

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2019 at 7:02pm

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

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the June 25th, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of July 2nd, 2019. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the Month of June 2019.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **162**
Criminal Arrests: **19**
Call For Service: **465**
Total Miles patrolled: **3,772 miles**

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He met with Beaver County Waste management representative yesterday along with a representative from Shell. They are looking to institute the County-wide Recycling program. One component will be in all of the school districts promoting students to recycle more. They will have a competition between all the schools and the school who recycles more will win a prize. There is also an outreach to the communities, Monaca Borough in particular. They want to purchase recycling containers for the downtown corridor. He has requested in the event that they do this that the Borough would want containers to match whatever the Streetscape project has and he explained quantity and cost per container. Mr. Leone then explained his most recent meeting with RiverWise and how there is currently two aging generators that need replaced. He also met with the CED today who is acting as the agents in selling one of the Borough properties. He will hear back by the end of this week if their board gives approval to do the project. He also announced his meeting with TIF representative tomorrow which they did the financial analysis and is looking to generate around \$1.5 million based on the proposed projects. He has a telephone conference with SGA in regards to the DLC relocation and he explained the given scenarios and different options in the email. One last meeting he has this week is with the DEP on Friday in regards to the Water Plant and its chlorination system. He explained the situation that came up in March with the water & chlorination system. The DEP Representative would like to take a look at the system for protocol and see if it's functioning properly. After they have the meeting on Friday, Mr. Leone said they will have a better understanding what they need to do with the system and will keep council aware. Lastly, he commented that the Boat docks were taken out of the boat launch area and updated council on work the Road department will be conducting the rest of the week.

President Booher asked Solicitor Urick if Laura Rubino, new Chairwoman of the CED, would have to be replaced as the Chairwoman on the Monaca Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Urick stated she would either have to recuse from a hearing held making any decisions which will leave the board short a member, or she can resign from the board, which would be

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the more drastic step.

VP Shotter then asked Mr. Leone about the Recycling program for Shell and is there any interest in them purchasing more of the BigBelly's. Mr. Leone said they had talked about that and from a budgetary standpoint, those are \$4500 each. VP Shotter suggested possibly applying for another grant, Shell puts their portion, the Borough makes the match and then the State has a match. Next question he had was in regards to the CED development, he asked Mr. Leone if he's reached out to MVAH about setting up a Public meeting yet for the proposed development at the old library site. Mr. Leone said not yet and will reach out to them to have a Q & A type of meeting for the public. VP Shotter suggested scheduling it on a Tuesday at 6pm or at a Workshop meeting.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick announced he had made the revisions to the School Recourse officer agreement and sent it to the School District Solicitor. He has yet to hear back from them. He will send them a reminder. Mr. Wilson said he will check when the next School Board meeting is. Solicitor Urick also mentioned council's request for himself and Tony Sadaka to work on revising the Street Opening Ordinance. Solicitor Urick stated he and Tony have discussed the changes to be made and they both agreed that certain types of technical specifications should be added back into the Ordinance. He said they also have Tony's drawings they would like to incorporate into the ordinance. Airbnb's in the Borough were also brought up for brief discussion. Solicitor Urick mentioned if council wishes to support this, a Resolution could be drafted to specify Airbnb rentals.

VP Shotter stated he sent an email to both Borough Solicitor and Engineer determining which streets were incorporated into the Borough. This was brought up in the last workshop meeting that Solicitor Urick already mentioned this research could be extensive. VP Shotter announced the five in attendance at the last meeting were all in agreement with letting the Solicitor proceed with the research. Solicitor Urick explained how the research will be conducted at the courthouse and that the historical records are hard to come by for the Borough from his past experience. Mr. Snyder brought up a resident who approached him about a road issue on Allaire Avenue. VP Shotter confirmed this particular situation he speaks of is the reason this all came about. He also asked that the Solicitor look into this particular issue first. He will get him the tax parcel number and all information needed to research the Allaire road situation. President Booher said they'll take the roads one at a time.

Department Report – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of June 2019. Lastly, he made a special "thanks" to Water Department employee Erik Fredericks for helping with the mechanical installation of the gear reducer assembly especially since Erik's department was short-handed when he was needed.

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

Monaca Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors reported National Night Out is scheduled for August 7th however Chief Piuri requested possibly doing it on August 8th with the Food Truck Thursday event. Mrs. Majors asked what council thought about changing the date to the eighth. President Booher said this is what they did last year due to weather. Mrs. Majors reiterated they didn't make much for National Night Out but it did work out pretty well overall. Chief Piuri came to the podium and reiterated his suggestion since Food Truck Thursday is already that week and will have the bodies there in attendance, he said why not have both events in one night instead of having two events back-to-back, Wednesday and Thursday. All agreed and Mrs. Majors said she will make some phone calls to those participating in National Night Out that the date is changed to August 8th at Washington Plaza.

Monaca Business District Authority Report- Mrs. Majors happily reiterated the \$2,500 grant they received through RiverWise last week to develop a CDC. Mayor Short added they are just waiting to have their next meeting to move forward.

New Business:

1. Recycling Bins were discussed of which bins Council would rather have. Twenty Gallon bins are at a price of \$10.40/per bin and the 48 Gallon bins are at a cost of \$41.01/per bin. Mr. Leone reiterated the grant will cover 90% so the bins would cost approximately \$4 each. VP Shotter asked if the grant could go toward the 20 gallon bins. Mr. Leone explained the grant was specifically for the larger bins to promote more recycling. Council discussed the two options. Next year's recycling schedule was also discussed. It was decided to buy the usual 20 Gallon blue Recycling bins for now to last until the end of the year. Then when bids come up for garbage, they'll be able to narrow down what size the hauler requires and go from there.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve EMA Coordinator Jeff McKay to attend the KEMA Fall Conference October 27th through the 29th. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Mr. Snyder asked wasn't this item tabled two weeks ago.

President Booher said no and reiterated the motion failed because no one second the motion. There were no other questions. Motion carried 7-1, Mr. Snyder- No.

3. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to appoint Kim McKenzie to the Monaca Business Authority with a term ending December 31st, 2021. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
4. VP Shotter explained the first bill payment for the new Municipal Complex building which includes Phases 1 and 75% of Phase 2. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve payment #1 to DesignStream LLC in the amount of \$43,312.50 for Fire Station/Municipal Complex Building. Second by Mr. Rebich. Mr. Snyder asked how many payments it will consist of. VP Shotter stated it was in council's packet and he gave the breakdown of the payments provided to council. Motion carried 7-1, Mr. Snyder-No.

VP Shotter said they need to make a decision about Chad McGowns resignation from 3rd Ward Council seat. No formal motion needs made since it's passed the 30 days of his notice which makes it an automatic resignation. Mr. Leone said the individuals applying for this seat need to submit resume and letter of interest. President Booher reiterated he has 2 ½ years left on his term. Solicitor Urick stated his seat will be for a 2 year term on the ballot for the November 2019 election and will become effective the first Monday, January 2020. President Booher confirmed a Monaca Democratic Party will select a person for the November 2019 election and a Monaca Republican Party will also select a person. Mr. Leone reiterated it is a party nomination since there was no primary election with this seat and anyone can be written in also at the time of election.

Circling back to the Municipal Complex Building, Mr. Snyder posed a question asking how the Borough proposes to pay for the new building. Mr. Leone said it will come out of the Borough's Capital Funds for Projects. Mr. Snyder asked how it will get replenished. Mr. Leone stated from the sale of the existing Borough building, as well as the sale of the 5th Ward building and other Borough owned properties. Mr. Snyder discussed further about funds and how this will be feasible. President Booher took note of his statement.

