

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
July 2nd, 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- **absent**

Mrs. Majors - present

Mr. McGown- **absent**

Mr. LaPearle- present

Mr. Wilson- **absent**

Mr. Rebich- present

Mr. Blanarik- **absent**

Mr. Michel- **absent**

Vice President Shotter- present

President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; Mario N. Leone, Jr.;

List of Attendees:

1.) **Borough Engineer- Mr. Tony Sadaka** was present per the request of Council to give final feedback on the new service line to be installed at Anchor Hocking. He reiterated cost comparing a 6 inch line at \$36,000.00 to an 8 inch line at \$40,000.00. Overall cost of the entire service line would be around \$60,000.00. Anchor Hocking determined they do need an 8 inch line so Tony recommended they ask Anchor Hocking to pay the difference between the 6 inch line and 8 inch line which would be roughly around \$3,000.00. The overall cost for Anchor Hocking to do the entire project would be around \$80,000.00. Council discussed. It was asked that Mr. Leone get in-house prices and how much it would cost for the Borough to install the line. Mr. Leone then demonstrated on the picture given to Council where the 230 ft. line would begin and end and where the pit would be installed on the corner of the grassy area by the Legion. It was announced decisions cannot be made in the meeting due to lack of full quorum.

Lastly, Tony brought up Street Opening ordinance. He had sent the revised Ordinance to council that day and discussed key points in the Ordinance and what he had changed. It was also discussed the protocol on how a road will be restored. The ordinance is now in the hands of the Borough Solicitor who will also make changes and send the final draft to council for review which can then be advertised. President Booher asked Tony to take a look at Marshall Road and where the Gas Company has performed their work. Tony said he will look at the road and he gave a quick outline of how the gas companies usually do road restoration. Mr. Leone wanted confirmation of how the Ordinance is written for road clean up. Tony explained if it's a new road or up to five years old, it won't matter where the work was done on that road, the whole length of the road (curb-to-curb) will have to be paved, regardless of where the work was done. If it's a road that's over 5 years old, restoration will only be completed on that specific side of the road, either on the left or the right. Mr. Leone understood. Tony was excused from the meeting at this time.

2.) **EMA Coordinator Jeff McKay, 1222 Virginia Avenue, Monaca-** was also in attendance to provide council information on the upcoming KEMA Fall Conference that he had requested to attend. He was asking council's support to at least be able to attend a couple of the classes if he is able to get into them as they are filling up quickly. Next, he proceeded to inform council on National Preparedness Month in September this year. This course is for public training which he strongly believes in educating the public. He announced possibly using CJ Mangin classroom or if they get a larger turnout, possibly Central Valley School auditorium/backroom. He then explained how each week would go for the 4 week training and there would be different instructors each week.

Manager's Update: Mr. Leone gave a brief update of events and meetings coming up. He stated Adin who is in charge of the Eagle Scout Project has started building the Gaga Ball pits at Antoline Park and will be back in the following week to continue work. He was happy to also announce RiverWise put out a Mini-grant and Monaca Borough was a recipient of over \$6,000.00 in three separate grants. Monaca Business District Authority was one of the recipients for the intent of starting a CDC. The Borough also submitted a grant for Air Quality & Energy sectors of the grant and putting in Air quality monitors with the new Sensus technology that they are putting in for the Water/utility Billing. He explained further how this grant can help. NSO Nick Vorrias had his first crash course submitting the grants and going through the process due to Mr. Leone being out of town which he did very well. With the RiverWise project that is going on and the success of this grant, the Borough could be leveraging themselves for future foundation grants and the like. Ohio River Trail also submitted and received a grant for installation of a Bike-Repair Station and he explained the vendor DERO and where they will be located along the River Trail. He received an email from DLC to get additional information on a project. Mr. Leone also announced next Monday he has a meeting with the Waste Management Director in regards to recycling bins and the upcoming garbage bids. President Booher stated they need to make a decision about ordering new Recycling bins for the Borough. Mr. Leone explained the two different sizes for council to decide. The one will be the standard blue recycling bins they have always bought and the other is the larger bin with attached lid that could be bought through the grant they received for those specific bins. Council discussed and debated the options. President Booher asked that this would be put on next Council meeting agenda for a final decision to be made. Lastly, Mr. Leone mentioned he meets with the CED next week on July 9th for the former library property. He should also have all appraisals for all properties in the next week or so as well.

Items to Discuss:

Vice President Shotter gave a recap of the Whine & Cheese about Monaca event that he held the evening of Wednesday June 26th at Antoline Park. He emailed council a copy of the presentation prior the meeting. There were approximately 50 people at the event. They were placed in groups which identified their top five issues. He asked which following issues they would like to go after and which they do not wish to work on at this time. Mr. Shotter then states he would like to update these residents as to what is going to also happen with the following issues: The three majors issues that were brought to their attention at this event was Issues of Business/Residential Properties, Roads & Communication. VP Shotter read a list pertaining to these items and who, from Council/office staff, would be responsible for these issues. Council discussed each item that was given. VP Shotter said overall, "Communication" was the main issue and residents want to be informed on things that are going on in the Borough more than what they are. President Booher was also in attendance along with Councilwoman Majors who reiterated she thought everyone who went was pretty satisfied. She did compliment VP Shotter for his time and thought that went into his presentation. She said a lot of people enjoyed it and she hopes to see it grow. VP Shotter also reiterated a couple more concerns the residents had stated that were not discussed that evening.

New/Old Business:

Mayor announced Kelly Harper-Burgoss (MBDA committee member) did an amazing job getting the grant submitted and done and he can't be happier that the CDC is on its way. VP Shotter had a few new business items to discuss with council. A resident recently approached him about a particular area on Allaire Road and how it hasn't been paved in over 32 years, nor does it ever get attention. He asked if the Borough Solicitor should get involved and to look into this issue. President Booher reiterated they need clarity on a lot of the roads in the Borough. VP Shotter said ok then this wouldn't hurt to take a dig at. The next couple items he brought up were to get Council's thoughts on the following Movie Night ideas. He thought of showing a Movie at a pool, possibly Jaws. He reached out to Chapel Pool in Center Township and they would be more than happy to host the event. He went over the particulars such as rental cost, the fee per person, having a concession stand open or closed, the date, etc. Council discussed. President Booher even mentioned having a movie night down at the Pump house amphitheater. VP Shotter agreed he would like one there as well and he mentioned he, Gabby and Brittany (Borough office staff) were also working on possibly having a Halloween Movie in the Park event this October. Brittany shared some of hers and Gabby's ideas for the event. Council discussed choices of movies, even for the regular Movies in the Park. Mr. Rebich shared how he liked the pool idea to incorporate both communities coming together to share an event. Mr. Leone added this is a good way to "bridge the gap" of the two communities. Council, Mayor and Mr. Leone then gave ideas for the Pool event and how the collaboration could work between Center and Monaca Recreation and what agreement they should have with Chapel Pool. VP Shotter said Chapel Pool committee is meeting next week and will figure out what dates will work and gather all information for Mr. Shotter.

Announcements:

Mrs. Majors read the following announcements. July 4th the office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. July 5th is Monaca First Friday at Washington Plaza Featuring the Charlie Barath Blues Band beginning at 6:00PM. Thursday, July 11th is this month's Food Truck Event located at Washington Plaza from 4-8pm. Truck Line-up can be found on the Monaca Now App and on the Borough Website.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm. (No motion needed due to no quorum).

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary