

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:03pm**

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- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- <b>absent</b>
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Michel asked why Robinson Pipe had to come fix an issue on Eckert and Fourteenth Street recently. Mr. Leone explained the Borough's truck had issues with the hose which needed repaired and that's why Rob. Pipe came. Mr. Michel also asked why there were four lawn cuts in October at the pump house. Mr. Leone said he will look into this and that they are set up on a weekly cutting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report-** the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the Month of October 2019.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **83**  
Criminal Arrests: **21**  
Call For Service: **478**  
Total Miles patrolled: **4,514 miles**

**Managers' Report-** Mr. Leone gave his report. He announced that the Borough had received news that day they were awarded \$500,000 from the Multimodal grant. Lastly he announced a meeting is scheduled with Waste Management this Thursday to ask additional questions for the garbage bids. Mr. Wilson said congratulations on the half a million dollar grant and asked what the money was for. Mr. Leone said it was submitted for relocating the dry utilities between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Wilson also asked if that award could go toward the \$32,000 they owe. Mr. Leone said he will get clarity on this and what they are allowed to spend the money on. Mr. Leone went over all the monies available now, and due to the lower amount of awarded grant money they are still missing \$1million for the project. He will strategize with the consultants and see what approach they can take with the funds they have available. Mr. Rebich also gave his congratulations on the grant and asked if they are submitting any other grants. Mr. Leone said he will continue to look for all sources of available ways and keep lobbying as much as they can.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He first reports they will need to go into Executive Session for litigation matters. He then gave an update on the Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer for Central Valley Middle School. Solicitor Urick explained two strong points he had inquired about. The first matter was the salary of the Officer. After he went over the calculation of the problem he states the school will pay 68 percentage of the officer's salary times the base salary and the Borough will bear the other costs. The second matter he inquired about was that Center has requested the Officer be available to appear at any Center school and able to make an arrest if need be. Solicitor explained this is not in the Officer's jurisdiction but if the Borough would come up with an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Center, the officer would be permitted to do so, and vice versa. Mayor Short had some

concerns about this request. Solicitor stated this agreement is very common. Mr. Michel asked what Center's SRO's percentage is. Solicitor Urick said they pay 68 percent of his base salary as well which they are offering Monaca the same. Council discussed the existing salary of the Monaca Police Officer and if they would have to pay more for the SRO position. Chief Piuri was in attendance and voiced his reasons. He said if they should proceed with the agreement, they will need to find a replacement to fill Officer St. Clair's position. He explained the current Police roster and that even though they hired Michael Biskup at fulltime, during this time two other part time officers have left. This would mean they will be short staffed should Officer St. Clair become the SRO. After much was discussed and debated, Solicitor Urick gives the following motion if they would proceed: **"A motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Central Valley School District with the deployment of a Monaca Borough Police Officer to serve as a School Resource Officer pursuant to a grant obtained by the School District. This will be contingent on the following:**

1. **Payment will be made by the School District to the Borough equal to 68 percent of the assigned officers base salary and set forth that the collective bargaining agreement**
2. **The Agreement would be in effect for the balance of the 2019-2020 school year so long as the grant money is available to the School District, and for any period beyond the end of the 2019-2020 school year as the Borough and the School District may agree upon and further subject of the availability of grant money.**
3. **The Monaca Borough Police Officer can be assigned to a school located in Center Township so long there exists an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Center Township and the Borough of Monaca."**

Mr. Rebich made the **motion** and Mrs. Majors second the motion. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions since this was not on the agenda. Curt DiGiovine- Monaca WWTP Superintendent- asked if the School Resource Officer will work at Monaca proper. President Booher said yes at the Middle School. Councilman Michel asked who has the right to put the total amount for this officer on the next contract. Solicitor Urick explained both sides can change the number that's in place. There were no other questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Urick continued with his report. He explained a letter that he sent to council regarding the Vacancy that exists on Council. He explained they are now a 9 council board until 2021 election yet a quorum is still based upon 10 council members. Mr. Michel asked how many would make a quorum. Solicitor confirmed six would make a quorum. Council and Mr. Leone discussed the Borough code and timeframe if they would reduce council members from 10 down to 7 or anywhere in between. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to look into the reduction of council members. President Booher asked three times if there was a second on the motion. There was no second. **Motion failed.**

**Department Report** – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of October 2019. Mr. Blarrik said in Curts report he mentioned their truck being bad, he asked how bad the truck was. Curt explained all the issues and reported that Fleet who inspects this vehicle has already told them this truck has a hole in the frame and it will not pass inspection, which is coming up soon. Mr. Leone said this truck will need replaced and will not pass inspection in December. He mentioned he and Curt have been searching for the right type of truck, one with more room and will bring the information to council to discuss at the next workshop meeting.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report**- Solicitor Urick had nothing to report.

**Monaca Community Outreach Report**- Mrs. Majors reported the youth program has ended and it was a good season cleaning up the town throughout the year. She also thanked the Road Department and Police for their quick assistance when she needed them.

**Monaca Business District Authority Report**- Mayor Short stated the CDC is moving toward board development at this time. They also have some minor things to resolve before the end of the year. He's looking into local cleanup in the coming year as well. The four members so far recently went to a seminar as well.

Mrs. Majors states the MBDA still meets, generally very short though and then they go into a CDC meeting. There is not much activity as far as the business authority goes. There was some discussion with Penn State trying to form a partnership with them. She explains they would like the town to be more assessable to the kids such as a bike route to and from the university which they have addressed the Ohio River Trail council. She said Penn State seems very interested in partnering with them. She's hoping it could soon be a college town.

**New Business:** Mr. Leone explained the following two motions for recommendations from the Beaver County Planning Commission and Monaca Planning commission.

1. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve Tokar & Krizan 3 lot consolidation for Parcel #'s: 38-003-0119.000, 38-003-0121.000 & 38-003-0122.000, recommended by Monaca Planning Commission and Beavery County Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Dioguardi subdivision for Parcel #: 36-005-0100.000, recommended by Monaca Planning Commission and Beaver County Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Blanarik asked if this was the one discussed at the last workshop meeting. Mr. Leone said no. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik had new business to report. He gave a recap of the Recreation meeting that was held that Monday. After his update, President Booher asked Mrs. Bologna to add to the agenda a Recreation Report for Mr. Blanarik to give updates each month.

**Citizens:**

1.) **Leanne Rambo-1008 Washington Avenue, Monaca-** was in attendance to ask a question about the garbage bids and if they are moving alley pick-up to the front. If so, she has two houses that live behind her that would have to walk onto her property to set their garbage out. Mr. Leone said he does understand there are unusual circumstances like hers and this will be addressed at the upcoming Waste management meeting.

2.) **Glen Rambo- 1008 Washington Avenue, Monaca-** was in attendance to ask if there was going to be a Christmas Parade this year since it was on the flyer from the water bills. Mr. Blanarik confirmed there was some confusion with the flyer and that there will not be a parade this year.

**Announcements:** Mr. Rebich read the following announcements. November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> the Borough office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Santa Cops Program has begun. Donations and Nominations can be submitted to the borough office during normal business hours.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Rebich **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:39pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:57pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:57pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize Solicitor Urick to continue sitting in on the legal actions on the Oxendine case. Second by Mr. Blanarik. President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions in regards to the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:58p.m.** Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brittany Bologna, Secretary

