

MONACA BOROUGH  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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-present	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Simon D. Short-absent  
Mario N. Leone Jr.  
Rich Urick, Esq.

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None

President Booher called up a spokesperson from the Vietnam Veterans of America.

**Bob Whisemantle-908 Seventh Avenue, Conway PA-** was in attendance with his fellow VVA members in the audience to ask council's approval for a special kind of street sign to be put up in the Borough. He mentioned four MIA soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War and were residence of Beaver County. He mentioned the four individuals, what town they were from and included one from Monaca named James Francis Tritt who lived on Blaine Road. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer and he mentioned all his ribbons and metals achieved including the Purple Heart. He asked permission from Council if they could place a street sign on Blaine Road in his name that will sit above the actual street sign. He said they had just put a sign up in Hopewell for Commander Doyle Lynn. The reason being the four soldiers are forgotten about and he and his brothers just want them to be recognized. The VVA will pay for everything. The Borough will pay for nothing. He passed around an example of a street sign to council for a visual what it will look like. He explained each sign will be displayed in the colors of what force the individual served under. Mr. McGown asked about size. Bob stated they will measure the Borough's existing sign and match it as close as possible. He said if approved, he will be there the day it happens to put the sign up, they will do a 21 Gun Salute, and he went on about how the "service" will go as they put up the sign. Mr. Shotter appreciates what they are doing and asked why their focus was strictly on MIA's rather than Killed-In-Action as well for street signs. Bob said the only reason is because there is no marker for the MIA's. Mr. Shotter suggested to council if they are doing this for the Vietnam War, why not include WWII, Dessert Storm, WWI, and any MIA's for those past wars. He asked Mr. Snyder to please reach out to VFW/Legion, etc. He said if they are going to set a precedent, they should do it across the board. Mr. McGown **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to seek liability of this sign and any other sign to honor MIA's and any Veteran's. Second by Mr. Shotter. President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions or concerns regarding the new motion. None were given. Mr. Snyder introduced Borough Manager Mario Leone to Bob, and Mr. Leone gave him his contact information to get in touch. Mr. Leone will also get the newspaper and news involved and notify them when this will happen. Motion carried unanimously.

President Booher and Mr. Leone thanked them all for coming. The group was dismissed from the meeting at 7:12pm.

**Minutes-** Mr. Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Workshop Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Mayors Report- (Mayor Short was absent).

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone touched base on the Rental Inspection, which he had spoken with MDIA rep. The fee per unit is approximately \$75 which is basically coming out and inspecting one single unit. He does need to obtain more information in detail and he will have this information next Tuesday at the workshop meeting. Mr. Shotter asked what the current rate is. Mr. Leone said it's a floating scale. If a building has multiple units its "x" amount of dollars for the first unit and for each additional unit it goes down to \$20-\$25. One single unit is currently \$50.00.

Lastly, he has been in communication with Duquesne Light. He anticipates having a response back from them by the end of the month with a cost estimate for the underground utilities. He said it's a pretty detailed project but they said they'll give at least a ball-park figure if the borough wants to continue forward with them on the project.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick started by stating they had asked him in the last meeting to check whether or not the borough would be required to do an engineering study or to restrict parking on various streets in the borough. He said the borough would need to do a study. He then mentioned the issue with the School resource officer has been hanging fire for quite some time. As he recalls, they are to follow what the school district and Center Township agree to and that the Monaca Borough's agreement would substantially be the same or close to that agreement. Apparently there are some "snags" in that agreement. He discussed this matter with Mr. Leone and Mayor Short prior to the meeting. They need this to move forward quickly. Rather than recreate a wheel as a comfort level, he would like to take the existing agreement and use it as a base. Then insert in that agreement, as long as the body agrees that the Solicitor can proceed that way, with certain issues he had that he thought would need to be addressed. He will then submit his revised agreement and see if council approves and go from there. Mr. Wilson asked if they had a current agreement. Solicitor Urick said he has a Word copy of a marked up agreement. Lastly, he read over the New Business motions. He suggested to reword the first motion to state:

**"Motion to Authorize Solicitor Urick to prepare an agreement of sale and any documents related to the sale of the property to Ryan Eichhorn, and then council can condition that sale, not only on the purchase price, but other things that need to be agreed upon."** Mr. Snyder made the motion. It was Second by Mr. Blanarik.

Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Shotter-No.

Department Report – (WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine was absent)

Ordinance Review Committee Report-Vice Pre. Shotter had nothing except Mayor Short did indicate he will be sending over a large portion of the proposed Art Ordinance that he would like to see enacted.

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report- (on sabbatical until spring)

Monaca Business District Authority Report- Mrs. Majors announced the regular scheduled meeting is next Wednesday at 7pm in the borough building and anyone is welcome to attend. She then announced tomorrow evening they are holding a special meeting with the Borough Manager Mr. Leone. Many of the members are interested in his views on what he foresees in town. He will touch base on the projects they have at hand and bring them up to par with his vision and what council has confirmed so far. If they have more questions, this will be easier to bring to his attention at the special meeting.

New Business:

1. (This motion was made during Solicitors report due to rewording.)
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve YMCA summer recreation Contract in the amount of \$2,560.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Shotter asked Mr. Blanarik if he was able to reach out to Recreation in regards to recreating a Summer Recreation program. Mr. Blanarik said not yet, the meeting is next Monday. Mr. Shotter asked to table the motion until after that meeting based on workshop discussion next week. Council discussed how many programs they would like. Mr. LaPearle suggested moving forward with what they have now and go from there. Mr. Shotter said at the last workshop meeting, he recalls council debating whether they would like a program for uptown and downtown and that once this was decided, they can then move forward. Mr. Blanarik has to discuss with Recreation first then they can move forward. Mr. LaPearle and Mrs. Majors both rescind their motions. Mr. LaPearle said under the assumption of his rescindment, he hopes this moves forward and they can expand on the program rather than let it lapse. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to table the YMCA Contract. Second by Mr. Blanarik. President Booher asked when the next Recreation meeting is. Mr. Blanarik answered next Monday. Mr. Shotter

also asked that Mr. Leone get in touch with the YMCA and see what the additional costs would be to add the second program. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$40,639.50 to Shiloh Industrial Contractors for WWTP Control Building modifications. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** **Tony Gecina-1599 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monaca-** was in attendance to address council on his concerns of the proposed plan for the Dollar General on Pennsylvania Avenue. His concerns were on the Dollar General parking and building variance approval during a December Zoning Hearing board meeting. He mentioned the parking lot is not in compliance with the size of the building. The size of the building is too large and the size of the parking lot is too small to fit customers. He also mentioned residents in that area had voiced their concern as well. He asked council if they ever asked any residents' of their opinions/concerns about this project. No comments were given by council. He's lived in Monaca for 67 years and sees a negative impact on property values in the proposed location and Monaca as a whole. He asked that council consider his concerns on the matter.

**Glen Rambo-1008 Washington Avenue, Monaca-**was in attendance to update council on the new fire truck. He then asked if the new building was discussed yet. Mr. Leone said council had entertained a motion to higher an architect to begin the process. He also said a couple locations are to be appraised that week.

**Announcements:** Mr. McGown announced dates have been released for this years' "Movies in the Park": June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Snyder added his appreciation for those who are in charge of this event as he saw how successful they were last year.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39p.m. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

