

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
November 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 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mr. Snyder- absent	Mr. Rebich-present
Mrs. Majors - absent	Mr. Blararik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Visitors –None

Communications –None

Bid Opening -Kermiet Tank Property- Mr. Leone announced there were no bids received for this property.

*President Booher skipped down to:

Mayors Report

Chief Piuri approached the podium to recognize Officer Jim Ball with a Certificate of Accommodation for his actions dealing with two dangerous incidences in the line of duty. A brief description was given of the two situations that Officer Ball dealt with while training a number of the new patrolman. As Officer Ball accepted his award, the audience gave him a well-deserved standing ovation for his excellent strategies performed as a lead Policeman and great role model for the new patrolman. Chief Piuri also stated Patrolman Zack Spearing, Pete Smith, Chris LaPearle, and Chris Stitt will be receiving letters of recognition for their actions as well. Mayor Antoline and the Chief Piuri then took a proud picture with Officer Ball.

Mayor Antoline gave his report

Citations and Parking Tickets: **108**

Criminal Arrests: **16**

Call For Service: **520**

Streetscape Update- Sean Garrigan from SGA and Steven Stewart from Michael Baker gave a descriptive update of the streetscape project and the estimated costs as of now. Numerous questions were asked by council and discussion followed.

GoNetSpeed Presentation/Proposal-Mr. Leone stated they are still working with them on this. They had quoted the borough for business service only at each respective location and Mr. Leone confirmed the cost was too high. He has asked them to reprice it for residential services which they are waiting on. He confirmed with council there is no deal unless they can make a more attractive proposal that coincides with the borough's budget.

Minutes-Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the October 24th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of November 8th, 2017. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Shotter. Mr. Michel asked a few questions about some line items with clarification by Mr. Leone and Mr. Wilson who had the bills on hand. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report.

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a.) Project Updates:

1. Streetscape- they continue working on the funding strategy
2. 2017 Road Paving Project- Final inspection was completed. The contractor still has to put the sealant on the joints around the catch basins.
3. Antoline Park- Final Inspection was last week. The representative was very pleased with the building and thought it was a nice asset to the park.

President Booher also added a special thanks to the Public Works department for taking care of the catch basins.

Borough Solicitors Report -Solicitor Urick gave his report. He had 8 matters to address. The Beaver County Commission is now reviewing the proposed ordinance for the Rezoning of 5th Ward area. The Planning Commission Board is meeting in December to review the rezoning ordinance. Because no one bid the Kermiet Drive property for the 2nd time, the Borough is now allowed to privately negotiate the sale of that property. Price, terms and conditions can be negotiated but must be discussed in a public meeting before approval. Next, the request by Mr. Dioguardi to vacate that alley way is still being looked at. The Quality of Life Ordinance is still being looked over as well. He mentioned a meeting was to be held with the school district but a date was never settled. Lastly, he brought up two matters to be discussed in Executive session only. One, involving a tax appeal from some private land owners and the second matter also involves an appeal by Life Steps which is a group home.

Department Report -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

Ordinance Review Committee -Vice President Shotter gave his report. As mentioned, the Quality of Life ordinance is being reviewed by Solicitor Urick. He also asked Mr. Leone to schedule a meeting for street maintenance.

New Business:

- a. Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the funding for Volunteer Fire Department Legal and Consultation merger costs estimated to be approximately \$25,000, which 50% will be reimbursable with State Grant Funding. Second by Mr. Wilson. A few questions were asked by council. Mr. Shotter answered accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Before the motion was made, President Booher made it clear there will be no Water, Sewer or Tax increases. Mr. Wilson motioned to advertise the 2018 Proposed General, Water, and Sewer Budgets for public inspection. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve payment to SGA in the amount of \$11,954.20 for 75.4% of preliminary Monaca Gateway Project Design. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Shotter motioned to authorize SGA to perform the Preliminary Dry utility relocation and upgrade strategy development with the Level of Magnitude costs in the amount of \$37,331.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. McGown motioned Courtney Lynn Krizan- Beaver Avenue Tax Parcel 38-002-0122.000 the Consent to waive Borough taxes for the private offer to purchase this property from the Repository of Unsold properties. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. This motion was discussed by council and Mr. Wilson adjusted the wording of the motion. Mr. Wilson motioned Willie Coleman – Grove Street Tax Parcel 37-001-0408.000 for the private offer to purchase this property from the Repository of Unsold Prosperities. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve 2nd payment application to Mele & Mele & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$129,871.52 for Road Paving Project (\$8,192.50 remains due). Second by Mr. Rebich. A couple questions were asked by Mr. Shotter and Mr. Michel. Mr. Leone answered and confirmed where the monies were going pertaining to this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. McGown asked for an update on Linden Street. Mr. Leone stated no update yet.

Mr. Shotter stated the SRP committee is attempting to meet on Tuesday's prior to the regular meetings so they are not here another evening. He also made a request to Mr. Leone to ask the office staff to collect costs of other pavilions around the county and make a comparison spreadsheet to have as a benchmark for the upcoming year.

Mr. Michel suggested that the tires and rims underneath the borough steps should be put out for sale. Suggestions were made by council to perhaps put them on Craigslist, Municibid, etc. He also mentioned neighbors are complaining about someone parking on a No Parking spot on Ella Street. He then asked if there is a Fire or Truck fund.

Mario and Mr. Shotter confirmed there is a fund. Budget and expenditures for the Fire departments were also discussed briefly by council.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

1. **Curtis DiGiovine**-263 Hickory Drive Beaver Falls-was in attendance to ask if the Borough has approached the BCTA for funding for the round-about since they were a part of the Rochester round-about. Mr. McGown stated they had spear-headed this idea because of the cost savings they were receiving from us. There will be no significant actions from them..
2. **Robert Mezanko**-1628 Beaver Avenue-was in attendance to bring up two items. First, he mentioned the winter months are approaching and he still has a "pond" in his front yard that still needs taken care of. Mr. Leone wrote down his address. Second, he stated he was appalled not one borough official came to his ribbon cutting to support his new business in town. Lastly, he asked why new businesses are not being added to the newsletter that are usually sent out in the water bill.
3. **Glen Rambo**-1008 Washington Avenue-He apologized to council from the last workshop meeting.

Announcements- Monaca Borough office will be closed November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving.

Executive Session

Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into Executive Session for at 8:32pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:10pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 9:11pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary