

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
January 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm**

The Work Shop 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. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; Mario N. Leone, Jr.;

List of Attendees: none

Manager's Update: Mr. Leone began to explain the letter sent to council from beaver county lobbying consultant asking the Borough to consider endorsing a Resolution in support of Nuclear Energy. Beaver County commissioners are going around the county soliciting this request and have asked all to pass it on to their council members to take the stance. President Booher suggests this is not something council should act upon. Mr. Shotter said this a "high risk/low reward" type of situation and he thinks it's best to not get involved. Mr. Leone will pass the word along. Next, he announced the Pennsylvania State Associations of Boroughs has selected the borough to participate in a state wide television program exploring Pennsylvania Boroughs. Dates to be determined. He put in council's packet what the PSAB has planned and when they would like to broadcast. Mr. Leone said it's an exciting opportunity. Mr. Leone then gave a brief update of the water in town. Well 16 is down at this time. They did have it assessed. The pit bowl assembly seems to be the issue with excessive amount of corrosion that is happening in this pit bowl adapter. They are thinking this could be a grounding issue with the Well. They are looking into how this problem can be fixed.

Items to Discuss:

2019 YMCA summer program contract- Mr. Leone elaborated this is an annual program the Y provides to the Borough every year at a cost of \$2,560.00. Mr. Shotter asked how many kids attend this program. Mr. Leone will get the numbers for council and bring it to the next meeting.

2019 Humane Society agreement/renewal-This is also an annual agreement that the Borough has done in the past. Last year's fee was \$150 per month. This year they are asking for a \$15 increase at \$165 per month. This allows the police department access to the facility. Council discussed. President Booher asked for this to be put on next meeting's agenda.

CJ Gymnasium usage-Mr. Leone explained Central Valley Girls Fast pitch Softball and CV Youth Baseball both submitted letters to the Borough requesting approval by council to utilize the gym, as they do every year. Council reiterated that they have plans to eventually remodel the gymnasium and it will be difficult with organizations utilizing it in the process. Mr. McGown said he would hate to turn any organization away but there needs to be some limitations on who uses the gym. Mr. Snyder said any organization who utilizes the gym should take full responsibility anyway for any damages that are done. Mr. Wilson mentioned that there are camera's now in the gymnasium so if at all any damage is done, they have the proof. Mr. Rebich said these organizations provide the Borough liability insurance but should also provide some sort of security deposit as a form of an Insurance policy in case of damages to the facility while in use. Mr. Michel said council needs to find a way that's feasible yet a way that won't turn anyone away. He said they should have the option to either grant or deny those who would like to use the facility. Council agreed to ask for a security deposit in the amount of \$500.00 and they would get the deposit back at the end of the year if no damage was done. President Booher asked for this to be put on next meeting's agenda for council to decide. VP Shotter asked what they are going to vote on. President Booher stated council will vote if they allow the baseball/softball teams to use the gym and if council would like to put a stipend on their use such as a security deposit. Council discussed and all agreed that a \$500 security deposit should be given in order to utilize the gym.

Kid Country Lease- Lease has been signed by the business owner. Next the Borough council needs to sign. The business owner has also given January 2019 payment. The outstanding balance from 2018 has not been paid yet but they have until March 31st, 2019.

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Library Lease- Mr. Leone reported there are two outstanding issues that are very minor. They are in the hands of the Borough solicitor. He hopes to have the corrections by next week.

Rental Inspector- President Booher said he's been calling around and most rental inspection is taken out of Municipalities hands and put it on their building inspectors, such as the Borough's which is MDIA. Council's been talking about what to do and MDIA is already insured. Even if they do that, there may be some light work the Borough NSO would have to do on the administrative end of it. He believes this is a safe route to take. Mr. Leone said they are licensed so it makes sense. He also said in his review with Nick, he asked him to read more and educate himself on what the rental inspector does and so on so he becomes more knowledgeable to the job.

Old Business: Mrs. Majors had an issue with Waste Management placing her garbage bin on the street and not back on her curb. President Booher asked that all WM issues are brought to the office. Mr. McGown asked if Mr. Leone could have WM contact their WM Call Center to update their information to reflect exactly what the Borough's contract says. Mayor Short asked if there was an update on the Resource Officer. Mr. Leone said it is in the hands of their solicitor and they are just waiting on him. The next school board meeting will be held Wednesday January sixteenth. He also asked if there were any recommendations to fill the two vacancies on the Civil Service board. Mr. Leone hasn't heard of any yet but will reach out to Chief. He said they are challenging vacancies to fill. He explained the Civil Service committee oversees the hiring and the firing of the Police Department. President Booher reiterated council members cannot be on this committee. Mr. Michel brought up there are solicitors in town going door-to-door asking for electric bills. He's called the police already and wanted to make everywhere aware of this. Mr. Leone suggests when any permits are approved at the Borough, they will be put on the Borough website so the public is aware of who is in town at that time. Mr. Leone also mentioned they have a No Solicitation Ordinance.

Announcements: none

Executive Session: Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into executive session for Personnel and Real Estate at 7:54pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilson left the meeting at 8:55pm

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:13p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:13p.m. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn at 9:15pm. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

