

**Monaca Borough
Workshop Meeting Minutes
November 21st, 2017 at 7:04pm**

The Work Shop 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.

Vice President Shotter asked all those to remain standing for a moment of silence for New Kensington Police Officer Brian Shaw who was recently killed in the line of duty.

Roll Call

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

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.

Items to Discuss:

- 1. Penn Dot 9th Street Crosswalk-Approve locations and cost reimbursement.** Mr. Leone touched base on Penn Dot's plan for all of the crosswalks on 9th Street. They are considering either count-down timers or even the "chirp" sound for the safety of pedestrians. Repairing Handicap ramps on those crosswalks were also brought up. Council discussed specifics on where each crosswalk will go up and down 9th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Atlantic Avenue. They discussed if they should eliminate Parking spots and Parking Meters on 9th Street. A long discussion followed to determine if all the Parking Meters should be rid of all together in Monaca. Mr. Leone stated PennDot will repair all crosswalks and curbs at a cost of approximately \$23,000. More discussion was had about meters and parking.
- 2. Penn Dot Waste Water Treatment Temporary Construction Easement approval-**Mr. Leone mentioned a pipe that needs replaced in front of the WWTP and how PennDot is willing to make this temporary fix at no cost. Council agreed to make this motion at the next council meeting to award PennDot the Easement to replace the old terracotta line for a new line at no cost at all, as long as the Borough awards them the easement.
- 3. Humane Society Contract-**Mr. Leone stated the Borough had a contract with the Humane Society before at a price of around \$1200 for the year. Last year, the contract price was too high so the Borough did not have a contract with them. The contract for 2018 is for \$150.00 per month (around \$1800 for the year). Mr. Leone mentioned this is a reasonable cost and how the Borough and police have valued their service in the past. The police have direct access to drop off when they need it, etc. Council agreed to add this to the agenda at the next council meeting to make a motion to approve the contract.
- 4. Xpress Underground payment-**There were complaints by residents on restoration issues outside of their home after Xpress Underground completed their street. The Borough is taking care of the problem at hand but some adjustments need made to the payment to Xpress Underground per Engineer Tony Sadaka. Once adjustments have been made to the payment, this motion will be added to the agenda.
- 5. Advertising 2018 Tax Ordinance and Fire Tax Ordinance-**Council agreed both ordinances will be added to the agenda. Council will need to authorize the Solicitor to advertise both ordinances, which will be stated in two separate motions.
- 6. Street Sweeper Repair-**President Booher confirmed this issue is not pressing and does not need decided until early spring of next year. Mr. Leone stated three options were given by Jake Iorio from the Road Dept. earlier that day for the Street Sweeper. All three options were discussed by council. Mr. Michel suggested to consider getting a truck with better brush/vacuum and to perhaps look at better options. Council agreed. President Booher confirmed they need to do their homework on this matter before making any final decisions. This will be discussed at a later time.

Manager's Update

Mr. Leone had nothing to report.

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New or Old Business-Mr. Shotter stated Solicitor Urick is still looking over the Quality of Life Ordinance.

-Mr. McGown asked if 14th Street was repaired yet. Mr. Leone confirmed Road Crew cold patched this street today.

-Mr. Shotter added that 14th Street and Beaver Avenue needs patched once more due to the water main break last week. He is trying to emulate what the city of Pittsburgh is doing with using plywood to secure old abandoned buildings. Mr. Leone confirmed they would have to look at the ordinance if adding plywood to any abandoned buildings in Monaca.

-Mr. Rebich mentioned the hedges at the foreclosed home on Marshall and South Elm. They are really bad and perhaps need taken down. Mr. Leone had no update on that but will touch base with NSO-Nick Vorrias about the situation.

-Mr. Michel stated the trees need looked at on Cascade; they need cleaned up. He also mentioned someone still parking in a No Parking spot at the end of Ella Street. Mr. Leone confirmed the police are aware of this matter and he will also mention this to NSO-Nick Vorrias to look at this sometime this or next week. Also, there is a large sinkhole on Ridge needs repaired. Lastly, Mr. Michel asked if the borough Building inspector-John Balsler-could look at the new buildings on Ridge Road, the measurements do not meet the standard 10 feet away from each other.

It was also mentioned to put the rims and tires underneath the borough stairs on Craigslist and ask around what cost the borough should sell them for.

President Booher stated there is a Planning Commission Board meeting December 5th, which he will need replaced since he and Mrs. Majors cannot serve on both Planning Commission and Council at the same time. President Booher recommended Dawn Mizak to take his place which they can make a motion to appoint her at the next council meeting along with accepting his resignation for the Planning Commission Board.

Announcements

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Second by Mr. McGown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

