his report. He began by explaining the Resolution for Restore Pennsylvania and why it would be sufficient for council to adopt this for future happenings in the borough. The Governor needs support in regards to the severance tax and how the funds will be allocated toward infrastructure improvements, which would benefit Monaca borough for improvements in town. Mr. Michel asked about the percentage of the tax. Mr. Leone answered accordingly.

Mr. Leone then gave Project Updates: Colonial Hill Road Construction- Road Department starting working on the hill this Monday. He explained the work that had been completed so far and what is next. Road should be opened back up this Friday. Ohio Avenue Waterline Project- Public Works completed the tie-in today and will do road restoration to complete the project. Chip-Fill demo- conducted today in Monaca. Present were Conway Borough employees, West Mayfield Twp, Rochester Borough and Rochester Township. Mr. Leone explained the product and how it can help fill potholes. He mentioned it may be a bit pricey but had some great features and different applications as a plus. Penn Dot Construction- Started their project on RT-18 by the WWTP to the Monaca-Rochester Bridge replacing curb ramps. In conjunction with that, there will be milling/paving of 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Penn Dot is also having a meeting this Thursday at Penn State Beaver in regards to all projects going on in the area, as Mr. Leone will be attending that. Lastly, he mentioned on April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an Eco District meeting, hosted by Aliquippa. He will send council an e-mail once he has the details. Mr. Michel posed some questions that Councilman Snyder (absent) had asked him to ask about finishing road restoration on Ohio Avenue near his home. Mr. Leone said this week they will finish patching up the road and he will let Mr. Snyder know. Mr. Shotter then asked in regards to Pennsylvania repaving, is that being billed into Streetscape and is SGA going to re-roll costs. Mr. Leone said those numbers will change and SGA is aware they will be paving. Mr. Leone also said Duquesne Light should be getting back to him soon.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. Life steps Tax appeal is resolved. The MOU for the Resource officer is still in the hands of Central Valley School District's solicitor and he has heard no response yet.

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**Department Report** – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of March 2019. Lastly, Councilwoman Majors thanked Curt for all their hard work at the plant and she appreciates all the work that they do.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report**- Vice President Shotter had nothing to report.

**Monaca Business District Authority Report**- Mrs. Majors announced once more about the CDC meetings that happened last month. She announced McKees Rocks stated they are willing to share their funding/grant information if Monaca decides to go in that direction. The MBDA will have their monthly meeting next Wednesday to discuss those meetings and what direction they would like to go in whether it be to remain an authority or become a CDC. She invited all of council to attend if they are available.

**New Business:**

1. (The Mad Dash Race was motioned at the beginning of meeting.)
2. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve purchase of 2 bare shaft pumps from DAS Group, Inc. in the amount of \$6,336.00 each for a total amount of \$12,672.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Leone was asked to explain to the public what the pumps are for before finalizing the motion. Mr. Leone stated the two pumps located at Taylor Avenue Booster Station are used to pressurize the water to fill up Blaine water tank to provide water for residents on the hill. He emphasized the importance of these and why they are needed. Mr. Leone had spoken with Curt (WWTP Superintendent) prior to the meeting as he buys similar pumps/equipment and he mentioned that he found the price to be extremely attractive. He also was in contact with Jared (Water Dept Lead) who says on the quote it does specify that it comes with mechanical seal but do not include motors. Mr. Shotter asked if they should rescind the motion. Mr. Leone said no and in the event if they find it's not the right quote, let them move forward. If they don't buy the pumps then he can bring this back to council to rescind the motion. Mr. Shotter asked if they needed new motors as well since they are not included. Curt stated the existing ones are old. Mr. Michel asked if Jared could find out if the new pumps will still work with the old pumps for the time being. Mr. Leone stated they at least need to initiate buying one pump for now due to the urgency of having one and he will then come back with costs for the motors. Curt concurred the motors will need replaced. Mr. Shotter said with no further questions, the original motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Resolution to Authorize the Sale of the Kermiet Tank Property to Eichhorn Enterprises, Inc. for \$24,000.00. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt Resolution in Support of Restore Pennsylvania. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

-Mr. Blanarik gave a quick recap of Recreation's events for this season. Movies in the Park will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> at Antoline Park. BCRC Picnic will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at Antoline Park. Mayor was not in attendance but Mr. Blanarik asked if Mayor could confirm if they are having Oktoberfest this year.

**Citizens:**

**Curt DiGiovine- WWTP Superintendent-** approached council to specify that he is not trying to override (Water Dept. lead) Jared's choice on the quote for he knows Jared is far more knowledgeable on the water system than he, but Curt states he has many years' experience and was just lending his assistance on the item.

**Announcements:** Mrs. Majors gave the following announcements. Food Truck Thursday begins this week on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. There will be a selection of five delicious food trucks. April 13<sup>th</sup> is the CommuniCycle event at St. John's parking lot from 10am-12pm. If you know anyone in need of a bike, they will be giving away refurbished bicycles between those hours. Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is the Easter Egg Hunt at Antoline Park beginning at 1pm.

**Executive Session:** Mr. McGown **motioned** to enter into Executive Session for Real Estate & Personnel at 7:41pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:46p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to resume the public at 8:46pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:48p.m.** Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brittany Bologna, Secretary

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