

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

Others

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

Engineers Report- Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report. Roads were discussed in his report. Mr. Leone said he had asked Tony to look at a few roads that need attention and that are brought up to him often for the terrible condition they are in. He mentioned areas on Virginia Avenue, Wagner Road, & Ohio Avenue where the waterline was replaced. He touched base on the cost of paving these roads. He also brought up another road they added to list, a portion of Blaine Road between Marshall and Ridge Road. He and the Borough treasurer had looked over the Liquid Fuels budget and they feel pretty comfortable that they can get \$150,000 out of the liquid fuels budget to allocate for paving. Depending on the work done with the list of roads and how much is spent, they may be able to add one more road. He asked if council had any roads in mind. Mr. Wilson asked about the road restoration that still needs completed on Bechtel and Front Street. Mr. Leone said it's on the list of work orders for Jake to do. Mayor also suggested Marshall Road between Dr. Dragonjac's office to the stop sign because it's a mess and is a high traffic area. Mr. Leone asked for each council member to make a list of roads in their ward that need fixed, start prioritizing and find a way to get them repaired. He then mentioned as an FYI that if a waterline was replaced on a road, funds can also be pulled from the Water fund along with liquid fuels. Mr. Rebich suggested discussing each of their lists in next month's meeting. Mr. Leone said let's start with this list. And if everyone is good with this base list they could put it out for bid. Then when council completes their lists, they can come up with 'add-on alternates' if the funds are available. Tony said that the borough should also keep in mind when the new Street Opening Ordinance is adopted, the Borough also has to follow the rules and guidelines of road restoration as well. VP Shotter concluded the discussion by asking that Jared and Jake get together and get costs for waterline replacement for Elmira and add Elmira as an add-on to the list of roads to pave. He then reiterated the list of roads and asked if 6th street and South Walnut should be added on as well. Lastly, Mr. Shotter would like a quote for the parking lot next to the Draft house to be paved that the Borough owns. Mrs. Majors quickly brought up one more road that she feels should be on the list; Allaire Avenue between Marshall and Ridge Road. Mr. Leone said he will put the bid out for the overall list, see what it comes to and go from there.

Visitors- None

Communications- None

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the **July 9th, 2019** Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of **July 16th, 2019**. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Wilson. VP Shotter abstained from check #4146 for financial reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He updated council on several meetings he had. He mentioned the Penndot meeting. He also had a meeting with SPC and talking about additional funding opportunities and submitting an application in the amount of 2 million dollars. This will be focused on the 13th to 15th Street Section. The CFA Multimodal grant will be submitted by the end of the month for the Monaca Gateway Project. A resolution for approval is on tonight's agenda.

He also updated council on the relocation of the dry utilities for the Streetscape project and the funds they are trying to obtain. Lastly, he stated he has been working on the garbage bids which is a little more complicated. He is just trying to get the dynamics and the correct language with the recycling changing. He's hoping to complete this in the next several weeks so they can put it out for bid. Mr. LaPearle asked Mr. Leone about funding for the Dry Utilities and if it would be different if they weren't doing underground. Mr. Leone answered accordingly.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He completed the draft of the Street Opening Ordinance. He sent this out to everyone and has not heard anything so he will foresee that this gets advertised and set for adoption August 13th. He is also working on the Pension Plan Ordinance that was sent to him by Borough Treasurer. He explained. He'll advertise for adoption August 13th as well. He then mentioned Hopewell's Smoke & Dye test Ordinance that he sent to council last week to review. He said this is a good model to follow if they are to go forward with this in the borough. He also suggested giving a timeline of this testing before bringing it into compliance with homeowners and property owners. Next, Solicitor Urick brought up the Right-Of-Way easement at the WWTP and how the name is still on the Deed as the Monaca Municipal Authority which was put to rest a long time ago. He suggests getting the name changed on the deed to say Monaca Borough for any future documents to be signed. He's not sure of the exact procedure but will look into it and get back with Mr. Leone on this. Lastly, he has heard nothing from the school on the Resource Officer agreement. Mr. Leone elaborated on this item. He stated he has been in contact with Superintendent Nick Perry who is currently on vacation and will be back August 1st hoping to conclude this agreement. According to the existing agreement of Central Valley and their current High School Resource Officer, Mr. Leone explained that Dr. Perry was unaware that Central Valley was paying the benefits of the Resource Officer. He has yet to hear back from Dr. Perry.

Mr. Shotter asked Solicitor when the Street Opening Ordinance is passed, will any projects that are ongoing be subject to this Ordinance. Solicitor said it states immediately upon passage of the ordinance. He said it doesn't necessarily mean projects in the past, but in the present that are ongoing when ordinance is passed.

New Business:

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize the Council President to sign all documents pertaining to new Penn DOT ROW for the relocation of storm sewer line at the Wastewater Treat Plant. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Blararik **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 964, electing to amend its Non-Uniform pension plan. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Mr. Rebich motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 3-19, for an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Discuss/Motion** to approve payment for Movie night at Chapel Pool- Mr. Shotter went over cost which would be around \$800 if 100 people attend, and \$850 if 200 people attend. He already has a \$200 donation and Mayor Short stated he would donate \$100. Mr. Shotter said they were going to just include Monaca Borough Residents. Mr. Blararik and Mr. Wilson said they should have non-residents as well. Council set a price at \$3 for Residents and \$5 for non-residents. Mr. Blararik also requested a police officer or some kind of Security be present just in case. VP Shotter said he will make some phone calls to Chief Kramer. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve to pay up to \$750 for Pool Rental for Movie Night at Chapel Pool with Security present. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Blararik **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 4-19 supporting a Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Application for the "Monaca Gateway Project". Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

New Business: VP Shotter went around the room asking council if they had any new or old business they would like to discuss or share. Mr. Rebich brought up an on-going water issue on Eckert Road. Mr. Leone is aware of the situation and Jake the road foreman is aware as well. They are digging deeper into the problem to see where all the water is coming from or if it could possibly be an old septic line. They aren't sure but it is on the list of work orders for the road crew. Mrs. Majors both brought up a couple concerns. Mrs. Majors asked if anyone was willing to donate a gift basket for National Night Out event on August 8th it would be greatly appreciated and she asked that it be dropped off at her house prior to the event.

Announcements: Mr. Rebich read the following announcements: Friday, July 26th is Movies at Antoline Park playing *Lego Movie 2* that will begin at Sunset. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and enjoy a movie under the stars. Wednesday, July 31st is the Legislative River Cruise on the Ohio River from 5pm-8pm. Thursday, August 1st is the 2019 Local Government Conference “Rivers of Opportunity” at the Willows Event Center, Midland, PA from 7:30am-2:00pm. If you plan on attending, please let Brittany know by July twenty-fifth. Friday, August 2nd is Monaca First Friday at Washington Plaza featuring Billy the Kid & the Regulators beginning at 6pm. August 6th is the Proposed Housing Complex Presentation. And lastly, August 8th, both Food Truck Thursday and National Night Out collaborate once more taking place at Washington Plaza, 4pm-8pm. There will be an array of delicious food trucks, “Dunk-a-Cop”, 50/50 Raffle and Gift Basket Auction.

Executive Session: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to go into Executive Meeting for Personnel at 8:09pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:16p.m. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson **motioned** to resume the public at 8:17pm. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter then passed the gavel to Pro-Tem Mr. Wilson.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary