

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
April 23rd, 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- present	Mr. Rebich- absent
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- absent

Others

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

Engineers Report- Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report.

Visitors- Former Mayor of Monaca, **John P. Antoline, 2027 Marshall Road**, was in attendance to first ask council's permission if he is allowed to contact the Public Works employees as far as setting up goes for Community Days. Mr. Leone said he can certainly communicate to the Road Department crew if he needs anything. The second item he spoke of was to get new playground equipment for Antoline Memorial Park. He told council how he was able to obtain a new playground set including delivery for a total amount of \$25,000 (original price = \$35,000). He said the Antoline Foundation has put a little money aside and would like to donate \$20,000.00. He stated the vendor will come and do the engineering for free. He stated this playground set does not include excavating and the playground surface price. He did get prices from the vendor which would be around \$3,600. John asked kindly if the Borough would come up with the extra cost plus some manpower to help, the Antoline foundation will contribute the \$20k plus hiring some of the vendor employees to help install it. Council posed some questions regarding the drawings of the playground set and funding. Mr. Snyder asked where the funds will come out of. Mr. Leone states the Borough has a separate account for what's leftover in Recreation's budget at the end of each year. He said right now there is a little over \$9,000 but will get a confirmed number by the Borough Treasurer.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to accept the donation from the Antoline Foundation with up to \$10,000 with matching funds from the Borough for playground equipment at John A. Antoline Memorial Park. Second by Mr. McGown. Mr. Snyder asked if this motion is contingent upon verifying if funds are available. V.P. Shotter stated the motion is set for \$10,000 and Mr. Leone reiterated they have money allocated for projects this year already as well. Mrs. Majors also finds it necessary to keep this vendor in mind for future reference for the other parks in town. V.P. Shotter asked the audience three times if there were any questions/concerns in regards to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously. Council joined together and gave a sincere thanks to John Antoline for his contribution.

Communications- None

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the April 9th, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mrs. Majors asked if the minutes could be amended. She elaborated that during the MBDA report, she announced that McKees Rocks said they will "share information about their funds", rather than "share their funds". Mr. Blanarik amended his motion to reflect the correction that Councilwoman Majors stated about not "sharing the money" but "sharing the ability to get the grants". The amended motion was second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He gave status on the Boat Dock, Antoline Park update, 15th Street Playground and Waterline Replacement Project which they plan to start on Walnut Street (between Marshall/Allen) beginning April 29th. He also touched base on the RiverWise meeting that was last Thursday that he and Nick Vorrias attended. He then announced Beaver and Butler Solar Co-op meeting will be held at the Borough April 24th. They closed last week on Kermiet Tank Property and are set to close on Pacific Ave. property April 29th. He gave an update on the new

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Municipal Building which he and Vice President Shotter had a meeting with the architect. Conceptual drawings will be given to Council by the end of the week and the Municipal Complex Committee will meet sometime next week. Mr. Leone then mentioned they are looking into getting solar panels for the Monaca library through a Solar Grant from RiverWise. Mr. Leone stated in speaking with RiverWise group, they initiated a study with the same company that installed the solar panels at the Monaca Reservoir which they are exploring opportunities to add solar panels to the Monaca library. Recycling Totes- Mr. Leone mentioned the paperwork came in for the grant they were awarded last year regarding the 48 gallon larger recycling totes and he mentioned the price. For 2,300 totes, the price would be \$94,323 (boro will have to match 10%). The Vendor Toter is sending a sample for council to decide. Veteran's Sign- he is working with a sign manufacturing company for the Veterans name to be hung on Blaine Road. Installation date toward the end of May, possibly the Friday before Memorial Day.

Mr. Michel asked for specifics about the metal roof for the Legion shelter. Mr. Snyder also asked for the building to be assessed before metal is installed. VP Shotter asked if the Solar-Op organization is a non-profit. Mr. Leone believes so. VP Shotter also asks how long do they have to respond for the recycling totes since he finds it necessary to wait until after the garbage bids go out at the end of this year. Mr. Leone said they have time if they want to wait to execute anything with the totes. He also may apply for another recycling grant since they still have to pay the 10% which is around \$9,000.

Mr. McGown rode by Antoline Park and he saw that the trailer for the Eichhorn property on Ohio Avenue is parked across the street at the park and is he permitted. Mr. Leone said he is not necessary permitted to park there. He did clean-up for the Easter Egg Hunt and Mr. Leone will remind him to not park there.

Mr. Michel asked if the Borough could get a List of what can truly be recycled and let our residents know.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. As Mr. Leone stated, they closed on the Kermiet Tank Property last week and closing is set for next Monday for Petrella property. Lastly, he stated the Life Steps Tax appeal is complete, they are just waiting for the Judge to sign.

New Business:

1. Mr. McGown **motioned** to hire James Ross for full time Public Works employee with a start date of May 6th, 2019. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Leone explained this item briefly. This was the \$2million dollar grant they applied for and was awarded \$1million dollars. He announced they were quick to send everything to him and they are requiring signatures that Council wants to move forward with accepting these dollars for the funds for 14th Street improvements. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize to sign and execute \$1 Million Dollar Multimodal Fund Grant Contract. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Michel asked if they had the drawings for this. Mr. Leone said yes it's with the master plans for streetscape project that have been distributed and he has them on boards in his office. Mr. Michel asked if the borough will be purchasing more buildings from this. Mr. Leone said they would acquire 2 more buildings. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize payment #3 to Shiloh Industrial Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$42,540.67 for WWTP Control Building modifications as recommended by Borough Engineer. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Final payment #4 to Shiloh Industrial Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$16,224.57 for WWTP Control Building modifications as recommended by Borough Engineer. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize the Council President, Borough Manager and Solicitor to attend and sign any and all documents necessary to close on the purchase of the Petrella property in the amount of \$53,000.00 located on Pacific Avenue, Parcel # 35-004-0100.000. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
6. (this item was motioned at beginning of meeting)

Mr. LaPearle asked the status on Duquesne Light Co. underground utilities for streetscape. Mr. Leone has begun communications and will have more information for discussion at the next workshop meeting.

Mr. Michel asked for status of the concrete patio that was recently added at P-Dubs. Mr. Michel asked if the owner has a permit to do so. Mr. Leone said as the project began he did not have a permit. He has now submitted an application which Mr. Leone is now trying to get confirmation from third party MDIA if he is required to have a building permit or a Zoning permit. He mentioned the permit may depend on square footage and dimensions of the patio but they are looking further into it. Mr. Michel also heard of an episode that happened at the Borough office by this certain owner. This matter was

briefly discussed. Mr. Michel insists that from now on any incidence that happen at the Borough office that Council please be made aware of them. Mr. Shotter took note of this.

Mr. Snyder informed council of a Cable company that was working on the telephone poles in his area and left bolts and copper devices behind in his yard. He asked that the Borough reach out to the company to ask them to be more careful throughout the community.

VP Shotter discussed 2 new business items. The first was pertaining to the drawings for the new Municipal/Fire building that he and Mr. Leone reviewed two months ago. He and Mr. Leone discussed and thought it necessary for the Solicitor to take a look at these as well. He asked Solicitor Urick going forward if they would need to make negotiations with Design Stream LLC, should they make a motion to authorize him to review. Solicitor Urick strongly agreed they should. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Michel both asked questions about the new municipal complex. Mr. Shotter backtracked and reviewed the decisions council has made from a couple years ago up to this point in regards to the new municipal building. It was decided by council to move forward. Discussion was made by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Leone about the existing building and why they would sell. Mr. Leone said there was once a discussion at a council meeting about the reasons why they needed to sell and the costs of fixing everything in the existing building were too great. Council debated and compared the existing building to the new building. After this discussion, Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Solicitor Urick to begin negotiations with Design Stream Solutions for the design and product management of the new Municipal Complex building. Second by Mr. McGown.

VP Shotter asked for a **Roll Call**:

Mr. Snyder: No Mr. Blanarik-Yes
Mrs. Majors-Yes Mr. Michel-No
Mr. McGown-Yes VP Shotter- Yes
Mr. LaPearle-Yes

YES=5, NO=2 Motion Carried 5-2

VP Shotter then announced his second item regarding the Fire Department merger. They are voting this Thursday to merge all three together. He said the goal is to have all departments incorporated into one by the end of this year. In regards to this, the Fire depts.' lawyer and the consultants ask that a Resolution be drafted that states Council has no objection to the Fire Departments merging. Solicitor Urick said if they send him the language pertaining to this Resolution he will consider it.

Citizens: Sarah Pannell-114 Fairview Avenue, Ambridge, PA- introduced herself and wanted to share her campaign: "Yell for Pannell". She is running for Beaver County Controller for the upcoming election and asked for support. She then passed out her election cards to those in the audience and council.

Announcements: Mr. Snyder read the following announcements: April 29th will be the last day for Spring Leaf pick-up. The 2nd Food Truck Event takes place Thursday, May 9th at Washington Plaza between 4-8pm. The food truck line-up can be found on the borough website and will be updated monthly.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Snyder **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

