

Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting/Public Forum Minutes
August 20th, 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- present	Mr. Rebich- absent
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short-**absent**; Mario N. Leone, Jr.;

List Of Attendees: President Booher welcomed Aliquippa Councilman-Matt Mottes who is also Chairman of the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa. Matt was there asking for council's support for an Emergency Water Interconnect between Aliquippa Water Authority and Monaca. He states the first reason is because as of right now, no one can supply water to Aliquippa should they ever run into an emergency. If Aliquippa could interconnect Monaca's waterline (near the slag bridge on 51) this would be beneficial to both communities. He explained another gain for Monaca is that Aliquippa has 9.3 million gallons of water in storage just in case of emergency, which in fact could provide the whole city of Aliquippa water for four days. Matt also states they don't have river water intake. Their water comes from underneath the river using aquifers. If there were ever an oil spill in the river, for example, Aliquippa would be able to supply the Borough water since they do not use river water. In closing, he said this could be beneficial to both communities, one for safety reasons, and two, to use each other as a back-up. He thanked Council for their time. Council asked Matt questions pertaining to the funding of the project, timeframe, and the speculations of the engineering. Mr. Wilson asked if the line was capped off at the slag bridge. Matt said it is. He also quickly announced Aliquippa is in the process of building a new \$10.5 million plant. Mr. Wilson asked about easements. Matt said they do not have any but he talked to the property owner which he does state is on board. Council discussed the location where Monaca and Aliquippa would tie in and the property it sits on. Mr. Blanarik asked about funding. Matt states there is two ways. One would be joint-funding which they would try to obtain grants duly. Or Aliquippa would absorb the cost of all funds. On another important note, he brings up an incident that happened a while back when Aliquippa didn't have water for five days. They opened an interconnect with Center, but ended up draining their tanks because of their usage, so Center shut their water off and wouldn't supply Aliquippa anymore. He brings up a strong point that this is why they need a back-up plan in case something like that would happen again. VP Shotter asked how many feet of pipe. He said if he had to guess, roughly about eight-tenths of a mile. VP Shotter then asked is there an estimated cost of this project. Matt said he does not have a cost yet but will need Monaca Borough's support tonight to move forward. Then he can immediately get the engineers on board, at the cost of Aliquippa Municipal Water Authority, to get the ball rolling. VP Shotter asked Mr. Leone if applying for grants would interfere with any upcoming projects. Mr. Leone explained. Mrs. Majors asked if Monaca were to supply Aliquippa water, who would supply for Raccoon & Potter. Matt explained they keep 1.5 million gallons on reserve which would supply them for 3 days. Aliquippa is asking their engineer to install another 1 million gallon tank so they would then have a 6 day supply. VP Shotter said this is a good idea but with all the projects going on in town, he's not quite sure if this is the best timing. Matt states if they got everything up and running now, by the time they apply for a permit, and even the time they get an "OK", it would be over a year. Mr. Leone does not foresee this project interfering or being a problem. Matt said the only thing they would need, if approved, is to set up a meeting with Mr. Leone and the General Manager to discuss the project.

After much was discussed, Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve to move forward with interconnect with Aliquippa. Second by Mr. Snyder. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions or concerns about the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt thanked the board for allowing him to come and for their support. He was dismissed from the meeting at 7:35pm.

Manager's Update: Borough Manager Mr. Leone first explained why July 23rd council minutes needed motioned tonight due to a hold up with the Penn Dot project at the WWTP. In the minutes was a motion to approve the project and move forward which Penn Dot needs approved. Mr. Leone then stated they met with the Auditor (himself, Treasurer Dave

Kramer and President Booher) and all the information that came back from the audit was good and he explained. He then announced Congressman Conor Lamb visited their area that day on a sustainable tour. They met in Aliquippa and then went to the Reservoir to see the Solar panels and ended at Antoline Park to observe the green roof at the new shelter. Overall, Congressman was pretty impressed with what Monaca is doing. He also explained the Monaca Gateway project to Congressman Lamb in hopes he would be a strong advocate in helping to lobby for the project. Next, Mr. Leone gave an update of a meeting he recently had with the County on transportation in Beaver County. He also has an upcoming meeting with the CED and Solicitor Urick will be there as well. Lastly, Mr. Leone said he's making progress on the garbage bids. Council discussed all the scenarios and options they wish to see in the future for garbage/recycling pick-up throughout the Borough. VP Shotter said they will have to wait and see what kind of options they receive in the bids and then go from there. All agreed.

New Business: (due to the cancelled Council meeting on August 13th, the following items were time sensitive and had to be motioned for approval tonight). President Booher asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or concerns regarding the following motions. None were given.

1. Mr. Blanakrik **motioned** to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23rd, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Shotter exited the meeting at this time. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to hire Joshua Causer for Part-Time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to advertise Bid Package for 2019 Road Programs. Second by Mr. Blanakrik. Mr. Snyder asked how a road can get paved if there is construction already going on. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the CDC to use CJ Mangin building for their mailing address and meeting location. Second by Mr. Blanakrik. Mr. Snyder asked if CDC is paying rent to use CJ Mangin. President Booher said no, this is the Business Authority, they are affiliated with the Borough.

Motion carried 6-1; Mr. Snyder-No.

New/Old Business List: Vice President Shotter skimmed down the old business list and asked for the updates on items without timeframes. Mr. Leone gave him the updates.

Mr. Blanakrik touched base on a few issues that he feels need addressed such as clarification on solicitation rights, updating handicap permits files at the Borough office and lastly for the public works to fix a catch basin on 13th/Indiana Avenue. VP Shotter then brought council up-to-speed on the Mobile app. He stated each Public Works employee will be getting their own e-mail (which is still in process) and will allow them access to answer work orders on the new mobile app, aside from just Jake the road foreman answering them one by one. Each employee will receive an Amazon Fire Tablet that will be in the Borough vehicles when at work to answer Work Orders quickly and efficiently.

Lastly, VP Shotter announced the Borough office will be going cashless beginning January 2020. This notice will be sure to go out in the next mailer to inform all residents for the upcoming change in the New Year.

Announcements: Mr. Snyder read the following announcements. Friday, August 30th is the summer's last Movie at Antoline Park playing "Incredibles 2" beginning at Sunset. Don't forget your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and enjoy a movie under the stars to kick-off the new School year. Monday, September 2nd the Borough office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Tuesday, September 3rd is Central Valley School Districts 1st day of School. Friday, September 6th is Monaca First Friday's at Washington Plaza Featuring "SGT Bob Timney" beginning at 6PM.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38p.m. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary