

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Meeting Minutes

August 11th, 2020 at 7:00pm

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	(Vacant)
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., Tony Sadaka-Widmer Engineer

A PowerPoint presentation and demonstration was given by Chris VanWormer, Business Development Manager of FER-PAL Construction USA LLC. His presentation was in regards to the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline replacement project and the idea mentioned/discussed in the last council meeting by Monaca Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka. Chris explained the idea and gave a demonstration of the liner itself. He explained all the unique abilities of this liner. Questions and Answer session began at 8:31pm. Council addressed questions and concerns regarding the liner going inside the waterline. Tony Sadaka and Chris both answered accordingly. Chris left the meeting at 9:02pm.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the Regular Virtual Council Meeting Minutes from **July 28th, 2020**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Citations and Parking Tickets: **44**

Criminal Arrests: **18**

Call For Service: **409**

Total Miles patrolled: **3,918 miles**

Managers' Report: Mr. Leone gave a brief update of the upcoming events. RCAP was submitted end of day yesterday which the monies are allocated for the proposed new borough building/civic center. He announced the rescheduled Chamber of Commerce presentation is set for August 14th where he will give a presentation of "Transforming Monaca-A Beaver County River Town", he explained. Next he announced an article about Monaca will be in the PMRA (Pennsylvania Municipal Rural Water Authority) magazine late September. The Pumphouse generator has arrived and will be installed. Lastly, the Elmira Waterline Replacement project is set to begin Monday, August 17th, weather pending.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He advertised the three amended Garbage, Recycling, and Street Maintenance ordinances that are set for adoption at the August 18th workshop meeting. They settled the Redden/Gay tax appeal, he explained. Lastly, he said he will explain the Resolution that is to be adopted under New Business.

Department Report – WWTP July 2020 report on File

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

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Blanarik announced there will be no meetings until after the pandemic.

New Business:

1. Solicitor Urick explained Financing team appointment Resolution to be approved. He suggested to possibly look into refinancing the Borough's debt due to how the market is today. CIM is the financing team who the borough used in 2016. This resolution does not obligate the borough to borrow money or to refinance the Borough's debt. This resolution allows the Borough to authorize this team to begin looking into it. If its worthy of doing, it would be a separate set of Resolutions to pass. He said interest rates are at an all-time low and he suggested to

definitely looking into it. Mr. Michel asked is there is a cost involved for them to investigate this. Solicitor Urick said no. Mr. Leone added with the RCAP submittal, he made it known in the application that in the event they would get awarded the \$2.9 million, they would have to be prepared to match that with \$2.9. In the application it spells out the Borough would consider selling its existing building with the protected assessed amount. He then said there is a gap they would have to fill which this analysis would let them know those details. Mr. Michel asked what the costs are if they would move. Mr. Leone said they are not there yet. He understood. VP Shotter to approve Financing team appointment Resolution No. 8-20. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

2. VP Shotter said Kim Houser is going to slim down the Lease Agreement and send it to Solicitor Urick for his input on that. He then stated the MOU will take greater reconstruction.
3. VP Shotter **motioned** to accept resignation of Councilman Jerrod Rebich. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: **Michael Grant- 631 McCoy Ave, Monaca-** was in attendance to ask why recycling has changed to biweekly with the new program. Mr. Leone explained due to the larger recycling cart that was given to each household, it would or should take longer to fill them which would limit the trucks going up and down the roads on pick up days. Michael then asked what if they need an additional cart. Mr. Leone said to call the Borough office and an additional one would be brought to him at no charge.

New/Old Business: President Booher asked Council if they had any new or old business to bring up.

-Mr. Wilson began by suggesting to council to reviewing the presentation a head of time that was given in this meeting, gather thoughts and questions before hand, and to not discuss in a public meeting but to save it for a workshop so they are readily prepared and don't spend 2 hours on one item.

-Mrs. Majors said she would like to discuss transit on the heights next meeting.

-Mr. Blanarik said there seems to still be confusion on the new garbage/recycling pick-ups in the borough. He explained. He asked to put door hangers or a notice out once again for residents to remind them of their pick-up day. Next, he asked a resident he spoke with had a request if his street could be paved on S. Walnut and if it could be considered to be on the list for paving for 2021.

-Mr. Michel asked per the Parking Authority, does Solicitor Urick need anything else from him besides minutes. Solicitor said a Resolution will need passed in a public meeting so it can wait. He then agreed and disagreed with Mr. Wilson's statement. He thought it was informative and the presentation was necessary in this meeting. He stated he couldn't form his questions until he heard the information from the representative. Mr. Blanarik concurred with Mr. Wilson saying it could have been a workshop meeting. Mr. Wilson explained he reasons again. Mr. Michel understood. Mayor Short asked if it was discussed about getting smaller totes. Mr. Leone said they are being ordered.

Announcements/Attachments: Mr. Leone read the announcement: Monaca CDC will host its 3rd Friday Concert Series at the Plaza September 4th beginning at 6pm, featuring Charlie Barath. Mayor Short added the CDC would like to thank those who participated in the last concert. He then asked there was a request that everyone is to wear masks when going up to purchase drinks and to please reiterate it to those you know going.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session at 9:26pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of August 11th, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of August 18th, 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. Michel to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brittany Bologna, Secretary

