

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2020 at 7:03pm

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. Rebich- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanakik- 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.

Engineers Report: Tony Sadaka gave his report. Questions were asked about the two decisions for the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline Replacement project. Tony summed up the project and the two deciding factors council will have to make to either “slip-line”, which was presented in a previous public meeting, or traditional replacement of the old lines with new. Council solicited comments which they prefer. Mr. Blanakik, Mr. LaPearle, Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Majors all prefer slip-lining. Mr. Wilson did comment he would rather chose no to the project, but if he had to choose either or he would prefer slip-lining. Mr. Leone reiterated the project will be funded by capital fund/bond monies which they had budgeted \$700,000 dollars.

Mr. Wilson asked, off subject, when the gas company is restoring Bechtel Street and showed a view of what it looked like now from his phone. Mr. Leone said he wasn’t aware of how they left the street and will get with the Road Foreman to ask a time frame on the matter.

Next, VP Shotter stressed his concern regarding slip-lining. He states he would be hesitant to be the first with this technology not only in the county but in the state which he’s taking into consideration. He asked Tony about warranties and life of the lines which were at first 50 years and now the company is saying 80 years. He asked where they are getting their facts and research from. Tony said that 80 year claim is their companies own documentation. He also gave his own expertise for slip-lining life expectancy and feels comfortable saying it would more than likely be around 50 years. VP Shotter asked if they are giving a bonded warranty. Tony said it would probably be a regular bond for two years. Lastly, VP Shotter asked specifics about the lining and maintenance in the future. Tony said he would get all the answers for him and send it in an email for everyone to see. VP Shotter solicited his choice and said he is in favor of going with traditional line replacement due to the amount of unknown. Mr. Michel solicited his comment stating he prefers new lines, but if they choose slip-lining, he wants to see the video of what shape their line is in before he votes, and he explains his reasons. Tony explains specifics about slip-lining. Council discussed. Mr. Leone asked Tony to get the total number of taps that would be on the project, ball park estimate of the traditional dig & replace and what he anticipates the slip-line cost to be so council could have the ability to make a better decision seeing all the costs and information upfront. President Booher requested Dan Sell (Widmer Engineer) to join Tony for next discussion. Mayor Short also solicited his opinion on the project and said his decision is primarily based on cost factor and longevity. Tony explained there is never going to be an easy way. Slip-lining would be the easier process but he understands the point-of-view that it’s brand new. He explains more. Council discussed more about the choices. Mr. Leone gives his opinion as well on the choices. Lastly, Tony welcomed council to email him any questions they may have so he may better prepare himself for the next discussion on the project.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to approve the Regular Virtual Council Meeting Minutes from **August 11th, 2020**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
VP Shotter **motioned** to table Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2020. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave a brief update on projects in town.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick had nothing to report. Mr. Michel asked about the process of what they need to do for Parking Authority sale of 12th Street parking lot to the Borough. Solicitor Urick said a Resolution will need passed in an upcoming public meeting which he stated he already prepared and sent by e-mail a couple months ago. He will resend to Mr. Leone and Brittany to be adopted at the next regular council meeting.

New Business:

1. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to accept resignation of Borough Manager Mario Leone. Second by Mr. Michel. President Booher reiterated Mr. Leones last day is September 4th, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Discuss** recommendation for 4th Ward Council seat. Mr. Leone and Brittany both confirmed there was only one applicant: Ken McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin was in attendance and introduced himself and briefly gave reasons why he would like this opportunity to serve on council. President Booher said due to only receiving 1 applicant, they will make arrangements, check residency and first regular meeting in September Mayor Short will swear him in. All council members and Mayor Short welcomed Mr. McLaughlin on board. Solicitor Urick will have a resolution prepared for adoption at the next workshop meeting, September first. This will need to be adopted then filed with the Elections Bureau.
3. **Discuss** purchase of new police Vehicle. President Booher reiterated the discussion at the last meeting. Chief Piuri was in attendance and gave an update of which vehicles the police will rotate and use. Mr. Blarrik asked where the funding will come from. Mr. Leone explained the available funds and said the treasurer would do a 3 year lease for this vehicle. He said there could be lag time with this vehicle where it may not arrive until 2021. Chief said he doesn't have an anticipated time yet of when the car would arrive. Mr. Michel asked the difference between the vehicles and the payments. Mr. Leone answered accordingly. VP Shotter asked a question about the Housing Authority contract which he said is overspent of \$19k and do they get all of that reimbursed by the county. Mr. Leone said it's a dollar for dollar match. VP Shotter questioned the year end police budget. Mr. Kramer (treasurer) answered accordingly and said they are year to date right now which they have been the last three years. Mr. Leone reiterated the county's Covid-Relief Fund and the borough submitted for \$440,000.00 which in turn if they receive this fund, it will make up for some short-falls, based on the formula the county gave them. He gave examples of what the relief fund will cover such as Police wages. VP Shotter, Treasurer Dave Kramer and Mr. Leone discussed Mr. Wilson thanked Mario and Dave Kramer for working directly with the county on the relief fund. President Booher asked for this motion to be put on next week's agenda.
4. (PA Water Line as proposed by Borough Engineer for advertisement of bids was previously discussed in Engineers Report.)
5. **Discuss** Streetscape ideas and SGA Proposal-Mr. Leone talked with Sean Garrigan-SGA Representative and asked if they could leverage the entire \$1.5million by expanding the scope of the project. He thought it was feasible. They looked at it and submitted a revised proposal from 9th Street to 15th Street which would encompass the entire business district, he explained funding and how the new proposal would consume the entire \$1.5 million. He reiterates CFA multimodal funding of \$400,000 and the Borough's match of \$100,000.00. This basic project cost will be \$2 million which they have in hand. Then TIF district looking to generate \$1.2 million which a portion of that would have to pay for the cost of 17th Street project, Penn Dots reimbursement agreement. President Booher asked if Sean could attend next zoom meeting. Mr. Leone said he will get an SGA representative to come. He strongly recommends everyone to read through the proposal also read the email that was attached with the proposal with the detailed explanation of costs and the process and educate all on why it costs \$217k. Mr. Leone welcomed additional questions to be emailed to him that he can relay to Sean Garrigan. Clarity was then given by Mr. Leone from Mr. Wilson's question about refinancing the boroughs debt and what the monies would be allocated toward if they refinanced. Mr. Michel asked what the budget looks like for paving. Mr. Leone explained the annual budget does not allocate funds for a lot of paving. It usually comes out of liquid fuel monies and he explains further how they usually make the capital improvements.

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6. VP Shotter said the committee received the recent proposal sent by the Union. Counter received by Union previously discussed in Executive Session. He said the committee at this time is recommending Solicitor Urick to prepare a contract and to set for adoption. VP Shotter **motioned** to accept Public Works Steamfitters proposal to the Borough for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Second by Mr. Blararik. Mr. Michel asked what the items were that changed. Mr. Leone explained the updates in the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcement. Monaca CDC will host its 3rd Friday Concert Series at the Plaza September 4th beginning at 6pm, featuring Charlie Barath. He also reiterated to wear masks when ordering drinks at the event to follow CDC Guidelines. Mr. Leone also added Communicyle will be in town this Thursday at St Johns parking lot between 4-7pm to give out free refurbished bicycles. Monaca Public works, Police and Fire Dept. will also be there with an array of vehicles, trucks, apparatus for children to be able to see and "Touch a Truck".

Executive Session: Mr. Blararik **motioned** to enter into Executive Session at 8:58pm for personnel and contractual. 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 August 25th, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of September 1st, 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. LaPearle to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

