

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
March 14th, 2017 at 7:02 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened in prayer by Curt DiGiovine followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

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| Mr. Snyder- present | Mr. Shotter- present |
| Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present | Mr. Rossi- present |
| Mr. McGown- present | Mr. Michel- present |
| Mr. LaPearle- present | V.P. Zigerelli- present |
| Mr. Wilson- present | President Booher- present |

Others Present

Mayor John Antoline, Mario N. Leone Jr., Rich Urick, Esq.

After Roll Call

-the Honorable Mayor Antoline swore in:

- 1.) Justin LaPearle as newly appointed First Ward Councilman. A proud round of applause was given by the audience as Councilman LaPearle took his seat for the first time among the rest of council for the remainder of the meeting. For the record, President Booher requested Mr. LaPearle's name be added to Roll Call.
- 2.) David Piuri was then sworn in as Chief of Police for the Monaca Police Department. A standing ovation followed as he completed and walked to his seat.
- 3.) Following, James Ball was then sworn in as Full Time Police Officer for the Monaca Police Department. Another respectful round of applause was granted to Officer Ball.
- 4.) And lastly, Jeffrey McConnell was sworn in as Full Time Police Officer for the Monaca Police Department, followed by a well-deserved round of applause.

Visitors –There were no visitors

Communications –Mr. Leone stated there were none at this time

Minutes

Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the February 28th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Michel questioned a \$75,000.00 bill listed as "Miscellaneous Revenue". Mr. Leone confirmed this bill was for the Solar Project. Also, Mr. Michel questioned the bill for \$16,000.00 for Minor Equipment. Mr. Leone confirmed this payment was for pumps for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mavors Report

Citations and Warnings: **118**
Criminal Arrests: **29**
Number of Parking Tickets: **50**
Call For Service: **519**

Managers' Report

a.) Mr. Leone gave the following Project Updates:

1. Antoline Park/Comfort Station-waiting for weather to improve for contractors to continue on with the work.
2. CJ Mangin Elevator/Library- Great news! The Library Grant has been closed out which Mr. Leone gave each councilperson a photo copy of the \$150,000.00 reimbursement check for the actual interior renovations that were completed. He mentioned there are still some outstanding issues with the operation of the elevator. The fire system and alarm still need installed. There was a tiny setback with the alarm company; Brobek was recently

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bought out by Select Security and the transition with the two companies has delayed the process a little. Once that has been taken care of, they can schedule the Labor of Industry to do the test inspection which typically takes around 30 days from the time of notice. Mr. Leone estimated 40 days until they get authorization to utilize the elevator.

3. Waterline Replacement Project- moving along very well and soon enough all the tie-ins should be completed.
4. Streetscape- He attended a regional transportation alliance meeting in Pittsburgh. The meeting was good and spoke about growth and development from the Shell/Cracker plant and how that traffic will impact our region, more specifically the Monaca Borough. The main purpose of the meeting was to prioritize and improve the flow of traffic coming in through Monaca.
5. Housing Authority- He told council there is a letter in the agenda packet confirming the housing authority's contribution to our Waterline Improvement project in the Summit and Hillview area.
6. Property at 1515 Penn Avenue- they did the closing last week and has been transferred to the new owner.
7. Thursday, March 16th, the Central Valley Science Class will take a tour of the Solar Array at the water reservoir along with taking a look at the Green Roof that's in progress at John A. Antoline Park.
8. Accolades for the Solar Project- the Beaver County Times ran a story for 3 consecutive days about the Solar Project. Also, last week, Mr. Leone stated he was a guest Speaker at an event in Beaver hosted by the Women's League of Voters and it was primarily on "Sustainability". He mentioned that Monaca has been in the limelight for a lot of great initiatives.

Mr. Michel questioned the installation of the alarm system since the 2 companies are transitioning, he speculated if it will cause a problem since the borough is still in contract with Brobek? Solicitor Urick stated it should not cause any problems. Mr. Michel also remembered there was a problem with the curb box on 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue. He asked if it was amended or shut off and if so who's responsible for fixing this? Solicitor Urick states depending if there is a problem with the curb box, it would be the owner's responsibility if it is on the owner's part of it. If there's a defect on the Borough part of it, it will be the Borough's responsibility.

Borough Solicitors Report

Solicitor Urick gave his report.

Property at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue-closed out, the borough received their check. It was a very successful closing. Solicitor Urick mentioned he will have the Pension Ordinance amendments in the mail Wednesday, March 15th. He'll send out the final changes that have been requested and will give to Mr. Leone once completed. This should be advertised at the next meeting. He also mentioned that he's close to completing the specifications for the Borough building. If no changes are to be made, he will expect council to authorize the advertisement to receive the bids for that sale. Before the meeting, he spoke briefly to President Booher and Mr. Leone about the potential zoning change for property that Mr. Ryan Eichhorn has acquired and wants to build on. Solicitor Urick has a better idea for what the committee is recommending. He is sending those steps so all can take into account the changing and zoning classification and the zoning map which is a little more involved than expected. He also mentioned he is still working on the Chief's contract along with the streetscape agreement needs finished as well.

Department Report - WWTP: Mr. DiGiovine gave his report

Ordinance Review Committee- Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

Executive Committee

Mr. Wilson stated there was no meeting last week and the meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21st.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Snyder motioned to approve 7th application payment in the amount of \$45,744.30 to Martino Inc. for the Monaca Waterline Replacement project. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept resignation of John Hawk as part-time Patrolman for the Monaca Police Department. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept resignation of Rodney Biskup Jr. as part-time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. McGown motioned to accept resignation of Jake Pokita from the Monaca Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Shotter motioned to appoint Judy Scassa for Recreation Board at a 4 year term, and to expire

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December 31st, 2020. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Mr. McGown asked if there were any plans for the Vanport exit closure starting March 22nd, since the traffic will be flowing through Monaca. Mr. Leone confirmed Penn Dot has not reached out to him yet about that and it may not be a big concern in the area.
- Mayor Antoline thanked Chief Piuri and the Police Department for the smooth transition thus far and for stepping up and doing such a nice job.
- Mr. Zigerelli announced: on behalf of a few residents in the Fourth Ward area who had some issues recently with their house, they spoke very highly of Councilman Shotter and the Fourth Ward Fire Department for lending a helping hand and assisting with their house problems. They also wrote a letter to the Beaver County Times to recognize them and their wonderful assistance on the matter.
-Mr. Zigerelli also asked Mr. Leone when Grass Cutting will be discussed since it was tabled to this meeting in the last council meeting. Mr. Leone said it has not been established yet when the discussion will be held. President Booher then stated he would like council to discuss this and have an answer along with discussing Road at the next Executive meeting held next Tuesday, March 21st.
- Mr. Rossi asked about getting the potholes fixed in the alley behind Redwing Shoe store. Mr. Leone confirmed that a Work Order for the Road Department was written up for work to be done once the weather subsides.
- Mr. Michel thanked the Police Department as well, and stated “We do have the finest in the valley”.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

Mr. Leone mentioned that a young member from Boy Scouts was in attendance observing the meeting. Also Mr. Leone let council know that before the meeting, the young man asked him a few questions for an assignment he was working on but had no other questions to ask council at this time.

Executive Session

Announcements-none

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary