

**Monaca Borough  
Workshop Meeting  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:15pm**

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**

Mrs. Majors- present  
Mr. Mitchell- present  
(Vacant)  
Mr. LaPearle- present  
Mr. Wilson- present

Mr. Rebich- present  
Mr. Blanarik- present  
Mr. Michel- **absent**  
Vice President Shotter- present at 7:18pm  
President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Simon D. Short; Mario N. Leone, Jr.;

**List of Attendees:** SGA Consultants, Sean Garrigan, Gary Leitster & Brad Dudo had a display of updated drawings laid out on the table of the Streetscape project from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Council came up to the table to view. They stood around the table while the consultants explained the revised drawings of the utility clean up from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The consultants touched base on pole relocation and the overall engineering of the project. Council discussed and asked questions during this time.

Presentation concluded at 7:54pm and the consultants were dismissed from the meeting.

**Manager's Update:** Borough Manager Mr. Leone began by explaining the information council received in their packet regarding the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). He asked for council's opinion if they are for or against. He then updated council on Penn Dot project in regards to 17<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project. He updated them also on the call he had recently with the Regional Manager. She had indicated Penn Dot is not trying to take away any input from the Borough, but Penn Dot has to follow their rules & procedures. He said there is an agreement they would like the Borough to sign in cooperation with the project regarding cost. Mr. Leone discussed funding within the contract. Overall, he suggests sending the document back and asking for stronger language in the contract that states additional funding will not be brought onto the Borough if the project goes over the proposed budget. Council agreed as they briefly discussed. Mayor also brought up traffic may be rerouted to the side streets during construction. He insisted this issue be brought to Penn Dot's attention. Mr. Leone said he would pass this on to them. Mr. Leone gave the rest of his report.

**Items to Discuss:**

1.) **Library-**Mr. Blanarik had a suggestion for council to consider regarding the Monaca Library Budget. His idea clearly states to make 6 payments to the library throughout the year, X amount of dollars, every other month, aside from cutting one check near the end of the year. He said he was not opposed to \$15,000 amount usually given, but he stated this makes more sense. He then gave a scenario if the Library would need a little more expenditure within the next month, the Borough would honor it, but then skip payment for the next month. Overall, Mr. Blanarik said let's get the money to them more in a timely fashion. Mr. Leone said it is not a financial problem for the Borough to do this. Mr. LaPearle said he attended the Library Board meeting the night before and gave a little recap of that meeting. He said they are doing a quality job. They are significantly making a stride toward improving the "tech" side of it and in fact just got a \$3,000 grant from Shell to add someone computers, software, hardware, etc. They got T-Mobile to donate hotspots. He said they are doing more than what he had lead on. He also said the State says they have to have two paid employees at a minimum staffed. Central Valley cut them entirely from their budget, therefore he feels the Borough has even more obligation now if they intend on keeping the library there. Overall, he came out of the meeting thinking the money the borough gives is well spent. Council discussed funding, utilities and maintenance of the Community Center building/Library. Mr. Blanarik then asked if council should make a motion on the new set of payments to the library. President Booher said they do not need a motion. VP Shotter added it's under Mr. Leone's threshold. President Booher said as long as everyone is on board. No one was opposed. Mr. Leone added some comments about State aid/contribution in the coming future and how it should be much healthier.

**Announcements:** Mr. LaPearle read the following announcements. The 2020 Winter Carnival will be held February 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Johns Farri Hall. Details can be found on the Borough website or Mobile App.

Mr. Leone added to the comments. BCR-COG is having a training in Beaver Falls on February nineteenth.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:27p.m.** Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", with a long, sweeping underline.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary