

MONACA BOROUGH  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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- present	Mr. Shotter- present
Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present	Mr. Rossi- present
Mr. McGown- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. DiMarzio- <b>absent</b>	V.P. Zigerelli- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor John Antoline, Mario N. Leone Jr., Rich Urick, Esq.

**Visitors** –There were no visitors

**Communications** – Mr. Leone had none.

Mayor Antoline received a letter that Macy's will be closing at the Beaver Valley Mall between March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Minutes**

Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual**

Mr. Zigerelli motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report**

Citations and Warnings: **47**

Criminal Arrests: **19**

Number of Parking Tickets: **5**

Call For Service: **127**

\*Mayor Antoline also informed council that K-9 Kazan was hit by a car while off duty about 10 days ago. Kazan spent four days in the hospital. Mayor also spoke to Officer Nicol who informed him that Kazan was doing O.K. and the vet said he should make a full recovery. The Monaca Police Dept. stressed an interest in hosting a fundraiser to help expense some of the medical bills.

**Managers' Report**

-Kazan's Medical Bills- currently around \$8000.00. Mr. Leone states the Borough does have an Insurance Policy with a \$1000.00 deductible. The insurance claim is currently being processed and Mr. Leone will keep those informed when he hears back about the claim.

**a. Project Updates:**

1. Antoline Park/Comfort station-the work is continuing but slowed down some. There will be a general meeting Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> with the contractor to touch base and discuss the next steps.
2. CJ Mangin Elevator- waiting for final upgrade for the electrical panel circuit breaker. Once all is complete and elevator has been certified, the Library can then be scheduled to move, possibly February.
3. Cemetery Retaining Wall- wall is erected; some cosmetic repairs need finalized to finish the work such as the grassy area and the replacement of the sidewalk. Mr. Leone expressed how well the contractors have done.
4. Waterline Replacement- continues to move forward and are currently working on Summit Avenue.  
Follow up on Nimick Avenue/residents with lead in their service line: the residents have until Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> to confirm if they would like the borough to replace their service line from the main to their curb box.

**b. Letter DCED-** asked to provide a wish-list of projects that need funded in Beaver County. In the packet, 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Monaca has made the top ten ranking for improvement in the county, with a request of \$1,000,000.00 in funding. Mr.

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Leone wanted to make it known that Monaca is on the radar for further state assistance due to this letter. The purposes of the improvements are per the development of Shell and the traffic that will be flowing through the Boroughs' corridor.

Going back, Mr. Michel asked about a bill for \$11,000.00 owed for the CJ Mangin Elevator project. Mr. Leone confirmed the full amount of \$150k was received from the grant and that the borough is now responsible for the ongoing costs.

#### **Borough Solicitors Report**

Solicitor Urick had nothing to report.

#### **Department Reports**

WWTP-Mr. DiGiovine gave his report

Mr. Michel asked if the total amount for the septic intake of \$126,167.00 was taken out of the septic or General fund. Mr. DiGiovine and President Booher confirmed the amount came out of the Waste Water Treatment Plant fund and not the General.

#### **Ordinance Review Committee**

Mr. Shotter had nothing to report.

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Wilson had nothing to report. He also made a comment to meet with individuals after the meeting to discuss the Executive Committee meeting, scheduled Monday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> -since some may have it off being it's a holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

**New Business:** Under **item (m.)** -Solicitor Urick disagrees with some assertions made in the letter from Tax Collector, Virginia DiBacco regarding the Property and Fire tax collection for 2017. He suggests the item not be discussed in this meeting. President Booher confirmed to hold off on discussion.

- a. Mr. Shotter motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1-17 approving exoneration of the Monaca Borough Real Estate Tax collector from the collection of 2016-17 borough taxes on tax parcel NO. 34-002-0501 located at 138 Fourth Street. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2-17 approving exoneration of the Monaca Borough Real Estate Tax collector from the collection of 2016-17 borough taxes on tax parcel NO. 35-003-0901 located at 1108 Pennsylvania Avenue. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Mr. Wilson briefly explained both Resolutions to the public and why they were being motioned.
- c. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve fourth application payment in the amount of \$11,489.00 to Mahoning Builders for CDBG project. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Michel motioned to approve fourth application payment in the amount of \$21,600.00 to Martino, Inc. for Monaca Waterline Replacement. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Shotter motioned to approve Final payment in the amount of \$50,100.00 to Energy Independent Solutions for the Monaca Borough Reservoir. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Leone gives a brief description. Council discussed Stromberg/Garrigan Associates, SGA with Mr. Leone. Mr. Michel motioned to award Streetscape RFQ to Stromberg/Garrigan Associate, SGA. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to reappoint Dave Rossi for Planning Commission at a 4 year term. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to reappoint John Booher for Downtown Authority at a 2 year term. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to reappoint Thomas Ely for Zoning Hearing Board at a 3 year term, and Dave Mester as Alternate. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Zigerelli motioned to reappoint Mark Giannetti for Vacancy Review Board at a 1 year term. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mr. Snyder motioned to accept resignation of John DiMarzio as First Ward Councilman. Second by Mr. Michel.
  - Before the motion was completed, Mr. Shotter asked if council had to act on the motion tonight and what the timeline is. Solicitor Urick states Council has up until 1 year after resignation, and the vacant seat will be up in this years' Primary and the General.Motion carries unanimously.

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- Council briefly discussed how they would like to advertise the vacant seat and it has to be a First Ward resident. Mr. Shotter also added he can get the word out by social media.
- l. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept resignation of William Ronald Collins as part-time Monaca Police Officer. Second by Mr. Snyder. Motion carried unanimously
  - m. Per the discussion by Solicitor Urick at the beginning of New Business- Mr. Michel motioned to Table the letter from tax collector Virginia DiBacco regarding the collection of Real Estate Property Tax and Fire Tax for 2017. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
  - n. Mr. Leone discusses the bids for 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue. Bids were opened Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> with only 1 bid by the Samovoski's (who also own Mike's Pit Stop) in the amount of \$15,001.00. They intend to use the property as an expansion of Mike's Pit Stop continuing automotive repair and to sell vehicles. Council discussed the zoning of the property and the amount of cars that need to be on the property if selling vehicles. Solicitor Urick was then asked about the time frame for the property and he answers no time limit. Mr. Michel stressed if they turn this property into a lot the borough will lose revenue from water & sewage. Mr. Leone explains the property will be better maintained by the new property owners than it has been in the past. They'll be able to enhance the area which in turn will bring business and more people into Monaca.  
Mr. Shotter motioned to accept the bid for 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried 7-1. / Mr. Wilson-No
  - o. Solicitor Urick adds that council should entertain a motion for President Booher to sign the agreement attached to the Bid Solicitation packet and for Mr. Leone to be the witness.  
Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the signature and witness of the Bid Solicitation packet. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business-** Mr. Snyder had nothing to report

Mr. Michel wanted to inform council that he's come across a couple companies that insert impellers into the waterline. He briefly explain the unique performance of these impellers, stresses his interest and will report back to council once he's done more research on them.

Mr. Wilson comments about the water break on 14<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Street that day and residents who live in that area may experience brown water.

Mr. Snyder asked about Reorganization for this year. President Booher states no reorganization this year. Solicitor Urick confirms that reorganization is done only in even numbered years.

**Citizens:** Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

- Bill Morgan -305 Wells Avenue, New Castle, PA- He announced he is a member of Lion's Club International. He was in attendance to discuss with council and the public there is an interest in re-opening the Lion's Club in the Borough of Monaca. He states they have approximately 21 people who would like to open the club and would like Council, the Mayor and Borough Manager to join the club to help re-open and get it up and moving. He would like to host a meeting Friday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon, lunch will be provided by the Lion's Club. Mr. Morgan explains more about the club, the history, how many members worldwide and all the good the organization can do for the community.-Mr. Zigerelli asked where the location will be for these meetings in the future. Mr. Morgan answers that it's the clubs decision where all meetings are held. President Booher announces that the Lion's Club members can certainly meet at the Monaca Borough, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Robert Mazinko-1628 Beaver Avenue-was in attendance to discuss with council the houses that are deplorable on his Avenue. Mr. Leone states the borough has hired a Neighborhood Service Officer and he will be addressing those homes in the near future. Mr. Mazinko thanked Mr. Leone for the extra help but then states since the first snow fall, they now have potholes in the new paved road. He is upset the way the road was paved. Mr. Leone said the contractor will make the necessary repairs come spring. Mr. Mazinko also spoke to the Contractor and Engineer and asked to fix the water running onto his property due to the way the road was paved. He states they have done nothing. Mr. Leone says he will certainly have the Engineers come and look at the problem.
- Suzanne Regney-1135 Linden Street- was in attendance to ask council questions about CJ Mangin Community Center and wanted an update as to what is happening there thus far. Mr. Leone gives an update on all activity at the CJ Mangin-- the first floor is a Day Care, the second floor will soon be the Monaca Library after the elevator has been certified. Currently, the CV Youth Wrestling team uses the gym and soon CV Youth Baseball/Softball will be occupying the gym for Spring Training. A gentlemen also rents the gym on Sunday's for basketball, so there is an array of activity going on in the facility. Pres. Booher adds there is a room on the second floor that the Police officers use for training. Mrs. Regney boldly states there is a need

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for structure in the community for teens/youth, which is her main concern. Mr. Leone says they will promote and advertise the community center to the public once the projects have been completed.

Mr. Shotter adds a question to New Business- if council sets the number that creates the Recreation Board, can they increase the number of members? Solicitor Urick explains the Rec. Board is not a body like Zoning Hearing or Planning Commission Boards that are authorized and created by laws, by statutes. Those statutes set the number of people who can serve. Recreation Board is a creation by Council (example: you can name 100 people to it) so the answer is yes. Mrs. Rossi adds even if members are not added, those who are interested can at least participate. Going forward, President Booher asked Mr. Leone to get together with Mrs. Rossi, Mr. Rossi and Mr. McGown to have a meeting about the Recreation Board and the direction they would like to go in.

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Snyder motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contracts at 7:58pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 9:01pm. Second by Mr. Zigerelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 9:02pm. Mr. Michel second. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Mr. Michel second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary