

MONACA BOROUGH
Meeting Minutes
June 27th, 2017 at 7:03 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- absent	Mr. Rebich- present
Mrs. Rossi-Tesnovich- present	Mr. Rossi- absent
Mr. McGown- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	VP Shotter - present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher-present

Others

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

Engineers Report

Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report. Some discussion was had by council and Mr. Sadaka.

Visitors –

1. Nick Zupzic (Center Twp) and Dennis Houser-1504 Marshall Road- were both in attendance to hear an outcome for their previous request to take down the bushes on the corner of United Methodist Church, 813 Indiana Avenue and replace them with a 5 foot fence. Mr. Wilson stated at the last Executive Committee Meeting, majority vote recommended they leave the Ordinance as is and that a 5 foot fence would not be permitted. Mr. Zupzic and Mr. Houser then gave a better explanation why they would prefer the 5 foot fence using visual aids. Council looked at the drawings closely and discussed this further. President Booher confirmed a final decision will be made further in this meeting.
2. James Peters-2596 Front Street- was in attendance to know if Resolution No. 7-17 Paris Climate Agreement was to be signed in this meeting and gave some interesting details/facts about the Resolution pertaining to the climate.
3. Leif Johnson-626 Kaye Avenue- was in attendance to hear a follow-up on the occupancy permit he requested for 626 Kaye Avenue. Solicitor Urick gave legal insight how Mr. Johnson can go about this. President Booher then recommended that Mr. Johnson's lawyer get in touch with Solicitor Urick to talk this out accordingly and council has no further part in this situation.
4. Bill Wise-698 Kaye Avenue-was in attendance to ask about the dangerous street corner on Calder Avenue. Mr. Wilson, President Booher and Engineer Tony Sadaka gave insight that a change order has been discussed with the contractors to fix this street and is still being looked at.

Communications – Mr. Leone had nothing to report

Minutes

Mr. Shotter motioned to approve the **Regular** Meeting Minutes from the June 13th, 2017 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report-

- a) Project Updates: Mr. Leone Gave his Report
 1. Antoline Park Comfort Station/Pavilion- Building Inspector was there that afternoon (June 27th) and all items that needed taken care of are secure and ready for the grand opening. The building Occupancy Permit can now be provided.
 2. C.J. Mangin Elevator- Project Completed. Final Inspection for the elevator is scheduled for the week of July 10th.
 3. Streetscape- He announced there will be two meetings held July 19th and July 20th both starting at 10am. One will

be for the Streetscape Project and the other an update for the Economic Development EPA Grant. Both meetings will possibly be available in the evenings as well for those who cannot attend the morning sessions.

4. July 4th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Antoline Park for the new Comfort Station/Pavilion grand opening from 12-3pm, followed by a live broadcast from KDKA's Rob Pratt. Light refreshments will be provided by the Borough as well.

Borough Solicitors Report - Solicitor Urick stated that Mr. Leone provided him with 2 model ordinances dealing with the Quality of Life Ordinance. He's reviewed them several times and is still troubled if this would be an appropriate exercise for the Borough's Police power to adopt ordinances of this type. He states because other municipalities adopted this, does not necessarily make it right for Monaca Borough. Some discussion was made by him and Mr. Shotter. On the cautious side, Solicitor Urick states he wants to be absolutely sure if he writes this ordinance that it's valid and nothing can come back and be questioned. He then requested council to go into Executive Session this meeting for a discussion on a Union Grievance matter.

Ordinance Review Committee

Mr. Shotter stated they discussed 2 ordinances- Solicitor Urick had already mentioned the one in his report, and the 2nd being the Year-Round Street Maintenance Program. NSO-Nick Vorrias and Borough Manager-Mario Leone illustrated a map of the streets in Monaca with routes and days for the street sweeping to be performed. Mr. Shotter asked all council members to review the map to make any necessary changes if needed.

Executive Committee

Mr. Wilson reports: Executive Committee met Tuesday June 20th for approximately 3 ½ hours.

Items discussed: Borough Building bids; Kermiet Tank property; Resolution-Paris Climate Agreement; recommendations for Dog Parks- not placed at Antoline Park but to reach out to the individual to help suggest other parks; 626 Kaye Avenue; upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony at Antoline Park; fence variance for United Methodist Church; potholes Road Dept still working on; lastly, Ordinances previously discussed by Mr. Shotter and Solicitor Urick (Street Maintenance and Quality of Life Ordinance).

Monaca Volunteer Community Outreach Report: none

Downtown Business Authority Report: none

New Business:

- a. Mr. Shotter motioned to adopt Resolution No. 7-17 Paris Climate Agreement. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Leone reinterpreted the motion- first he stated the Engineer cannot make a recommendation but can give tabulation as to who the lowest bidder was for the Waterline Replacement Project on Walnut Street. Mr. Leone announced the lowest bidder was Xpress Underground Inc. Plans were discussed by council and Widmer Engineer Tony Sadaka if they were to accept the bid. Mr. Wilson motioned to accept Xpress Underground Inc. for the Waterline Replacement Project at the lowest bid of \$208,945.00. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve a 5 foot fence at United Methodist Church -813 Indiana Avenue. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

-Mr. Wilson added 1 item he left out from his Executive Committee report. There was a discussion on the sale of the Police Jeep and there were some companies they wanted to get estimates from. They are hoping to get that information for next meeting.

-Mr. Shotter added a comment that was also discussed at the last Executive Committee Meeting. They discussed putting in 2 designated parking spots at the Borough building parking lot for the reason of having a "Safe exchange Zone". The purpose being, any individual can meet another individual for internet purchases and the like being there are surveillance cameras around the building-hence the name "Safe Zone". There will be signs for those 2 spots and will be a 24/7 pick-up area. The committee also recommended having the surveillance cameras reviewed and reported for possible updates if needed. This will be discussed and hopefully motioned at the next council meeting.

Citizens: Comments, Complaints, and Compliments

1. Bill Wise- 698 Kaye Avenue- was in attendance to ask what the borough has planned to clean up the downtown vacant buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue. He knows the Borough has good intentions with moving forward with the downtown area, but he was curious when the buildings are going to become more attractive.

2. James Peters- 2659 Front Street- was in attendance to ask for further details of the "Safe Zone" parking spots at the Borough and suggested a couple other places with surveillance cameras such as Walmart to save public money, trouble looking at surveillance cameras or taking space up at the borough. Mr. Shotter reiterated that the cameras are grant money, not coming from the public.

Announcements: President Booher announced the borough office will be closed Tues, July 4th for Independence Day.

Executive Session

Mr. Michel motioned to enter into Executive Session for discussion on Union Grievance at 8:17pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:58pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shotter motioned to resume the Public Meeting at 8:59pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:59pm. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

