

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
May 14th, 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. Blanakik- present
Mr. McGown- absent	Mr. Michel- present
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

Vice President Shotter paused and asked council to consider making a motion to name this day, May 14th, 2019 “Apraxia Awareness Day” in the Borough of Monaca during which awareness will be raised throughout the Borough of Monaca about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder in children. A young lady in the audience by the name of Danica Hiltz, accompanied by her parents, were there supporting this cause. V.P. Shotter read the full text of the Proclamation explaining this awareness. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Proclamation Recognizing May 14th, 2019 as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in the Borough of Monaca. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously. There was a round of applause from the congregation as young Danica came to the front of the room to accept the Proclamation. Photos were then taken standing by the flag of Danica, President Booher, VP Shotter and Mayor Short. Another round of applause was given as she took her seat with her parents.

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the April 23rd, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of May 7th, 2019. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously

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

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

Monetary Receipt's: **\$2,676.45**
Citations and Parking Tickets: **138**
Criminal Arrests: **22**
Call For Service: **457**
Total Miles patrolled: **4,222 miles**

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. Duquesne Light Company- Meeting tentatively scheduled with their Consultants for June 4th and 5th to discuss dry utilities in the downtown area. TIF District-He stated there has been significant progress. A meeting is set for Wednesday May 22nd with the Assessment Office. The CDBG Block Grant program has begun and they are replacing catch basins in the down town area. He then touched base on a phone call he received recently from a good friend who grew up in this area. This gentlemen took his son to practice basketball one day at the Washington Avenue courts and was disturbed by the horrible condition they are currently in. His friend would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00 to upgrade the basketball courts/tennis courts area. Mr. Leone explained that the Borough does not own this property and the School district does. Therefore he sent this request to Superintendent Nick Perry. Mr. Leone mentioned Dave Kramer, Treasurer, is working on preliminary upgrades and developing a budget in that \$10k price range. He is waiting on the School's response and will keep council updated. He then announced the cameras are back online. Some tweaking needs completed but overall, they are working.

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Council posed some questions to Mr. Leone. Mr. Michel begun by asking for more specifics of the Excavator and Trailer to be voted on this meeting. Mr. Leone answered accordingly. Mr. Snyder reiterated about the ownership of the Washington Ave. basketball courts and he and Mr. Leone discussed maybe looking into a way to acquire the property in the future. Mayor asked about the busted camera at Antoline Park near the bandstand. Mr. Leone will look into this.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick had nothing to report.

Department Report – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of April 2019. Mr. Leone asked Curt to briefly touch base on the Demo that was conducted at the WWTP involving a John Deere tractor that has been needed for quite some time. Curt went over details of the pros & cons. He reiterated this piece of machinery is important and used 7 days a week. He would like council's approval on this. President Booher asked for it to go on the Workshop agenda for discussion along with all the details so council can make a final decision to finally put this to rest. Curt handed Mr. Leone the invoice for the John Deere and took his seat.

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

Monaca Community Outreach Report- Mrs. Majors gave an update on work that she has been doing with the children in town. They have cleaned up Cascade road for the 2nd time this year. They have also completed all the flower beds in town and will clean up once more in the downtown area for the Memorial Day parade coming up. She also added she needs to get with Chief Piuri and Mayor about National Night Out this year, which is the first Tuesday in August.

Monaca Business District Authority Report- Mrs. Majors announced the MBDA meeting will be held Wednesday May 15th at 7pm in the Conference room for those who would like to attend.

New Business:

1. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to hire Thomas Nardilli for Part-Time Public Works Employee at a rate of \$13.50/hour pending he passes the physical & drug test. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. V.P. Shotter **motioned** to appoint John Antoline to Monaca Recreation board filling the vacancy of Sheila DiBacco with a term ending December 31st, 2020. Second by Mrs. Majors. Solicitor Urick states according to the Borough Code, he can serve on 2 boards as long as they are not incompatible office situation.
3. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve a used 2017 Caterpillar 308ECR purchasing under Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing agreement #032515-CAT in the amount of \$80,354.00. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve purchase of T-24 Trailer from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. in the amount of \$5,000.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mr. Shotter motioned** to advertise RFQ for Zoning Consultants to assist Borough of Monaca. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

Robert Mizanko-1628 Beaver Avenue, Monaca- was in attendance on behalf of the Republican Committee of Beaver County, asking council's permission to utilize a Borough facility for their monthly meetings since they can no longer use their current location. He specifically asked for a room at CJ Mangin building and they could give a donation to rent this room for their monthly meetings going forward. Council discussed. President Booher asked if Mr. Mizanko could make a donation to the Library to utilize the space. Solicitor Urick said no he could not. VP Shotter stated the Borough would not be able to donate any space and a lease agreement would have to be written up for "X" amount dollars for "X" amount of space needed. The Borough will have to draw up a lease agreement and a dollar amount has to be set to rent any space from a Borough owned facility. Solicitor Urick agreed. Mr. Mizanko thanked Council for their time.

Announcements: Mr. LaPearle gave the following announcements. Thursday, **May 16th** is the install date for the new playground set at Antoline Park. Thursday, **May 16th** there will be a Candlelight Vigil-Beaver County Law Enforcement Memorial beginning at 9pm at the Beaver County Courthouse, Hosted by Chief Piuri. Tuesday, **May 21st** is the Primary Election. The Workshop meeting is scheduled for Wed. May 22nd. Friday, May 24th is the tentative date for Blaine Road Veterans Sign to be installed. And lastly, Monday, **May 27th** is the Memorial Day Parade which will begin at 10am at St Johns Church and end at Veterans Park followed by a brief Ceremony. Borough office will also be closed.

Executive Session: Mr. Shotter **motioned** to enter into Executive Session for Potential Litigations at 7:37pm. Second by

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Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:07p.m. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the public at 8:07pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Snyder **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:08p.m.** Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

