

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
May 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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- absent
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanakik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others

Mayor Simon Short- present; Mario N. Leone, Jr. – present at 7:05pm; Rich Urick, Esq. - **absent**

Engineers Report-Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report. He touched base on the traffic issue on Colonial and Ohio Avenue that was brought up in a previous council meeting from a concerned resident. He gave council a sketch of three options as to what they would like done in that area as far as Stop signs go to solve the problem of people not stopping at that intersection. After the details of each option was discussed, Chief Piuri, who was in attendance, suggested Option three. Council agreed with Chief Piuri. The island would also be concrete. Tony said he will get the professional drawings completed of option three and all the necessary documents they need to discuss at the next council meet. The CDGB Curb ramps were discussed and Tony mentioned the amount of money that is needed to complete the project. **Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve additional monies that will be required for CDBG curb ramps in the amount of \$6,080.13. Second by Mrs. Majors.** President Booher asked visitors three times if anyone had any comments/questions in regards to the motion. None were given. Mr. Shotter asked about CTM Construction. Tony and Mr. Leone explained this is a company the Borough has used and has previous experience with. They did the sidewalks in certain areas in town in the past. More discussion was made. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Lastly, Mr. Shotter asked what the next step for the corridor is and do they need to select an option. They asked Tony to have a letter substantiating the options in more detail for Colonial/Ohio project. They will have to revise the ordinance if anything is added to that area. They discussed option 3 in more detail such as islands and where stop signs will potentially go. It was decided option 3 was the best option. Tony will present an actual drawing first for discussion at the next meeting and then present the letter with substantial details following that.

Visitors- none

Communications-None

Minutes-Mr. McGown motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the May 8th, 2018 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual-Mr. Blanakik motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave a brief update of Curb Ramp project. Once the letter gets approved the County Commissioners will have to award that project so the curb ramps will get completed. Streetscape will be discussed later in the meeting. TIF is moving forward and the Solicitor has reviewed contracts with minor tweaks being made. He anticipates the contracts be fully executed soon. Public Works is attending to the Pump house area to get it cleaned up for Community Days next month. He had an exit conference call with Penn DOT on the TIGER grant and why the Borough did not receive the funds. The Borough didn't provide enough detail supporting why the grant was needed. He then touched base on a meeting they had last Friday with Secretary Davin from Department of Economic development. It was said that during that meeting U.S. State Representative Robert Matzie spoke highly of this area which made Mr. Leone and President Booher hopeful that Beaver County is on the radar to be awarded in the future for upcoming grants. Council then asked Mr. Leone a few questions. Mr. Blanakik first asked what the plans are for cleaning up the pump house mess left over from the floods this past year. Mr. Leone explained the best option is to plant grass on the hillside. Mr. Wilson then asked to give the status

on each grant the borough has applied for and if the borough was approved or granted any funds yet. Mr. Leone answered accordingly. He stated, other than the TIGER grant that fell through, all grants are still pending. He received cost estimates from Stromberg & Garrigan for extending 10th-13th street project to 14th street. He's hoping to use the TIF money which they should know by September/October this year how much the TIF will allow them to work with. Mr. LaPearle asked about Dry Utility study and where it stands. Mr. Leone said SGA will be at the June 19th workshop meeting to update council and answer any questions regarding streetscape. More discussion was had about the grants and funding's and timeframe of each and when to expect them if awarded.

Borough Solicitors Report: (not present)

New Business:

- a. Mr. Leone gave a brief overview of the HACB agreement which they re-enter each year. The officers are assigned to patrol the housing authority properties in the borough. They have a certain amount budgeted each year that they never exceed according to Chief Piuri and Mr. Leone. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve 2018 Contracted Police Services Agreement. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Leone touched base on the Streetscape project. SGA had specific packages/options that were provided in council's agenda packet for the corridor. Majority of the public/council chose option B, but there were comments about liking different benches that were not a part of the chosen package. Council was then asked to make a decision on which bench they prefer for option B package (2 pictures provided in their agenda packet). The majority of council raised their hand for Bench B. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve option B on the benches for the Streetscape amenities as suggested in SGA letter. Second by Mrs. Majors. **Motion carried 6-1, Mr. Wilson-No.**

Mr. Shotter asked if each package had a specific amount determined yet. Mr. Leone said no, nor do they have any specific details to the packages, just ideas in which route council would like to take. Mr. Leone confirmed a package has to be decided first, not including costs. SGA will then submit the "idea" to Penn Dot due to Penn Dot requirements. It's a step-by-step process. Mr. Leone asked council to prepare a list of questions for the June 19th workshop meeting when SGA will be present.

Mr. Shotter asked if 14th Street intersection has been hot patched yet. Mr. Leone said Jake is working on this. It's the highest of his priority list. President Booher asked Mr. Leone if they decided on purchasing a Bobcat or Caterpillar for Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Leone concurred Curt DiGiovine, Superintendent-WWTP, does not feel comfortable with either. Jake is looking into different attachments that will work for the WWTP. Mrs. Majors had two concerns. First, she stated when doing road clean up this week, she came across Whiskey Rhythm property and stated how messy it was with beer cans, trash, cigarette butts and so on in front of their business. She wants to crack down on the businesses to maintain their properties. Second, she stated this does not pertain to the office staff but concerned citizens said they are not getting phone calls returned regarding rental properties/maintenance and such.

Citizens: **Rosemary Gunthrey**-1213 Pennsylvania Avenue/Beauty Salon- was in attendance (along with the salon employees in the audience) regarding an on-going flooding issue with their parking spots in front of the salon on Pennsylvania Avenue. The parking spots get heavily flooded when it rains which makes it hard for their customers to park. She believes this is because of the gas lines that were put in by the Gas Company which made the road uneven and water does not flow directly down to the catch basins anymore. Mr. Leone said Jake Iorio (road dept.) has looked into the situation but being it's a state road, the borough cannot do anything without Penn Dots approval. Mrs. Gunthrey said she has reached out to Penn Dot and has received no response. It was suggested by Mr. Shotter that the Borough along with the Salon reach out to Penn Dot and eventually someone should get a response. President Booher also mentioned with Streetscape coming, they plan to pave the road in about a year or two anyway hoping to resolve the problem. He said they will reach out to Penn Dot so it is on their radar.

Nancy Cunningham-1210 Nimick Avenue-also a business owner at 1213 Pennsylvania Avenue for 26 years-was in attendance joining her voice with the Salon. She understands they are limited on what can be done but she asked if there is a temporary fix to their flood issue. Mrs. Cunningham does agree whoever put the gas line in made the issue. Mr. Leone reiterated the Gas Company had to get a permit through Penn Dot, therefor this is Penn Dot's doing and the borough cannot do anything without Penn Dots permission. Mr. Shotter, again, stated the borough will reach out to District 11 and give that phone number to the business owners as well so they can all reach out and hopefully someone will get a response and take it from there.

Announcements: Mr. Leone announced the next Food Truck Thursday event will be held June 14th at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. The first food truck event was very successful and he now has Food truck vendors actually reaching out to

him requesting a spot at one of the upcoming events. Mr. Leone then announced Memorial Day parade will be held May 28th at 10:30am beginning at St. Johns church and ending at 6th Street Veterans Memorial Park followed by a service. The borough office will also be closed Monday, May 28th in service of Memorial Day.

Attachments: none

Executive Session: Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to enter into Executive session at 8:15pm for Personnel matters. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:31pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:32pm. Second by Mrs. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary

