

**Monaca Borough  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:04pm**

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**

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| Mr. Snyder- absent    | Mr. Rebich- present             |
| Mrs. Majors - present | Mr. Blanarik- present           |
| Mr. McGown- absent    | Mr. Michel- present             |
| Mr. LaPearle- absent  | 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 announced the Sustainable Pittsburgh Challenge Ceremony/awards will be held March 21<sup>st</sup> at PNC Park. He said for those who would like to attend let Brittany know so she can get them registered. He then gave a status of Well 16. The electrical work has been completed. They were waiting for cold weather so drilling company can get out there. Tentatively they were scheduled for tomorrow, but due to weather conditions, they may have to postpone a day. The Well should be operating by end of the week. He will keep council posted when Well 16 is back online.

Mr. Leone announced that he and Councilwoman Majors just got back from Millvale for an Eco District meeting. Mrs. Majors gave a recap of the event. She explained how the meeting was interesting and they talked about developing eco-districts which is a sustainable way of redeveloping your community. It's not just buildings, parks, and the like. It's mainly people taking part of what the needs are of the community, addressing the needs, and coming up with ways to fix the needs. She said it's getting the communities more involved as a whole, similar to COG. It's all about bringing people in for discussion on how the community can or is moving forward. The idea is also to find ways to reconstruct the communities in a sustainable manner over the course of time. Mr. Leone also added Millvale has made some significant advances to their community. They have challenges with flooding but they continue to rebound and it's a cool town he states. If any lessons to learn would be from them and to implement that type of strategy. He will keep council posted when the next meeting will be.

President Booher quickly brought up COG had an executive meeting last week. They had requested if the borough is to build a brand new complex, if they can consider giving them an office specifically for the COG which would make Monaca the home of the Beaver County COG. Mr. Shotter asked if they are willing to defer costs associated with the new building.

**Items to Discuss:**

1. Summer Recreation- Mr. Blanarik updated council on Recreations view on the summer recreation program. First, he announced Rec ended up cancelling their meeting Monday but Mr. Blanarik and Susan Polce had gone back and forth with multiple e-mails in regards to starting up a Summer Rec Program. Mr. Blanarik stated the reason Rec stopped was because ever since the School District sold the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ward schools, there was nowhere to shelter the kids in bad weather and the School district wouldn't allow them to go in the old High School. Therefore, it was cancelled. The other reason is that the Y has trained individuals to lead their programs, they provide the equipment and are certified in CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training while the Rec Board would have to hire someone to oversee the program. Rec would also have to pay to get them CPR certified and pay for the equipment, etc. He said Mrs. Polce also talked with the Y and they have a summer program at Stephen Phillips this year that will be six weeks long which they provide food. Mr. Wilson said he would like to see Rec come back but unfortunately he does not see it happening in such a short period of time. Council discussed what they should do going forward. Mr. Shotter said it seems council would like to convey to the Rec board that it's alright if it takes a year to get the Recreation program up and running. They asked Mr. Blanarik to reiterate their request to Rec Board that they would like a full Rec Program next year. Mr. Wilson said to scratch 2019 and go with the YMCA's downtown program. Mr. Leone said for next year, you have to structure the program and get someone who can work well

with kids for example a Teacher since they are off during the summers. Mr. Shotter asked if Mr. Leone got a quote from the Y for 2 programs this year. Mr. Leone said he got a response stating they are open to two programs. They would be willing to keep the same price and alternate days, uptown and downtown throughout the week. Or do two separate programs and double the cost.

**Old Business:** Chief Piuri was in attendance to update council on the next steps going forward with the Civil Service Commission. He began by stating January 8<sup>th</sup> Council adopted Ordinance No. 963 that amended chapter 50 of the Borough code and added a position of Corporal to the Police department. He then stated at their meeting that evening, they reorganized. John Antoline was elected Chairman, Tom Tusick-Vice Chairman and Brad Scrlac-Secretary. He brought to their attention the Resolution that will need passed by council tonight to proceed with their next meeting. Chief passed out the Resolution for council to review. Council read over this briefly and no questions were asked. Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution (No. TBA) approving the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Monaca, that were readopted and reapproved by the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Monaca and further approving amendments to section 3.6-General Qualifications- Applicants for Promotion-and section 4.2-General Examination Requirements for Promotions that were adopted and approved by the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Monaca. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the audience three times for any questions/concerns in regards to the motion. None were given. Motion carried unanimously. Chief then explained the next step for the Civil Service Commission would be to schedule another meeting before the next council meeting. They are to read over test results at this meeting and review the eligibility list. Then Chief said he will present this list to council and they can make a decision based on the list. The overall main reason for all of this is to hire someone to replace the Recourse Officer. President Booher also reiterated they are short Part-time employees as well. Chief discussed staffing. They put an ad last month in for Part-time police officer. They only got three applications. He said how difficult it is right now not only for the Borough but County-wide to hire Part-time police officers. Chief explained more about staffing and schedules, shifts and how many officers are allowed off at once. Mr. Shotter asked if they have talked about the financial impacts of any of the staffing strategies that were mentioned. Mr. Leone said they have talked about the impacts. But there was never a discussion. Mr. Shotter asked if they should consider reaching out to Center for consolidation between police departments. Chief Piuri was dismissed from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Wilson then ran down the old business list given to council prior to the meeting. Items were discussed and updates were given by Borough Manager and council. New information will be added to the list for next workshop meeting discussion.

**Announcements:** none

**Executive Session:** Mr. Shotter **motioned** to enter into executive session for Real Estate at 8:50pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

