

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Meeting Minutes
July 28th, 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. Rebich- absent
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- absent	

Others Present

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

Engineers Report: Tony Sadaka gave his report. He brought up the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline Replacement project. He had given a video to council prior to the meeting to review which reflected an idea he'd like to do for the waterline replacement, he explains. He states this way would make the project shorter by at least a couple of months making it easier for traffic flow on Penn Avenue. Mr. Michel asked specifics about his idea. Tony summed up the idea. Mr. Michel then stressed questions about the service line itself. Tony answered. Mr. Michel requested more information besides what was given in the video. Council discussed. Tony suggested before putting this out for bid, he could get the Representative to come to a meeting to give a presentation to council so the appropriate questions could be asked. President Booher agreed with his suggestion before council makes a decision. VP Shotter asked what the difference in time is between putting a new plastic line in verse lining it with 30 service lines. Tony said at least 2 months and he stressed he thought this was considerable enough to present this option to council. VP Shotter said the entirety of the street would need paving. Tony confirmed it would.

Lastly, Tony made it known that the **Annual MS4 Stormwater** information has been given to council and the Borough. This is recommended by the DEP to educate the public each year and keep information updated with stormwater management. He said he sees the stormwater information on the borough website and asked for the continuation of this data to be made known for public to view at all times. There is also documents that can be added to the website where public can download the information, fill out the forms to give feedback and send them back to the borough which would be much helpful for them. Submission can be done any time of the year. He then explained stormwater management and why they are required to give out this information annually. Mr. Michel posed some questions. Tony and Mr. Leone answered accordingly. There were no other questions. Engineers report concluded at 7:39pm and Tony was dismissed from the Zoom meeting.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the Regular Virtual Council Meeting Minutes from **July 14th, 2020**. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report- Mr. Leone gave an updated report of the new garbage/recycling program. He then indicated the \$14.8 million dollars in relief funds the County has received for Covid-Related matters. He mentioned there will be a Webinar to see how the monies will be distributed throughout the County which allows him to see what the Borough can get reimbursed for. He said Councilman Wilson had also indicated if it would be possible to have electronic signs to notify residents on any covid-related matters. Mr. Leone will see if that would be a possible submittal for the reimbursement fund. Lastly, Mr. Leone updated council on the sewer line project on Charles Street. Elmira Street is next. Mr. Michel asked if there is an ordinance regarding Multi-dwelling homes that require a dumpster. Mr. Leone answered stated if the apartment has 4 units and over it requires a dumpster. Most of the Borough is in compliance with that, he mentioned. But he also states he is aware there are some unique areas in town where the apartments should have a dumpster but because of topography, a dumpster will just simply not fit and in place have multiple carts. Mr. Michel next brought up the parking meters that are no longer being used and if Mr. Leone can let him know when the Road Department takes the meters to the salvage yard.

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He stresses the Authority wants nothing in return for these. VP Shotter asked since they are moving and destroying property of another Authority, would it be best to have a letter from the Authority saying we're authorized to do that and also retaining the funds from the destruction/sale of the property. Solicitor Urick confirmed they should have a letter from the Parking Authority to keep some type of tracking for future. Mr. Michel confirmed he will draft a letter. Mr. Michel lastly asked if the Borough is still willing to accept to buy the 12th street parking lot off the Parking Authority for a dollar (\$1). He said the Authority verbally agrees to sell this to the Borough for one dollar. Solicitor Urick said he would need the minutes from their meeting stating they are willing to sell the lot before he would draft up an agreement. He also said the borough would need affirmation that they are willing to accept ownership of the parking lot. He stated the Borough would need to make a **motion** authorizing the President to sign/Secretary to attest to the agreement of sale and preform all acts necessary to complete the transfer of the 12th Street Parking Lot from the Parking Authority to the Borough. VP Shotter made the **motion**. Second by Mr. LaPearle. President Booher asked the audience three times if they had any questions regarding the motion since it wasn't on the agenda. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick said he will discuss items 1,2,3,5,9, &10 under new business when they are discussed. Lastly, he announced they will need to go into Executive Session for a tax assessment appeal, a possible settlement and lastly an issue involving the collective bargaining agreement with the union.

New Business:

1. Mr. Leone brought up the updated Garbage Ordinance, reviewed, edited and updated by Solicitor Urick. Solicitor Urick stated he would like Council to make any necessary changes or address any questions before he finalizes it for advertisement. Council discussed changes to the verbiage such as: Moving carts to the rear, white goods definition, the hours of collection (yard waste), locating a dumpster outside the road garage area. Options were discussed for having a yard waste dumpster readily available for residents who cannot make it to the garage during business hours. Mr. Leone suggested to loosely word this in the ordinance. Solicitor Urick asked which date they want to adopt. President Booher said Tuesday, August 18th preferably. More was discussed on placement of the trash carts, animal waste definition, etc. Council debated and agreed on what was discussed. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Garbage Ordinance. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Leone then brought up the new and updated Recycling Ordinance, reviewed, edited and updated by Solicitor Urick as well. Council discussed the necessary changes to be made. VP Shotter asked a question about the container sizes in case the size happens to change over the years. Solicitor Urick agreed language could be changed that states the container size in which it would be set forth in a policy that will be adopted by a Resolution. Mr. Blarrik **motioned** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Recycling Ordinance. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Leone lastly brought up the Street Maintenance Ordinance, reviewed and edited by Solicitor Urick. He said they tried to keep it simple with having houses ending in odd numbers have maintenance done on Mondays and evens be Tuesday. He then gave the definition of the types of maintenance that are described in the Ordinance. Council then discussed verbiage to be changed. VP Shotter said instead of specifically calling out the roads they could have a map to reference. Council discussed the times on the street maintenance signs and decided to keep them at the hours of 6am-2pm. Mrs. Majors stressed concern about sidewalk repair verbiage. She didn't want anything to fall back on the Borough if it wasn't their sidewalk. Solicitor Urick said you can't fit everything specific in an ordinance but he would change language to read ...“curbs or sidewalks where the Borough is required to do the work”. Garbage collection on Atlantic and Indiana Avenue was discussed, who majority are alley pick up. President Booher indicated with a 5 year contract with WM, he would like to get the trucks out of the alleys. He suggested to change the alley pickups on Indiana and Atlantic to the front and even numbered houses to be picked up on Mondays and odd to be picked up on Tuesdays, with the exception of alley pick up between 10th and 11th street, due to topography. Mr. Leone confirmed rear-loader trucks do pick-ups on Tuesdays in that area so they would be able to do President Booher's wishes. Mr. LaPearle said he believes where they can get out of the alleys and where it makes sense to do so, let's do it. President Booher asked council if anyone was opposed to the change. All were in favor. Mr. Blarrik suggested residents being switched should get door hangers a week in advance to give them enough time to adjust and understand the new schedule and why it was happening. Mr. Leone confirmed he will put the hangers on the first week in August and the change will happen 2nd week in August. Mr. Leone reiterated to Solicitor Urick to make the necessary changes to the Ordinance. Lastly, Mr. Blarrik voiced his concern with the verbiage pertaining to parking for street maintenance and how residents and businesses such as daycares need to be aware of the new enforcement once it's implemented. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Street Maintenance Ordinance. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried

unanimously.

