

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2020 at 7:11pm

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. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Simon D. Short; Mario N. Leone Jr., & Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

Communications: Mr. Leone announced upcoming cancelled events due to Covid-19 pandemic. Memorial Day parade on May 25th has been cancelled. The Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's annual Conference early June has also been cancelled. Lastly, due to the Beaver County Boom being cancelled on June 27th this year, he announced Recreation has also made the decision to cancel Monaca Community Days as well.

Minutes- Mr. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from the **March 10th, 2020**. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

V.P. Shotter **motioned** to approve **March 25th, 2020 Virtual Emergency Council Meeting Minutes**. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the Month of April 2020.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **9**
Criminal Arrests: **13**
Call For Service: **282**
Total Miles patrolled: **2,858 miles**

Mr. Leone paused and gave much appreciation to all those involved at the Borough during this pandemic. He says he applauds actions taken by Mayor and Council during this crisis being proactive with the Declaration of Emergency and council adopting it. Then he said on behalf of himself and the borough employees he stresses everyone's thanks to Council for implementing the social distancing for the Borough. Mr. Leone thanked the Police & Fire departments for all they have been doing in the community. He gave a special thanks to the Public works department as well for also being on the frontlines and working diligently to keep the water potable in the Borough. He then thanked the administrative employees and also Borough solicitor for working both at home and/or in the office under these conditions and keeping operations steady.

Managers' Report: He gave a recap of the **Penn Dot project** on 17th Street improvement project and said there will be an Agreement/Resolution that will be motioned later in the meeting in order for the project to move forward. He then touched base on the **2019 Road Paving program** and gave an update on the change order for council to consider for Walnut Street and he explained and gave the cost. Next, he recapped on the **Duquesne Light Meeting** for the Streetscape project which he sent council an email in regards to what's next. Mr. Michel asked a question about the previous funding and what it goes toward. Mr. Leone explained the first round was an analytical study. This one now is for the actual engineering/design of the project. He confirmed the monies the Borough puts forth now will go toward the cost of the project and some of the grant funding can also pay for this work. He then announced he is currently working on a **USDOT Build Grant** in the amount of \$5.96 million to submit on May eighteenth. The budgeted amount would get the borough the entire corridor from 4th Street to the 17th Street improvement, excluding the 9th Street round about. Lastly, he

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gave an update of current water department projects on Well 15. Mr. Michel asked how long 15 has been down. Mr. Leone said a year and a half. They pulled and cleaned it today and getting the assessment on it as well.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick had nothing to report.

Department Report – WWTP Superintendent Curt DiGiovine announced he had given the March and April reports to council prior to the meeting and they are on file. He confirmed the treatment plant was in compliance for both months.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report. Mayor Short asked VP Shotter what he thought about postponing the automatic pick-up from Waste Management since they do not have the Street Maintenance ordinance in place yet. VP Shotter deferred the question to Mr. Leone. Mr. Leone said he has been in contact with WM each week. He just met with them last Monday to check on some unique pick-ups they may not work due to stairs in front of the houses, not being able to bring them to the front yard. WM said they will remain alley pick-ups. He went over the streets. He said they will do pickups for odd addresses on Monday, Evens will be on Tuesdays, and the unusual ones will be drafted. Mr. Leone said WM said July 1st is achievable for them. He recommends they should still aim for July 1st to begin new pick-up and in early June if council doesn't have an ordinance adopted the borough will just have to postpone it month to month but this is up to council. Mayor Short said street signs/maintenance may be difficult due to restrictions and people still being stuck at home, not going to work, etc. Mr. Leone said that raises a good point. President Booher asked Secretary Brittany to add this topic to the next agenda.

Monaca Recreation Report-Mr. Blanakik confirmed on behalf of Recreation, Community Days is cancelled. Next item he would like to discuss is the youth YMCA Summer program. He has reached out to YMCA Director Mike Harich who mentioned possibly starting the program in July if the state lifts the restrictions on parks. Mr. Blanakik said council should discuss and decide at the next meeting if they still want to implement the program this year if parks open and so they are ready and prepared to sign the contract when the time comes. Mr. Michel asked if the YMCA can't do the full program this year, he'd like Mr. Blanakik to ask the Y if there is a way they can still provide the food for the children, similar to what the school has been doing, especially if the school quits when school has ended for the summer. Mr. Blanakik said he will ask.

New Business:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 4-20, extending payments & waving of penalties on Property Taxes. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 5-20, extending payments and waiving of penalties on Water/Sewer/Trash. Second by Mr. Rebich. Mr. Michel asked if the Borough was financially stable to make this decision on the bills. President Booher said yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** change order 2019 Road Paving Program to include Walnut Street from 14th Street to Speyer at a cost of \$22,445.00 (2 inch mill/ 2 inch wearing). Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Rebich **motioned** to approve COG 2020 Commodity Bid. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
5. V.P. Shotter **motioned** to authorize agreement with Penn Dot for 17th Street Intersection Improvement project. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

New/Old Business: President Booher asked each councilmember if they had any new or old topics to discuss. Mr. Michel asked about the new garbage contract and some concerned residents with bulk item pick-up. President Booher said dates are not determined yet and it will be discussed at a later meeting.

Announcements: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. Second by Mr. Rebich. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

