

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Telecommunications via Zoom Application**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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	Mr. McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

**Others Present**

Mario N. Leone Jr., & Rich Urick, Esq.,

President Booher then added a motion for New Business. Number 4 will read a motion to send bid to Freedom for Police Services.

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None

**Minutes:** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Virtual Workshop** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Virtual Council** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayors Report-** Mayor Short gave his report for the month of August 2020.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **113**

Criminal Arrests: **21**

Call For Service: **477**

Total Miles patrolled: **4,177 miles**

**Managers' Report:** Mr. Kramer gave a brief update. Elmira Waterline Replacement-they are up to Linden Street and will do Linden to Chestnut Street next. Street Maintenance signs went up Friday and they finished around 3p.m. He also caught up with Mr. Leone over the weekend in regards to the Bond refinances and cleaned up some other old business items as well.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick touched base on the bond refinances and an issue regarding the new municipal complex since this was only proposed and not officially acted upon. He explained the principal idea is to pay off old debt and incur debt at a much lower rate. The Borough Auditor will need contacted who will then prepare documents that will be reviewed by the DCED. He said moving forward, council should consider the several factors coalescing. One important matter to act on is whether to get a new municipal building or staying in the current one. Mr. Wilson asked if this pertains to both new and old municipal building. Solicitor Urick said no since the new would not be the same cost, for example, the old municipal building getting repairs compared to the cost of a brand new building. There were no further questions.

**Department Report** – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance. He first addressed a concern of serious gas odors they suspected at the WWTP. Today, they found the severe leak of methane gas between primary and secondary

digesters. He said Reno Brothers is coming to address the situation tomorrow. Pres. Booher said in an emergency situation they need documentation from Widmer Engineering. Curt said it probably will be under \$1,000 and Dan Sell is aware of the problem. Pres. Booher said O.K then. Curt said they were not in compliance for August and had one violation and he explained and said the issue has already been addressed. Mr. Michel asked was it due to rainfall. Curt confirmed yes. President Booher also reiterated the Bid for sewer transportation will be on the agenda for next council meeting.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report-** VP Shotter had nothing to report at this time.

**Monaca Recreation Report-** Mr. Blanakik said they did cancel Halloween festivities and are still up-in-the-air about Christmas and just putting that on hold. Mr. Wilson asked about Movies in the Park they paid for last year and is that something they can still do since the borough paid licensing fee for the movie. Mr. Blanakik said he will ask recreation. Pres. Booher said Gabby and Brittany called him about it today. He said he told them he didn't have a problem with it and to get with Recreation and Chris Shotter. VP Shotter gave some suggestion and will look back over the emails to check expiration on last year's purchase of the movie.

**New Business:**

1. Solicitor Urick wanted to make sure Jeff Michel saw the resolution for sale of 12<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot to the Borough for a dollar and make sure wording was O.K. Mr. Michel said he's ok with it. Solicitor Urick said the authority must hold a public meeting and the resolution needs to be signed at that meeting. Council can still adopt the Resolution tonight and the Authority will have to let the borough know when the Parking Authority Resolution is adopted so the Borough can move forward with the transfer of sale and so on. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 10-20, Parking Authority Sale of 12<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot to the Borough. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried 8-0, Mr. Michel abstained as he is Parking Authority board member.
2. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to appoint Mario N. Leone, Jr. as Monaca Borough Consultant. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Dave L. Kramer, Jr. a stipend of \$1,000 per month as long as in the position of Acting Secretary/Borough Manager. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to send bid to Freedom for Police Services. Second by Mrs. Majors. VP Shotter asked if updated verbiage in the bid could be sent to himself and council to review when Mr. Kramer sends update to Solicitor Urick. Mr. Kramer confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.
5. President Booher also **added a motion** to purchase new Police Vehicle at a cost of \$57,354.81. This was **motioned** by Mr. Michel, second by Mr. Mitchell. Pres. Booher asked the audience 3 times if they had questions or concerns regarding the motion. There were none. VP Shotter asked if they needed two motions, one for the cost of the vehicle and a motion for the outfitting of the vehicle. Solicitor Urick said no, one motion is fine. Motion carried unanimously.

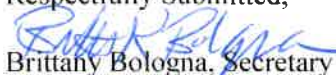
**Citizens:** None

**Announcements/Attachments:** Mayor Short read the announcement: Monaca CDC will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Concert Series at Washington Plaza October 2nd beginning at 6pm, featuring B. E. Taylor's niece. President Booher reported the last event he went was very nice and everyone obeyed the guideline and wore their masks.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Michel **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel & Contractual at 7:36pm. Second by VP Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** council 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. Blanakik to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brittany Bologna, Secretary

