

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:02pm**

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- absent
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. McGown- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter-present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors:** Justin Gooding- 1302 S. Elm Street, Monaca- was in attendance to thank Council for considering him for summer help for the Public Works Department this year that will be motioned further in this evenings meeting.

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Mavors Report-** the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the Month of May 2019.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **141**

Criminal Arrests: **27**

Call For Service: **485**

Total Miles patrolled: **3,578 miles**

**Managers' Report-** Mr. Leone gave his report. He gave a brief presentation on MS4 Stormwater Management and discussed the program and how some municipalities are beginning to establish impact/Stormwater fees. It was asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

He gave a quick recap of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs conference that was held a Hershey Lodge from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June twelfth. The attendees were himself, President Booher, Councilperson Majors, Councilman Wilson and Borough Treasurer Dave Kramer. Mr. Leone reported they all attended a lot of good sessions. He, in particular, sat in a good one on Blight and was very informative. He also was happy to announce Monaca Borough was able to give a presentation at the Conference on all the technological advancements happening soon at the Borough such as the new Water Meter system and the new mobile App that will be available soon to the Public. He was asked a lot of questions after the presentation the next day which was great. Mr. Wilson added that Treasurer Mr. Kramer was able to attend the meetings. He sat in on a few Audit class which was informative and he was very active at the conference. He then recognized Vice President Shotter who was unfortunately absent from the Conference but received an award as a Certified Borough Official. Mr. Wilson stated proudly that only 5 Borough councilpersons have ever received this award over the years. The audience and council gave VP Shotter a round of applause for his achievement. Mr. Leone had nothing else to report.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He prepared and sent to the lawyer of LifeSteps the agreement that the Borough needs to sign with them of the payment in lieu of taxes equal to 100% of the tax payment. The tax collector

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will not be responsible to send this out. It will have to come from the Borough office. He will send an instruction letter to Borough Treasurer how it is to be done. This will very likely change with the reassessment as well. Lastly, the matter that is left hanging is the School Resource Officer. President Booher stated the Mayor, Chief Piuri and himself will meet with Solicitor Urick on this matter. President Booher also stated they have sent over a reply, and now the Borough is in the position to send a response back.

**Department Report** – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of May 2019. After his report, Mr. Blanarik asked if the belt press will be installed in-house. Curt stated yes it will be. President Booher also asked Curt to clarify why the WWTP needs the Bar Screens that will be motioned for purchase later in the meeting for \$84 thousand. Curt explained. Usually they purchase two of everything at the WWTP but the way the plant was built, they only have one bar screen. For this reason, if the bar screen goes down, it will immediately send the treatment plant into non-compliance. Mr. Wilson asked what the down time will be. Curt explained they should be able to do it in-house.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report-** Vice President Shotter had nothing to report.

**Monaca Community Outreach Report-** Mrs. Majors gave an update that she will not have the youth for community service again until after Fourth of July. She mentioned there is lot of weeding that is needed downtown for those who would like to volunteer.

**Monaca Business District Authority Report-** Mrs. Majors had nothing to report.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Wilson motioned to award low bidder to Parson Corporation for the WWTP Bar Screen purchase in the amount of \$84,530.00. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Wilson motioned to hire Scyler Refice for temporary seasonal summer help for Public Works department at a rate of \$9.50/hour pending he passes physical and drug tests. Second by Mrs. Majors. VP Shotter asked how many applicants the Borough received. Mr. Leone said only two. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanarik motioned to hire Justin Gooding for temporary seasonal summer help for Public Works department at a rate of \$9.50/hour pending he passes physical and drug tests. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Leone explained the Police service agreement with the Beaver County Housing Authority. Mr. Wilson commented that this service is important as he witnessed an incident that happened in his neighborhood a while back. A police officer was on duty at Edgcombe and was able to flee to the scene quickly and respond to the matter. He sees this contract very beneficial to the Borough to have an extra Police officer on duty to assist if needed at these certain locations. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve 2019 Contracted Police Services Agreement. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** 1.) **Barbara Grimm-105 4<sup>th</sup> Street-Apt 303, Monaca-** was in attendance to request a crosswalk from Shanks gas station near 6<sup>th</sup> Street and crossing over Pennsylvania Avenue to the Legion. She explains the difficulty getting across the street and that most residents at Monacatotha travel on foot rather than in a vehicle. Mr. Leone explained that PennDot will be paving the road from the Train Bridge into Monaca very soon. He believes when Penn dot repaves they will also make the marks for the crosswalk again. He said he will find the timeframe of paving and if it's too far down the road we'll have some of our employees paint the lines but if it's soon, to wait for Penn Dot. She thanked Mr. Leone for the update. Mayor Short said in lieu of Community Day they may just want to paint the lines now for the amount of traffic and people they get for the event. Mr. Leone agreed.

2.) **Christopher Holland- 105 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Apt 306, Monaca-**was in attendance to also mention Traffic lights that are not working in the downtown area particularly on Pennsylvania Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street for the crosswalks. Due to the "Right hand turn on red" for vehicles at lights, when pressing the button for pedestrians to cross 9<sup>th</sup> street, vehicles turn and pedestrians have to wait. He states there is never a safe time for pedestrians to cross the road on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. He also mentioned the pedestrian light to cross the street by Anchor Hocking to P-Dubs does not work. It goes through three cycles and through those cycles, it is impossible to cross. He asked for the Boroughs assistance in helping with the malfunctioning Pedestrian signals to help the residents at Monacatotha who rely heavily on those crosswalks. Mr. Leone did reiterate he will contact the State about this issue and on a positive note the signalization is part of the upgrades in that area as well. Mr. Holland thanked council for their time.

**Announcements:** Mr. Wilson gave the following announcements. This week on June 13<sup>th</sup> is Food Truck Thursday located at Washington Plaza from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is this year's Monaca Mad Dash 5k Run/Walk.

Registration begins at 7:45am at Antoline Park, Shelter 4 and the Race will begin at 9:00am. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30am at Antoline Park as well for the New Playground. Monaca Community Day Celebration/Beaver County Boom event begins later that day at 2:00pm down at Pumphouse area on Atlantic Avenue. Fireworks will end the event beginning at 9:45pm. Lastly, “Whine and Cheese about Monaca” public event will be held Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Antoline Park Comfort Station at 6:00pm. You can register online at the Borough website.

**Executive Session:** None.

Solicitor Urick gave a statement as he has said once before and over and over again, anything that is said in Executive Session must stay in Executive Session. Mayor Short also reiterated to keep anything said in Executive in Executive.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **7:31p.m.** Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Bologna", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brittany Bologna, Secretary