

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2020 at 7:16pm

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. Blanakik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present (left the meeting at 7:21pm)	

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to approve the Regular Virtual Council Meeting Minutes from **June 9th, 2020**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Citations and Parking Tickets: **54**

Criminal Arrests: **21**

Call For Service: **398**

Total Miles patrolled: **3,459 miles**

Mayor Short was dismissed from the Zoom meeting after his report at: 7:21pm

Managers' Report: Mr. Leone had a couple items to discuss. He gave an overall report on the new trash collection that started Monday, July thirteenth. He said Monday was pretty smooth yet Tuesday got a little sticky with some of the downtown areas switching to Tuesday and/or alley collection. Overall he mentioned it was good and they should be able to rectify those issues this week. Next, he gave updates on the 17th Street project and Streetscape. Next he announced that he and Councilman Mitchell attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony on Saturday July 11th at Antoline Park. This was to honor Adin Bender with his badge for building the two Gaga Ball pits at the park and generously donating them to the Borough. It was a nice ceremony and great attendance. He congratulated Adin for his achievement and contributions to the community. He then stated he is going to Harrisburg that week to have a meeting with the Deputy Secretary of the DCED in regards to construction of the purposed new municipal complex. They are seeking approximately \$3million dollars for construction of that. Lastly, he gave council a recap of the current Public Works projects in town. Mr. LaPearle had some concerns about parking and the new automated pick-up in the downtown area. He and Mr. Leone discussed Atlantic Avenue, Indiana Avenue and the unique situation on those streets either Monday, Tuesday, alley or front collection. Mr. Leone gave clarity on those streets and said he and the route manager and the borough office are still working out the kinks to those unique roads. Mr. Majors also posed some concerns about the alley/front pick-ups on 16th Street which Mr. Leone explained and ended saying he will have to physically show her the map of all unique pickups.

Department Report – (WWTP June 2020 report on File)

Ordinance Review Committee Report- None.

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Blanakik had nothing to report.

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Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He stated he is still editing and reviewing the verbiage for the Street Maintenance and the Refuse & Recycling ordinances and will give all updates to Mr. Leone as soon as possible. He then explained a correspondence given to him regarding Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy proceedings. This is the company that manufactured, distributed and advertised the sale of Oxycodone all these years. They were sued for addicting many many people across the country. Due to this lawsuit, Purdue Pharma went into bankruptcy. He explained how municipalities are now involved in this legal matter and how they are being welcomed to make a claim and he explained what they would need to do so. Overall, Solicitor Urick suggested to council the best thing to do is to let it be. No questions were asked.

New Business:

1. Mr. Leone explained the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade to the Secondary Clarifiers that need put out to bid. Curt DiGiovine and Widmer Engineers put together a probable cost for this project and they are asking council's consideration to authorize Widmer to place this out for bid. Mr. Leone also confirmed there is sufficient funding in the WWTP's bond account to pay for this. Mr. Blanarik asked if the email council received was a rough estimate. Mr. Leone said based on other projects and going rates, this is basically an engineering estimate. If bids go out and the cost becomes several hundred thousand above what they want to spend, council can hold off and come back at a later time to rebid. Second, Mr. Blanarik asked if it's approved, what is the time frame to have it all fixed and completed. Mr. Leone said it would all spelled out in the bid specs and said he cannot give any certainty of specifics at that time. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to authorize the Borough to advertise to put the WWTP Secondary Clarifiers Out for Bid. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. (Street Maintenance Ordinance- Solicitor Urick gave the update in his report.)
3. (Garbage/Recycling Ordinance- Solicitor Urick gave the update in his report.)
4. Mr. Leone summarized a letter that was sent to council. He explained there is legislation in PA that prohibits municipalities in regulating "plastics" similar to the city of New York which prohibits the use of plastic straws in restaurants. He explained that is what this letter was seeking from the Borough if they would want to prohibit the use of plastics such as straws, utensils, in restaurants. Mr. Leone said we're advocating we would want the power to do so, but right now legislation does not allow them the ability and that is where council has to consider where they stand on it. President Booher asked Solicitor Urick's legal advice. Solicitor Urick said it's up to council if they want to do it or not want to do it. President Booher asked that this be put on the next agenda.
5. Lastly, President Booher reiterated the email council received pertaining to the Fire Merger and new municipal complex about a month ago. He wanted to make it clear that the agreement for the Pacific Avenue property is a separate agreement and will be handled at a later date. From here on out, he would like the Fire merger and new municipal complex to remain on the agenda to discuss until it has been resolved.

New/Old Business: None.

Announcements/Attachments: None

Citizens: 1.) Steve Skopinski-799 Anne Street, Monaca- was in attendance to ask council what their plan was to repair Anne Street. He said he has left work orders on the mobile app to have his potholes addressed yet nothing has been done yet and he has also filled holes with rocks himself here and there. President Booher said he will address the issue to the Road Foreman and see what they can do.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