4. Mr. Leone explained the generator at the Pumphouse that needs updated due to its age and gave further detail. Mr. Leone confirmed Mr. Halama has been intimately involved through this entire process and will be the one to do the installation as well. VP Shotter **motioned** to purchase a Blue Star Model PS150-01, 150KW generator COSTAR #100483 for the Pumphouse in the amount of \$37,185.44 to replace the existing generator which is no longer serviceable due to its age. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Michel asked about warranties, VP Shotter shared the quote shows 2 years. Mr. Leone shared that they are participating in an On Demand Response Energy Program and if they go off the grid and use the back-up generator, they get compensated which in turn could generate revenue of approximately \$20,000 of which \$12,000 comes from WWTP and \$8,000 from the Pumphouse. He said though due to generator not working, they haven't been able to partake. Looking at those numbers and being able to participate again would in turn pay this new generator off in about 5 years. Dave Halama is currently looking into getting a larger generator for the WWTP plant as well. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Leone next brought up the most current Duquesne Light Company Agreement pertaining to installing underground utilities on Pennsylvania Avenue. He said Solicitor Urick had also read the agreement which agreed with Mr. Leone that it was poorly written. SGA Consultants also reviewed and Mr. Leone gave their feedback which they echoed what Solicitor Urick said. He then said overall it looks like DLC is not even interested in consolidating the compromised approach. He explains the \$1.5 million in HUD funding that the Borough has already stretched. Council discussed. Mr. Leone summed up what the overall outcome is now. He said DLC is basically saying they are requesting \$130,000.00 down payment now and they are not clear in what they are going to provide the Borough and is giving the Borough a time span of 12 months. He said they are stringing them along and as he reiterated the SGA consultants once said DLC does not seem interested in this approach. Mr. LaPearle and Mr. Leone summed up the stance that DLC has taken per the agreement. Mr. LaPearle suggested if they would have to abandon this project, he would like the Borough to somehow broadcast this outcome through media and how smaller municipalities tend to struggle to get large corporations on board for projects such as theirs.
6. Mr. Leone explained the Pumphouse roof repair that Mesta was willing to fix. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Pumphouse roof repair to Mesta Industrial Contracting in the amount of \$8,000.00. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Mrs. Majors said she abstained from the motion since she works for Mesta. Solicitor Urick explained that she does not have to abstain as she has no financial interest in the business. Mrs. Majors withdrew and is in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Leone said there has been some residents that are requesting smaller trash carts aside from the 95 Gallon that every household received with the new program. He gave quotes to purchase 65 Gallon and/or 35 Gallon trash carts. He asked councils direction. He confirmed the office will call the 15 residents who asked for smaller to see if they still want the smaller cart. VP Shotter asked Mr. Leone to please work out the math and see where they can break even. Mr. Blanarik asked about a resident who is still waiting on delivery of new cart. Mr. Leone said to call the office to give address and they can get the information. The Waste Management "800" number is still not sync'd with the Borough's new contract, stated by Mr. Leone, so they are still trying to work out their kinks too. Mr. Michel asked if the Borough could sell the new black carts that residents don't want if they get a smaller cart. Mr. Leone said as of now, WM has to take the orders since they are giving a green cart to determine which cart they purchase.
8. Indiana Ave/Atlantic Ave Trash/Recycling new pick-up: previously discussed.
9. Mr. Leone explained 504 Atlantic Avenue which is an historical red brick house in Monaca that has been condemned and up for tax sale. He said an interested buyer asked if there would be any consideration of council to waive the outstanding water/sewer/trash bill, currently at \$1,800. President Booher asked the Solicitor if an historical building is allowed to be torn down. Solicitor Urick asked who declared it an historical landmark. Mr. Leone said he'd have to look further into that. Solicitor said they'd have to determine first if this agency is state or federal government entity, then he can answer this question. Mr. Leone said he'll go tomorrow and see what the marker is. President Booher asked council, if it's permissible, would anyone be opposed to waiving the fees. Solicitor first asked about the back taxes. Mr. Leone will have to look into how much they are, but the buyer is willing to pay the back taxes. What he is requesting is to have the fees waived for the outstanding bill. VP Shotter confirmed the house is registered with the Beaver County Historical Society and the tax is \$48,000 with an undue balance on it as well.
10. VP Shotter updated council on the Fire Merger and first confirmed the document that was sent to council was incorrect and the correct MOU will be sent to council. Next, as a fireman, he has sent an email to their fire dept representative Kim Houser to look for notes from their last meeting pertaining to MOU which will reflect the lease agreement. Once MOU is reviewed by Solicitor Urick it will come before council for any comments or concerns.
11. Mr. Leone referenced a picture that was sent to council of a mural on the side of the Ball Furniture building that has been faded and the owner Randy Ball would like to restore the sign. Solicitor Urick said as long as it's non-

conforming use and he's able to restore it is fine.

12. Lastly, Cardboard dumpster information was brought to council's attention by an email sent by part-time borough employee Angel Zampogna. She wanted confirmation what residents are to do with their cardboard now they have the new recycling carts and the dumpsters at Antoline Park/Borough Building. She asking which is correct to use since the newsletter nor the website specify. Mr. Leone explained residents may put cardboard broken down in their carts for curbside pick-up but we encourage them also to use the dumpsters as those get picked up from the county and the Borough gets credit for the tonnage from those every year, which goes toward the recycling grant submitted every year. He said website will be updated and they will add it to the next newsletter to specify the given information.

Citizens: David Heim- 1032 Nimick Avenue, Monaca- Was in attendance to stress his concern about his yard waste and how he cannot dispose of it since he's unable to make it to the Road Garage during business hours. Mr. Leone said they are trying to remedy the problem since they are aware that some cannot make it during those times. As for now, he asked Mr. Heim to set his bags out tomorrow morning and the Public Works can come pick them up for him until the issue has been resolved. VP Shotter suggested utilizing the Mobile App and allowing residents to put yard waste work orders on there during the off season when the program is not being implemented, that way residents can get their bags picked up. Mr. Leone agreed and said they can also figure out a way to open gates on Saturdays for those who need to use the dumpster whether it be hiring an individual to do so or he explained Brighton Twps. program and how residents obtain ID cards to dump their waste, but of course comes at a cost. Mr. Leone suggested discussing this program at a workshop meeting

VP Shotter suggested getting on a regular schedule now with council meetings, perhaps biweekly so they won't have another lengthy meeting like this. President Booher agreed and said to at least meet twice a month.

Announcements: None

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to enter into Executive Session at 10:22pm for tax assessment appeal, a possible settlement and an issue involving the collective bargaining agreement with your union. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 10:51pm. Second by Mr. Blarrik. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 10:51pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 10:58p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary