

MONACA BOROUGH  
Meeting Minutes  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:02 pm

1. 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.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Snyder- absent	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present	Mr. Rossi- present
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

**-Others Present**

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

3. **Bid Opening for the Monaca Borough Building-** Mr. Leone opens the envelope and presents all in attendance with the bid= Giant Eagle Inc. (Get-Go) was the one and only bid with a total of \$1,100,000.00. Mr. Leone handed the bid package to Solicitor Urick to look over. President Booher states this will be further discussed in the next Executive Committee Meeting; confirmed by Mr. Wilson.

4. **Eagle Scout Presentation-** was given by Chandler Demoran and his Mother. Chandler presented Council and the public with a very detailed and descriptive presentation and power point for his request to have a Dog Park put in at Antoline Park. Once the presentation/power point was completed, Council commended Chandler for his efforts and courage on the intriguing presentation. Mayor Antoline commented if Council approves his request, his family will donate the first \$3,000.00 toward the funds to start the dog park. A few questions were asked by council then President Booher announced they will discuss this further at the next Executive Committee Meeting in hopes to have an answer within the next few weeks.

5. **Fence Variance-** Dennis Houser-1504 Marshall Road- and Nick Zupzic (Center Township) were in attendance to request a Fence Variance for United Methodist Church on 813 Indiana Avenue. Mr. Houser stated there are hedges that are an eye-sore that surround the church and they would like to replace them with a 5 foot privacy fence (pictures were passed out to council). Mr. Wilson let the gentlemen know council will discuss this further in Executive Committee Meeting.

6. **Visitors** –Kathryn Johnston-Attorney representing Leif Johnson (who owns 626 Kaye Avenue) was in attendance to ask about the letter she submitted to Solicitor Urick regarding the property and Mr. Johnson’s intentions with the property. Solicitor Urick explained to her council is aware of the letter and is scheduled to discuss it further in the next Executive Committee meeting.

7. **Communications** –None

**Minutes-**Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual**

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Michel had some questions directed toward Mr. Leone of what some of the bills were. Mr. Leone answered. Motion then carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report**

Citations and Warnings: **114**  
Criminal Arrests: **18**  
Number of Parking Tickets: **35**  
Call For Service: **620**

Mayor Antoline wanted to recognize Officer Hogue on another drug arrest he made this month. He also stated Community Days is quickly approaching and donations for the entertainment are needed since they are a little short this year. Lastly, he reminded all the Mad Dash race begins at Antoline Park, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

## Managers' Report

a.) Mr. Leone gave the following Project Updates:

1. Antoline Park/Comfort Station- the project is almost complete. He is planning to do a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony July 4<sup>th</sup> from about noon-3pm. Rob Pratt from KDKA will be there to do a live broadcast. Mr. Leone hopes to have sponsors such as Texas Roadhouse to provide refreshments along with some others to support the day. The Borough can provide hot dogs, drinks, and the remaining items needed for the opening of the new pavilion...more details to come.
2. CJ Mangin Elevator/Library- Elevator passed the Labor and Industry inspection-elevator is now operational. He spoke with Pat from the Library. The current library will close July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the moving process to C.J. Mangin with a soft opening on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He is still looking to secure a date for the Grand Opening.
3. Streetscape-there will be a meeting with the EPA Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for the assessment grant that the Borough has acquired. They will analyze several of the Borough owned properties such as Tammy's Treasure, Washington Plaza, property on the 1300 block and a few others. Through this grant, they not only look for environmental issues, they also give perspective reuses of these properties for the Borough's benefit.
4. Save-the-Date August 10<sup>th</sup> -Beaver County Local Government Conference
5. House on 4<sup>th</sup> Street -this property has recently been demo'd and is starting to look more attractive
6. Penn Dot Meeting-held Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in coordination with the gas line project and where it stands. They are approaching Pennsylvania Avenue now; working from 7pm-6am. Plans are to do the waterline replacement right after this project is completed (estimated month October). Penn dot suggests holding off on replacing waterline right after due to entering the winter months. They suggest to start the project spring of 2018 and Streetscape project can follow shortly after.
7. Mr. Leone stated he met with County Community of Development June 12<sup>th</sup> in regards to the Tammy's Treasure property. They are looking at the Borough participating in the Streetscape improvement on that property. For around a \$12,000.00 investment, the Borough could get approximately \$26,000.00 from the County. He will keep council posted on this.
8. He has a meeting with 6 members of the Indiana Borough Council June 14<sup>th</sup>. They are also members of the Sustainable Greenwork Challenge and are interested in learning from Monaca Borough's Greenwork challenge success in the past. It will also be motivation for the Monaca Borough to acquire Platinum status again this year. Lastly, a few Council members asked Mr. Leone some questions pertaining to restoration on the streets of Monaca.

Borough Solicitors Report -Solicitor Urick had nothing to report

Department Report -WWTP Mr. DiGiovine gave his report.

Ordinance Review Committee -Mr. Shotter announced there are 4 on-going ordinances under review: First is the Street Maintenance program which is presently being drafted by NSO Mr. Vorrias and Borough Manager Mr. Leone. Second, Quality of Life Ordinance that is presently still with the NSO Officer as well. The last 2 ordinances were requested by the Fire Departments as the result of the Executive Committee Meeting held last Tuesday (June 6<sup>th</sup>) which are still under review.

Executive Committee - Mr. Wilson gave his report. The committee met on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10:30pm. Items that were discussed at the meeting were as follows: potential mergers for Fire Departments; Road bid packages; better work order system for Borough employees; Quality of Life & Street Maintenance ordinances; request for Dog Park; Kermiet Tank property; Community Days; Pothole restoration & Water/Chlorination upgrade=all discussed with the exception of some items being rolled over to the next Executive Committee meeting.

## New Business:

- a. Mr. McGown motioned to adopt Resolution No. 6-17, Ratifying the appointment of Jerrod Rebich to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council seat left vacant by the resignation of Daniel Zigerelli. Second by Mr. Rossi. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve 6<sup>th</sup> application payment in the amount of \$39,789.00 to RD Stewart Co for the Antoline Park comfort station. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Shotter motioned to approve to place Police Jeep out for Bid to Sale. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

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- d. Mr. Michel motioned to award payment to Martino Inc. in the amount of \$35,150.00 for Pumphouse Waterline/Chlorination upgrade project. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. President Booher asked to make a motion to award 2017 Road Paving face bid to Mele and Mele for \$236,813.65. Mr. Leone gave a follow-up of the Road Paving project. Questions and discussions were had by council. Mr. Wilson motioned to award 2017 Road Paving to Mele and Mele for \$236,813.65. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Shotter had one item pertaining to Monaca and sustainability. He stated as of recent, there's been a movement in local Government to get Municipalities to sign on to standing in agreement to the Paris Climate Change Accords. This would come down to Monaca passing a resolution stating we are a sustainable town, which he states we already are. Mr. Shotter said he will draft the Resolution if all agree and he gets Solicitor Urick's approval. Council and the Solicitor agreed. Mrs. Rossi wanted to confirm the time for Community Day's June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Leone made it clear the time is from 2pm-10pm.

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

1. **Jim Fredericks-827 Ohio Avenue-** was in attendance to state a few issues pertaining to younger children (not of age) riding quads on his street near a dangerous intersection. He mentioned Chief Piuri is aware of this. And second, he mentioned a situation pertaining to the Monaca Fire Departments and wanted to know what actions are they allowed and are not allowed to take in the line of duty. Solicitor Urick gave his legal advice and stated above all, the fireman are volunteers and furthermore, Council has no say what a fireman can or cannot do. He states the fireman follow their own departmental policies and is up to their chief and those fireman what they do with their time and what decisions they make. Also, if one gets hurt in the line of duty, the firefighters are covered by Workers Comp covered by the Borough.
2. **Leif Johnson, Jr. -President of Open Arms Health Care-805 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coraopolis PA-** was in attendance to ask council for an occupancy permit that will allow his family-owned business to open a group home at 626 Kaye Avenue. He states he has been in contact with Solicitor Urick who has already passed the word along to council. He then gave a brief overlay of the house and how the business is run and their intentions for the group home.
3. **Patricia Majors-1223 Atlantic Avenue-**was in attendance to ask Mr. Leone about some specifics of the Gas line project on Pennsylvania Avenue and if it will interfere with planting the plants in any of the islands. Mr. Leone gave her feedback. She also made a side note and commended the officers and fireman for their efforts and compassion for the residents in the community. In light of the Gas Line project on the main road/time frame, she asked if the Night Out event held at the Plaza be moved to a different location. Mr. Leone told her to keep the location as is and when it gets closer to August, they will see if it needs moved or not.

**Announcements-**President Booher announced once more -the 2017 Beaver County Boom/Community Days event will be held Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront Park from 2pm-10pm.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Shotter motioned to enter into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:32pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:45pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 8:46pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. Wilson excused himself from the meeting at 8:47pm)

Mr. Michel motioned to approve Step II Grievance with Local Union #27 Plumbers. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brittany Bologna, Secretary



