

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2019 at 7:01pm

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. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- absent	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Simon D. Short; Mario N. Leone Jr.,
Rich Urick, Esq. (did not enter the meeting until 7:53pm)

Mayor Short welcomed Chief Piuri to the podium. Chief thanked Mayor and council for this opportunity to recognize Officer Phat Phan and Officer Dave Mosura for their actions in the line of duty on Monday November 18th, 2019. He states boldly the recognition of personal excellence is an important aspect to the Monaca Police Department's activities. He called up Officer Phan and Officer Mosura to the podium and Chief read the description of that day and their brave actions they took to save a resident from committing suicide. As Chief finished, he handed them both a Certificate of Accommodation for their actions. The officers received a round of applause from the audience and council. Pictures were taken with the Officers, Chief Piuri and Mayor Short.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the November 26th, 2019 Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve the **Work Shop** Meeting Minutes of December 3rd, 2019. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short will give his November report at the next council meeting.

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave his report. He updated council on the sewer/dump truck they are looking to purchase. He gave details about the 2019 Chevy 3500 Dump truck.

Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve purchase of a 2019 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck in the amount of \$30,000.00. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Being the motion was not on the agenda, President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions or concerns on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leone gave the rest of his report. He gave a brief update on Waste Management's garbage & recycling contract for 2020. He confirmed a second can will be an additional \$85 that the resident will have to purchase including a \$15 quarterly fee for a second can. Lastly, he gave an update of a meeting he had that day with PennDot in regards to the right-of-way acquisitions for the Gateway project.

Department Report – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine gave his report for the month of November 2019.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- none.

Monaca Community Outreach Report- (on sabbatical until Spring)

Monaca Business District Authority Report- Mrs. Majors passed this on to Mayor Short to give report, which he had

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nothing to report. He did mention the Nutcracker contest is going extremely well in the short amount of time that they put it together. President Booher added it is doing so well, it made the Beaver County Times.

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Blanarik had nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

1. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the Budget for Water, Sewer and General for year 2020. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 6-19 Real Estate Tax at 27 mill. Second by Mr. Rebich. President Booher confirmed the millage is remaining the same. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 7-19 Fire Tax at 2 mill. Second by Mr. Blanarik. President Booher reiterated the millage is remaining the same. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to advertise notice of Meetings for 2020. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leone explained the Tax Resolutions that were just motioned. He explained the new law if no tax increase for the next year, a Resolution will be adopted, followed by adopting an ordinance giving the explanation of no tax increase. The ordinances/resolutions do not have to be advertised as well.

1.) **Glen Rambo- 1008 Washington Avenue, Monaca-** was in attendance to ask council in regards to the new garbage contract, are they staying with alley pick-up for his street with the new garbage contract. Mr. Leone reassured him they will still pick up in the back with a truck called a satellite truck since his road is unique. Mr. Rambo then asked for details about the garbage/recycling bins. Mr. Leone & Mr. Wilson both confirmed an additional bin will cost \$85 extra and the bin has to be a Waste Management container. Mr. Rambo then gave an update of the Monaca VFD's new fire truck and also inquired about the merger. Council discussed the past meeting they had in this summer regarding the VFD merger. Mr. Leone and President Booher reiterated to Mr. Rambo there was a \$15,000 increase in the VFD's budget for 2020 that VP Shotter inquired about in a recent council meeting. Mr. Rambo and Mr. Leone then discussed specifics about the VFD budget. Council then discussed information in the paperwork from the VFD's Solicitor that was brought up in the summer meeting. President Booher stated he never received the paperwork with this information. Mr. Leone concurred and said the same and believes the Borough solicitor has this information. Mr. Wilson said they will make sure they get this paperwork and follow up with the VFD. Lastly, Mr. Rambo stated they will receive the new truck sometime next month. He was dismissed from the meeting at this time.

Announcements: Mr. Michel read the following announcements. This Holiday, the Monaca CDC will be sponsoring its very 1st Nutcracker Decorating Contest. You can now vote at Monaca Community Development Corporation Facebook page. Winners will announced December twenty-third. It's the Third Annual OurMonaca Christmas Home & Tree Decorating Contest. Entries can be submitted December 1st through 14th at www.OurMonaca.com. Winners will be announced Christmas Eve. December 1st-14th, the Monaca VFD will be accepting nominations for the Annual Secret Santa campaign. Details can be found at Monacafire.com. The Borough office will be closed for the holidays on December 25th, 26th and January first.

(Solicitor Rich Urick entered the meeting at 7:53pm)

President Booher updated Solicitor Urick on the Fire Department merger and what was needed. Solicitor Urick stated he is waiting on council and cannot make any moves without council's approval and direction. He was unaware council did not receive a copy of the paperwork from the last meeting. President Booher asked Solicitor to get this paperwork to Brittany who can get it to council for discussion at an upcoming workshop meeting. President Booher, Mr. Leone and Solicitor Urick gave their recollection of that meeting and what they got out of it.

Executive Session: Mr. Michel **motioned** to go into Executive Session for possible legal matter at 8:01pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:11pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:11pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave an update of the Central Valley Middle School Resource Officer. He said the MOU was approved but the only thing up-in-the-air is the actual start date. Mayor Short added that he and Chief discussed and decided the SRO program can begin and they have Officer St. Clair on the schedule starting the first week they are back to school in January. Mayor said the police department will make due and use the part-time officers to fill his shifts until they hire a new officer. Mr. Leone said all council has to do now is sign. Solicitor Urick reiterated the verbiage in the contract that states the officer can work outside the boundaries of the Borough so long as

there is an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the communities. Solicitor Urick states Chief Kramer and Chief Piuri need to discuss this. Mayor assured him they will get it done. Lastly, Mr. Leone said he will print the agreement and President Booher can sign it tonight.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Rebich **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at **8:19p.m.** Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

