

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2019 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- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blararik- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others

Mayor Simon Short; Mario N. Leone, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq.;

Engineers Report- Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report.

Visitors- none

Communications- Mr. Leone said Central Valley School District has posted their Calendar for 2019-2020 school year.

Minutes- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the February 12th, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of February 19th, 2019. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave project update on the 17th Street Roundabout. Penn Dot reached out to him and indicated that the contract documents are coming together and they are looking to do a build-site visit sometime in March. He stated this is a monumental achievement that Penn Dot is moving forward. Yesterday he was able to attend a meeting called Restored Pennsylvania that Governor Wolfe's administration held. They are doing a "road tour" on this. Secretary Daven was in attendance at the City of Aliquippa. The focus of the meeting was the Severance Tax. Last year's idea was to utilize those funds to help defer the deficit spending for public education. It did not pass. They are now trying a different strategy to try and leverage those funds for public infrastructure, roads/water improvement, etc. The "road tour" is to basically see what the needs are from the local municipalities. He will keep council updated. Lastly, it was brought to his attention that the Local Government Academy is offering the Intern Program once again. The Borough benefited greatly from the last program with the two interns that helped with GIS mapping. He will submit an application if Council will consider. The program requires 400-480 hours of work from the intern. It would be a College student that would get paid \$10/hour. The grant matches 50% so Borough would only be paying intern \$5/hour. Mr. Michel asked what the grad student would do for the Borough. Mr. Leone said enhancing GIS data. Councilman Wilson lastly asked about the Roundabout meeting and if this is only a study. Mr. Leone said absolutely. They are only assessing the area and this is only a preliminary study.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick began by stating he prepared a draft of an agreement for the School Recourse Officer. He will need Chief Piuri, Mayor Short, President Booher, and Mr. Leone to review questions he had regarding the draft before moving forward. He will need to go into Executive Session for discussion on Life Steps tax appeal- hearing will be held April eighth. He also went over the process of the sale of Kermiet Drive property to Mr. Ryan Eichhorn in the amount of \$24,000, which was motioned at the last council meeting. He said after 30 days passes from tonight, he will have council sign the Resolution. Lastly, Solicitor Urick said he heard the Civil Service Commission Resolution was passed in the Workshop meeting last week. He will need both resolutions so the Civil Service Commission can move forward in the final steps. Mr. Shotter asked in regards to the Kermiet Drive property and the sales agreement, do we have that as residents structure will have to build in one year of the of the sale. Solicitor Urick said yes, Mr. Leone also concurred this is the same

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exact agreement from the last.

New Business:

1. Mr. Leone explained the new development that's proposed to be a Dollar General store on Pennsylvania Avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the lot consolidation and land development for the "MSP Development" as recommended by both the Monaca Planning Commission and the Beaver County Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Michel. Mr. Blanarik posed a few questions regarding the Beaver County Planning Commission documents pertaining to left-hand turns. Mr. Leone explained that the developer still has to go through the Penn Dot traffic control process. Penn Dot will address the left-hand turn issue. Widmer Engineer Tony Sadaka gave an outline how the consolidation process works. Mr. Shotter asked what if Penn Dot says that there can be no left hand turns coming out of Dollar General. Solicitor Urick answered accordingly. Mr. Leone then reiterated the steps to council regarding the voting and approval process for the consolidation/new development to happen. Lastly, Tony confirmed they will be representing both the Borough and Penn Dot through the process. **Motion carried 8-1, Mr. Blanarik, No.**
2. Mr. Leone explained the following equipment needed for Public Works such as a Compactor Plate, 12" Bucket, & Quick Disconnect and how these can be used throughout each department. Mr. McGown **motioned** to approve purchase of Compactor Plate, 12" Bucket, & Quick Disconnect in the total amount of \$11,364.00. The cost will be split between departments. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to authorize CV Youth Baseball use of Gymnasium at CJ Mangin for a period of six weeks at a fee of \$500. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

Daniel Wilson-798 Kaye Avenue, Monaca- was in attendance asking about the ongoing issue with discoloration in his water. He asked what council's intentions are to fix the problem. Mr. Leone explained these are old lines. These are just like a "burp" in the system when they happen. The borough office only received 5 phone calls all day of brown water complaints and he explains it may be his own service line and not the boroughs. He asked if he could check his plumbing and if the issue is not from his own line, the borough will inspect further.

Antoinette Thompson-1016 Atlantic Avenue, Monaca- was in attendance to ask council to explain what lines are old and newer in the borough and how are the residents supposed to determine this? Mr. Shotter explained that council is asking residents to check their own lines. That way residents can bring as much information as possible to the borough when there is a complaint and then this information can be passed on to the engineers to do their job and find out how to resolve the problem.

James Stauffer- 898 Bechtel Street, Monaca- was in attendance to also voice his concern regarding brown water and why his house keeps getting this. He also stated he has had to replace coffee makers and a water softener due to high amounts of sediment coming through his water system.

Joann Manzola-1099 Indiana Avenue, Monaca- recently moved to Monaca in July of last year. She was wondering if it's at all possible to let the public see a map of what lines have been replaced in the Borough. Widmer Engineer Tony Sadaka answered stating they are working on a map but it won't be GIS. And Mr. Leone reiterated once the map is completed they can upload it to the borough website for public to view.

Ron Gianfrancesco-1216 Eckert Road, Monaca- was in attendance to bring up an issue that he had brought to the borough before of a flooding issue in his back yard. He has notified Councilman Shotter about the issue. Not sure what the borough could do. Mr. Leone said he will certainly have the road foreman Jake Iorio take a look at it this week.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the following dates for this year's calendar of events. April 11th is this year's first Food Truck Thursday Event, held at Washington Plaza, 4-8pm. April 20th is the annual Easter Egg hunt at Antoline Park beginning at noon. Monday, May 27th is the towns Memorial Parade, time to be determined. And Saturday, June 22nd is Monaca Community Days, located at 699 Atlantic Avenue, time also to be determined.

Executive Session: Mr. Shotter **motioned** to enter into Executive Session for Real Estate, Personnel and Legal Matters at 8:30pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

*Councilman Rebich left Executive meeting at 9:00pm

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:51p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to resume the public at 9:51pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter **motioned** to authorize the Solicitor and Borough Manager to perform all acts and functions necessary to

purchase and close on the property located at 1198 Pacific Avenue. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to hire Michael Biskup as a Full-Time Monaca Police officer. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment-There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary