

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Council Meeting Minutes
October 27th, 2020 at 7:02pm

The Regular Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time via the Zoom communication remote application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors-present	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

Others Present

Dave L. Kramer, Jr., & Rich Urick, Esq.,

Engineers Report: Tony Sadaka gave his report. He touched base on the WWTP Secondary Clarifier project that is currently out for bid. He then gave status of the 2019 Paving Project. Next, the report is due by the end of the year to the DEP for the water allocation permit compliance. Tony then touched base on what was discussed last meeting on the Waterline Replacement project. It was voted to go with Slip Lining. They had coordinated with SGA and Mr. Kramer to keep biweekly meetings to keep each other posted on the Streetscape project and the Waterline Project since there are so many parts in this project. The next thing that needs decided is how much money the borough is willing to spend for the projects and how far they want to go with the waterline project. He is also working with John Salopek to get everything they need to get the paperwork done for the bond refinances. Lastly, MS4 report will be ready and sent to the DEP. Mr. Kramer recapped on the Elmira waterline project. Young Blood will be coming in next week on Elmira. He gave the possible change for the next street to be done. Tony will take a look at get back to him with numbers at the end of this week. Mr. Michel asked if that's all Tony will need from council is how far they want to slip line. Tony confirmed and said there is a lot that goes with these two projects. But more importantly they need to make sure how far and if they want both projects to end at the same point. President Booher said council previously discussed and decided to end at 15th Street mainly because they didn't know what the State wanted to do with 16th & 17th Street for the improvement project. President Booher confirmed it would be from 9th to 15th Street. Tony appreciated the answer from Pres. Booher. President Booher also told him that Nick (NSO) was to send him information regarding a building Robison Auto Shop wants to construct down on Route 51 and he would like his input. Mr. Michel asked what all are they slip lining on 15th Street. Tony answered just Pennsylvania Avenue. Tony was excused from the zoom meeting.

Visitors: None

Communications: Mr. Kramer gave an overview of the Moody's Investor report. He gave the two risk factors first which was opportunity for tax base increase and second that the Borough needs to work on putting more money on reserves. He said that is one thing the Borough will work on when they get the bonds refinanced. He then gave the positives. He said overall the investors didn't see anything wrong with it and are moving forward.

Minutes- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the Regular Virtual Council Meeting Minutes from October 6th, 2020. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Monaca Consultant Report- Mr. Leone was absent.

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave his report. Touched base on the paving program

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He first updated council on the bond refinances and the status. He said all is moving forward. He then stated he would need to go into executive session for two legal matters that are pending court action. He also added, as Mr. Michel stated earlier, he wants to go into executive with respect to the Police

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negotiations.

New Business:

1. President Booher announced Ed Bigley signed off on the Public Works contract. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to accept 2020-2023 Monaca Borough Public Works Contract. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. For the following motions, (#2 through #6) Mr. LaPearle touched base on the meeting they had in regards to salaries and pay raises for the Borough employees. All was straight forward, essentially matched what they did last year with no changes and also was based on employee performance given by Mr. Leone and Mr. Kramer.
2. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize Borough Treasurer Dave Kramer at an hourly rate of \$24.13, retro-active to January 1st, 2020. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Water Utility Clerk Gabby Hernandez at an hourly rate of \$20.85, retro-active to January 1st, 2020. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize NSO Nick Vorrias at an hourly rate of \$18.27, retro-active to January 1st, 2020. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize Borough Administrative Assistant Brittany Bologna at an hourly rate of \$17.31, retro-active to January 1st, 2020. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to authorize WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine, Road Foreman James Iorio, and former Borough Manager Mario Leone a 3% rate increase, retro-active to January 1st, 2020. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Michel asked if Mr. Leone's would be pro-rated up to the date of his last day. President Booher confirmed yes. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **>New Motion<** President Booher also mentioned HSA was approved by the committee, which would be \$500 for each employee. Solicitor Urick confirmed a motion would need to be made since it's in regards to money. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve \$500 HSA for 2021 and HSA for this year for: David Kramer, Gabby Hernandez, Nick Vorrias, Brittany Bologna, Curt DiGiovine and James Iorio. Second by Mr. Blanakik. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions/comments in regards to the new motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Kramer discussed briefly about waiving the current taxes for the repository sale of the two parcels below. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to sign Repository Sale Form waving borough taxes for parcel #'s 37-001-0407.000 & 37-001-0408.000 (1006 & 1008 Grove Street) to bidder Bradley Garrone. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Mr. Kramer explained quote from Pete Sudak to install new gas line for new generator at Monaca Pumphouse. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to approve quote from Pete Sudak General Contractors to install new gas lines to supply natural gas stand by generator for Monaca Pump House in the amount of \$9,500.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Michel asked about the tap for the gas line. President Booher said it would be a new line. More was discussed. Motion carried 7-1, Mr. Michel- No.
10. Mr. Kramer explained the quote for Pumphouse control room ceiling. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to approve quote from Scarsella Contracting to install Pump House Control Room Ceiling in the amount of \$9,480.00. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No 972- electing to amend its Non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

-Mrs. Majors wanted to pose the question being asked around town if Trick or Treat was to be changed to Saturday due to bad weather on Thursday. She explained to others this probably would not happen due to police schedule but wanted to bring it up. President Booher reiterated Trick or Treat would stay Thursday, October 29th from 6-8PM.

-Mr. Wilson wanted to stress his thanks to Borough Manager Dave Kramer, the office staff and Jake Iorio and public works crew for taking care of an ADA ramp issue that needed addressed recently for safety reasons. The matter was quickly completed and he wanted to stress his appreciation for the quick attention.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the upcoming October announcements. **Leaf Collection** program- every Monday from October 6th until December 7th. **Trick-or-Treat** is Thursday October 29th between 6-8PM. Please follow the CDC Guidelines and be safe. **Tuesday, November 3rd** is General Election. Workshop meeting Scheduled for Wednesday November 4th. **Wednesday, November 11th**, Borough Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

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Executive Session: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to enter into Executive Session at 7:50pm for personnel and litigation. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of **October 27th, 2020** was continued to the next regular meeting of **November 10th, 2020** workshop meeting which a quorum was present. Council voted to adjourn Executive Session and returned to regular session at which a **motion** was made by VP Shotter and second by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary



