

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
November 26th, 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- present
Mrs. Majors - present	Mr. Blararik- absent
(Vacant)	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. Tony also explained the pavers that have begun work in town have not been coordinating or sharing their schedule with the Borough. He has requested them to give detailed schedules to the Borough for the rest of the year. Mr. Leone also added comment for the work done on 6th Street by the pavers and if and when Wagner Road is to be paved, a gas issue has been detected by the Water department which needs attention before this road is restored. Council briefly discussed this issue. Tony confirmed the contract the pavers have is only for milling and paving. He was excused from the meeting at 7:09p.m.

Visitors- Nick Mandalakas- Representative of the Monaca Community Development Corporation (MCDC)-was in attendance to ask council's permission for the MCDC to continue the Monaca First Friday event at George Washington Plaza during the Spring/Summer months. Mayor gave a suggestion that the CDC has also discussed involving other businesses in town as well.

VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize the MCDC to host First Fridays and wave any rental fees that would be associated with the Plaza. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions/concerns on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications- None

Minutes- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **November 12th, 2019** Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Fiscal and Contractual- VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He gave a recap of the PA Black Sky webinar. He attended as a panelist. Mr. Leone also touched base on a meeting he had with the CED in regards to the TIF which is moving forward. He then gave updates on projects the Public Works department is currently working on. Lastly, he gave a brief recap of the recent Shell meeting that was held last Thursday at the Community Center. Mayor Short gave a brief summary of the meeting as well.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave a quick update on the School Resource Officer. He stated he's waiting to hear back from their Solicitor if the School Board approves. He also announced he, Mr. Leone and Tony Sadaka are working on an Operating and Maintenance agreement for the Dioguardi Plan development across from 17th Street.

New Business:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to participate in 2019 Joint Advertisement for MS4 Municipalities. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.



2. Mr. Leone discussed garbage bid specifications once more to make clear what is written in the contract. He confirmed at any time during the contract they may switch to (fully or semi) automatic pick-up. Much was discussed between Council and Mr. Leone regarding specifications written in the contract and rate increases with traditional or if they switch to automated pick-up.

VP Shotter **motioned** to award Garbage & Recycling bid to lowest bidder Waste Management, that effective in six months, the contract switches to an automated pick-up with recycling being a bi-weekly pick-up. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Michel asked if there were any contingencies upon the motion. VP Shotter elaborated the motion once more and confirmed the Borough will switch to automated in six months, and everyone will have new cans, new recycling bins and confirmed automated will stop having to increase rates every year for the next five years. Mr. Leone reiterated by switching to automated, the rate will not increase until year three or four which would be only \$51.30 aside from the traditional cost which would be \$61.70. Council then discussed the new recycling container size. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Leone to confirm if there will be a rate increase at all for automated pick-up over a five year span. Mr. Leone stated the rate increase will not happen until year three or four and he confirmed there will not be a rate increase next quarter due to the motion made tonight. The residents will continue to pay the normal rate for the next three years. Mr. Rebich also suggested they schedule a town hall or workshop where a representative from WM is present to educate council and the residents on the new automatic pick-up. There were no more questions or comments by council. **Motion carried 6-1, Mr. Wilson-No.** VP Shotter then made a **motion** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to review Garbage Ordinance and to rewrite it as necessary to abide by the new garbage can sizes. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions/concerns on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: **Scott Bennett- 1529 Pennsylvania Ave, Monaca-** gave a suggestion on the new garbage cans stating to put a phone number on the bin so residents can call if something doesn't fit. Next, he asked who is in charge of inspecting the new Dollar General building/parking lot to make sure it's up to standards as far as drainage goes. Mr. Leone said Widmer Engineering. Mr. Bennett said they are doing a great job, but because he lives in the alley he can see there's going to be a tremendous amount of water coming off the roof of that building. He also asked about parking ordinance specs and if there is a timeframe for how long business parking lot lights are allowed to be on. Lastly, he stated 1525 Penn Ave. building has been abandoned for years, roof is caving in...etc. Mr. Leone took note of his concerns and stated he will get in contact with him about the issue and the abandoned house. Mr. Bennett thanked the board and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

Announcements:

Mayor Short read the following announcements: The Monaca Police Department will be accepting donations and nominations for their **Santa Cops Program** at the Borough office during normal business hours. November 28th & 29th, the Borough office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. December 7th is this year's Monaca Hometown Christmas Celebration. The new location is at CJ Mangin-Community Center from 3pm-5pm. Christmas Carol Sing-a-long will begin at the Plaza at 5:15pm followed by the lighting of the Tree. This Holiday, the Monaca CDC will be sponsoring its very 1st Nutcracker Decorating Contest. Details can be found on the Borough website or Monaca Now app. It's the Third Annual OurMonaca Christmas Home & Tree Decorating Contest. Entries can be submitted December 1st thru 14th at www.OurMonaca.com. Winners will be announced Christmas Eve. Also December 1st-14th, the Monaca VFD will be accepting nominations for the Annual Secret Santa campaign. Details can be found at Monacafire.com.

Executive Session:

VP Shotter **motioned** to enter into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:53pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously. President Booher wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:58pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:58pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:59p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary