

MONACA BOROUGH
Work Shop Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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.

Roll Call

Mr. Snyder- **absent**
Mr. Blarik- present
Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearl- present
Mr. Wilson- present

Mr.Rebich -**absent**
Mr. McGown- present
VP Shotter-present
President Booher-present

Others Present

Mario N. Leone Jr.

Water Department Update

Jared McKay asked council if they had any questions.

Mr. Michel asked about the progress on Linden Street and if the line locator was used while the ditch was open? Jared responded the line locator was used and worked continued further manually between 2 properties (6.5 feet deep), the pumps were not running high and the pressure seems to be ok, they dug towards the valves at the end of the alley. There were no findings of a leak in that area. **Jared** advised Linden Street has no base the road is all clay. **Mr. Michel** thanked **Jared** and the water department or investigating.

Mr. Wilson requested verification regarding the dig. He wanted to distinguish between digging on Linden to check for a leak at the trunk line and the use of the listening device between two properties on Linden. **Jared** clarified that they were searching for a ditch line that runs between the houses, parallel to Linden. There was some discussion among **Mario**, **Jared**, and **Mr. Michel** to explain that this dig occurred in the grass between the properties, just off the cart way of the road, to determine if the leak occurred at the "T" where the valves connect to the trunk line. **Mario** advised that as no maps show the ditch line, but local residents recall the line being installed, it might be prudent to further explore between the houses to find the ditch line. **Mario** said the issue of the road collapse on Linden is not related to a water issue, but is most likely caused by lack of base material. **Mr. McGown** provided a 1997 Beaver County Times photo submitted to him by Mr. Santilly that documented work on a line running in the area that they have been exploring. **Mr. Wilson**, again, requested clarification as to the reason for further exploration of the ditch line between the properties, now that it has been confirmed that it isn't a leak causing the collapse on Linden. **Mr. Booher** explained that this ditch line may prove troublesome to residents in the future if it is causing moisture. **Mr. Wilson** was satisfied with this reason. **Mr. Shotter** asked about the priority level of exploring the ditch line and Linden Street in relation to other duties for the water department, such as flushing hydrants and performing flow tests. **Mario** said that it's more for clarity than it is urgent. He said that unless a problem presents itself, this will be something that can be worked on as time permits. **Mr. Shotter** asked **Jared** if he would summarize what projects are pending or have been completed since his last report. He also asked him, what he needs from the council to do his job most effectively. **Jared** said that everything is ready at the pump house for the new chlorination system. He went on to discuss his recent experience with turning valves on Beaver Avenue. He advised that the first one they turned started to leak. He said that in order to replace that valve, they'd have to shut off water for all of down town. He recommends contacting a company that does "hot valves". According to **Jared**, this means that they have the equipment to isolate the valves and work on live lines. **Mario** summarized for council that replacing valves is one of the current priorities for the water department. **Mario** says that in lieu of the disruption and discolored water shutting off the water would cause, he agrees with **Jared** that doing "hot valves" is the better option. **Jared** stated they are going to try to get Well 14 running, but they have to dig and are still waiting on Verizon to respond, as they have a line that runs directly through their ditch line and he doesn't feel comfortable putting a bucket in the ground to dig. Once Verizon marks their line, the water department will dig and replace the pipe, then Ohio drilling will come in to flush the line one more time. **Jared** added that they are waiting for Ohio drilling to give a quote on Well 12 and that they ran Well 15 this week. He reported that Well 15 ran good clear water. **Jared** said that the goal is to continue to move forward with electrical and drives in order to ramp down Wells 13 and 16, so that the wells can rotate in and out. **Mr. Shotter** asked about the condition of the hydrants. **Jared** reported that there are none down. He intends to begin flushing them soon. **Mr. Shotter** again asked if council can be of service, Jared replied that he would like to have some summer help or

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a part time employee to assist with tasks such as painting all of the hydrants and exercising the valves. **Mr. Michel** asked about incorporating exercising the valves with the hydrant flushing. **Mr. Michel** also suggested the use of a valve turning machine. **Mario** advised that there is a budget request for a valve turner.

Road Department Update

Jake Iorio provided council with information regarding tasks recently completed. He began by discussing the four new catch basins that he and his crew installed. He detailed the two that were installed on McCoy Avenue near Grant Street. He advised that on the opposite side of McCoy, they tied into an existing concrete pipe. He said that it was in excellent shape, and unnecessary to remove it. He reported that some paving was done, and that although there are some high spots, it will be rectified with the upcoming repave. Additionally he installed 27 ft. of new piping on Caulder. Caulder presented a challenge due to a gas line and a water line running near the corner where he had intended to install a catch basin. He opted to put the basin on McClelland instead as to not interfere with the water line. The road department is also picking up grass and leaves for fall collection. Also, the crosswalks have been painted. **Jared** had found a sewer leak on Eckert that he reported to **Jake**. It turned out to be two separate breaks on the line. The job is complete, and they will be patching the hole soon. The next project is to add a new catch basin on Walnut. **Mr. Shotter** inquired about the catch basins on Clearview, and whether or not they should be moved to Walnut. **Jake** said that if it can be moved, he will move it, but he has concerns regarding the tie in point. **Jake** went on to explain that when he checked the storm sewer, he found it to be at a depth of 9ft. The challenge of performing this task with only the existing backhoe is a concern for him. Additionally, cutting through the concrete pipe to tie in would involve additional costs as he would need to rent equipment. **Jake** advised Council that he will first assess the situation and report back what can be done with existing resources. There was additional discussion regarding the placement of catch basins. **Mario** took a moment to commend both **Jake** and **Jared** for their teamwork, and to thank them for creating a pleasant working environment for their crews. He also thanked **Jake** for his leadership. **Mr. Wilson** asked **Jake** about some areas to be paved including near the public works. **Mr. Michel** then questioned **Jake** as to the purchasing and transport of "hot patch". The discussion continued regarding the merits of purchasing a milling machine as well as a hot bed so that paving could be more efficient.

Items to Discuss:

1. Street Maintenance Ordinance

Council discussed new signage and times for maintenance. Ideally, street maintenance will occur year round, and will coincide with weekly trash pickup. There was some discussion regarding days and hours, and ultimately council decided to vote on October 24th.

2. Demolition update

The properties at 1235 Washington Avenue and 1302 Pennsylvania Avenue were discussed. At this time, the house at 1235 has suffered severe fire damage and the remaining structure has been condemned. Owner is deceased, and attempts to find estate holder have yielded no results. The borough has been provided quotes, by Tom Sipes, for the demolition of both properties. The council had some questions regarding alternate ideas and solutions, including submitting these properties to the county demolition. **Mr. Blanarik** questioned the structural soundness of the property on Pennsylvania Avenue, and if it would be advantageous to restore the property. Council agreed to table this discussion for a month, in order to have all the necessary information to make a decision.

3. Linden Street

Mario said that the pavers would be mobilizing on the 9th, to correct the base and begin paving Linden Street. **Mr. Shotter** questioned the overall lack of base material underneath Linden, and referenced earlier information that had been provided to support that there may not be any base under Linden, and in fact, it may be asphalt over clay. **Mr. Booher** also raised concerns regarding the base material. **Mr. McGown** remarked that some damage to Linden Street, may be due to the heavy traffic from the public works vehicles, as well as tri axle trucks providing materials. **Mario** suggested a directive to restrict the use of Linden for these vehicles. **Mr. Shotter** suggested asking Windmer Engineering for advice on how to proceed.

4. 2538 Beaver Avenue Extension

Mario informed the Council that Steve Krizan wants to purchase this property from the repository. He advised that Mr. Krizan and his daughter Courtney would be in attendance at the next council meeting to present their offer. **Mr. Shotter** and **Mr. Michel** both wanted to pose some questions to **Mr. Urick** regarding stipulations of purchase, specifically related to imposing timelines or structure requirements.

5. Streetscape

Mario submitted conceptals of development as part of EPA grant. **Mr. McGown** had several questions regarding the drawings provided. One of his questions was about the necessity of islands on Pennsylvania Avenue. **Mario** explained to council that the islands are advantageous in both deflecting traffic and maintaining the speed limit. Also, the plantscape in the islands will assist with storm management. Additionally, **Mr. McGown** wanted to know the cost of the drawings. **Mario** assured him that there was no cost to the borough, and that this was included in the project. **Mr. Michel** had some concerns regarding the proposed width of the sidewalks. **Mario** informed council that the consultants will be in attendance at the third monthly meeting to give a detailed synopsis and to answer any questions.

6. 2018 Budget - Healthcare

The vision plan will renew on December 1st. The health care plan has been changed to a new plan that will save the borough significantly.

New or Old Business

Mr. Shotter made council aware that a resident's vehicle had been damaged during recent road construction. The company that caused the damage was notified.

Mr. Booher requested that a portion of the curb in front of the American Legion be painted yellow to discourage parking.

Announcements

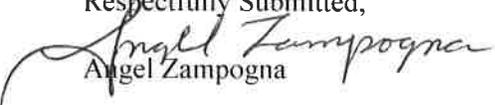
October 14th Stop Drop & Run 5k/Walk

October 15th Monaca Hall of Fame Banquet

Adjournment

There being no further business, **Mr. Shotter** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:55. **Mr. Wilson** second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Angel Zampogna

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