Citizens:

1.) Anthony Santilli- 1050 Linden Street, Monaca- was in attendance to bring up a few issues. His first was about the property behind his house that has been vacant for months and has very high grass. He has contacted the NSO about the issue and he asked if there was any way to speed up the process of the grass issue. President Booher said unfortunately the courts can only do so much and this is just an unfortunate situation. He said it's hard for the Borough to clean up the property but offered Mr. Santilli if he and his neighbors would like to clean it up they are welcome. The next item he brought up is an on-going situation with him and his neighbor. He explained how he has maintained the alley behind his property on a regular basis over the years with the Borough's permission. The neighbor does not like this happening. In the midst of his discussion, Mr. Santilli also thanked the road crew and Jake Iorio for cleaning up the tree that fell down in his area during the recent storm and they did a good job. Circling back to his prior complaint, he asked if the Borough could intervene and tell his neighbor that he is allowed to maintain the alley. Next, Mr. Santilli asked if Mr. Leone ever got his phone call/message two weeks ago. Mr. Leone said he did return his phone call but there was no answer. They discussed the complaint about the neighbor briefly and Mr. Leone said he will talk with him about it after the meeting. Lastly, Mr. Santilli brought up the "Whine and Cheese about Monaca" event that Mr. Shotter held. He explained people were to be placed in groups of ten. He asked why Mr. Shotter never picked him while his hand was up at the event. He just wanted to tell Mr. Shotter instead of putting them in groups, why not listen to each issue one-by-one. President Booher said if Mr. Santilli would have stayed for the event he would have seen the groups were quite successful in stating what the majority of the complaints were. And the residents also came up with ways to fix the problems.

2.) Helen Rambo- 1021 Summit Avenue, Monaca- She thanked the road crew for tree clean up from the most recent storm they had. She stated though for the next storm, she is concerned with the power lines near her house and who is responsible if they would happen to come down on Summit Avenue. She explained how the borough used to maintain Buckeye Alley up to Summit Avenue. President Booher explained this is a paper street and the Borough and NSO is looking into this. She also had a complaint about getting black snakes on her property now along with mice and some rats due to people dumping on the vacant property that is for sale near her. She asked if someone can get it cleaned out. President Booher said they are working on it.

3.) Joseph Paul- 1111 Linden Street, Monaca (owner of Monaca Restaurant Tabula Rasa) was in attendance to ask for Council's approval for Monaca Borough to become a Co-Sponsor for Monaca First Friday events that his restaurant hosts once a month on the first Friday of every month. He explained the event and how he utilizes Washington Plaza (across from his restaurant) using the electricity, the Borough allows them to use their pop-up tents and picnic tables for the event. He explained insurance costs are very high for Washington Plaza in case of an incident and he knows the Borough already has insurance for this location, hence why he has asked for the Borough to assist in being the Co-sponsor. President

Booher reiterated to his understanding, if the Borough Co-sponsors, the event will cover just like the insurance takes care of the Food Truck Thursday event. Mr. Leone was asked to make sure to call the insurance company to make certain they can co-sponsor this event and it will be covered. Solicitor Urick did confirm to first check with the insurance company. Mr. Blanarik asked what Joe charges the co-sponsors now because Recreation wanted to get involved. Joe answered the cost is covered by himself and the 7 businesses involved and it's a month-by-month basis since each band they book has a different cost. Mr. Blanarik asked if he would reach out to Recreation Susan Polce as they are interested in getting involved. Joseph said he will reach out to her most definitely.

Announcements: Mr. Rebich gave the following announcements. July 11th is this month's Food Truck Event located at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. Food Truck Line-up can be found on the Monaca Now App and on the Borough Website. July 26th is Movies at Antoline Park beginning at Sunset playing Lego Movie 2. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and enjoy. Rain date is July 27th and will be posted on the Borough App & Website. July 31st is the Legislative River Cruise on the Ohio River from 5pm-8pm. August 1st is this year's Local Government Conference, Rivers of Opportunity.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:09p.m.** Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary