

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Workshop Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2020 at 7:04pm

The Work Shop 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. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanarik- absent
(vacant)	Mr. Michel- <i>present at 7:28pm</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; David L. Kramer, Jr.;

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: Steve Robison, owner of Robison Auto Body, 2400 Beaver Avenue, Monaca PA- was in attendance to seek council's direction and permission to build a 30 x 40 foot building across the street from his auto shop for the purpose to have his customers avoid crossing the 4 way highway to and from his workshop. He would like this building to particularly be only for drop offs and pick-ups. President Booher explained they have looked into this and went to the borough engineer on this. He explained due to the sewer line, they would need to locate the manhole and make sure the building sits 20 feet away. Steve asked if 20 feet would be away from the main or overhang. President Booher said the main. Mrs. Majors said she reviewed his plans and it didn't have a floor. Steve stated his plan is to pour a cement floor once the building is up. Mr. Wilson and VP Shotter asked about the exit and entrance and the fence being moved. He answered accordingly. Mr. Mitchell asked if the building would have electric & heat. Steve said yes since it's going to be an office also and to have a bathroom but he didn't want to get bids on water and people involved until he knows he can move forward. A sprinkler system was briefly discussed. VP Shotter suggested MDIA get involved to give more guidance on the sprinkler system and if one is needed. President Booher said Mr. Kramer will make sure he gets someone down there to locate the manhole for the sewer, Jared McKay to locate water and Nick Vorrias to get with MDIA for more details about water. Lastly, Mr. McLaughlin asked if the building would be a permanent structure. Steve said more than likely yes because the poles will be set into the ground. President Booher thanked Steve for attending the meeting and they will keep in touch. Steve mentioned his work hours and they could stop down during those times. He thanked everyone and left the meeting at 7:20pm.

-The second attendee, Mike Siegel was not able to attend. VP Shotter stepped in his place and asked if council had any questions in regards to the Fire Departments conducting a Structural Burn Session on November 14th at 4146 Brodhead Road in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Live Burn Policy. There were none.

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave an update on the flushing program and 9 hydrants that will be repaired. They had a meeting last week with LB Water in regards to the leak detection system. What the Borough has now is too out of date to repair. The best way to go is to replace the entire system. LB Water has not given a bid but they estimated around \$112 thousand dollars. He then touched base on the Beaver County Care grant (Covid) and Monaca will be granted \$134,958.68. President Booher gave a background and update of the leak detection system for the new council members. The choice a year ago was to either replace the batteries or replace the whole system. Doing the whole system seems like a lot but the system itself saves the Borough that much and more. There were no comments. Lastly, Mr. Kramer brought up the Rec Board's request to council. He said they had put an application in for the BC Care (Covid) Grant as well since small business/non-profits were able to, but were denied because they are not a 501C3. They had a loss of revenue funds this year of about \$5,000 due to Covid and asked if the borough would be willing to help with their loss. Mr. Wilson asked for a breakdown of their loss before they give anything. Mr. Kramer has that and will provide this spreadsheet to council.

>Mr. Michel entered the meeting via zoom at 7:28pm. VP Shotter added that Mr. Michel will not be permitted to vote on any motions due to being late to the virtual meeting.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. President Booher explained with the Public Works contract finally settled, the Borough normally has 4 operators amongst the employees and being that one just retired this year (Donny Kronk), there is an opening for this position. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve advertisement for Public Works Operator position. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
2. President Booher explained the zoning permit request sent by Colin Bickerstaff. He wants to go 6 ft behind his house and 6 ft on the side. Nick-NSO had already informed Colin he was not permitted due to the Ordinance and he had approved his permit for the normal 6ft/4ft. Colin then asked permission from the Borough to allow 6 ft both sides. Mr. Kramer and Nick had already explained to him he needed to show hardship of why he would need this size. Council received the letter from Colin explaining his hardship, reason being due to a bigger dog possibly could get in and attack his dog. President Booher said the Borough is only as strong as the ordinances and Nick's only able to do his job according to the Ordinance. President Booher said he does not see a hardship here. Mrs. Majors asked what the size of the dog that attacked. President Booher said there wasn't an attack, this is just-in-case. Mr. Wilson agreed with Nick that we need to make sure we follow along with the ordinance. But also explained there is a neighbor in that area with two huge dogs. He understands his concern for the dogs. But the ordinance stands. President Booher said if anything would happen down the road, it wouldn't be an issue for the borough but the owner would need to call the police or call Humane Society. President Booher reiterated in the thirteen years he's been on council, there has only been one time they had let someone go outside the ordinance for a fence which was a women who was handicap and explained. There were no further comments by council.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Solicitor Urick to participate in the mediation of the Oxendine Case and give him the authority to assist defense counsel in advancing a reasonable settlement offer in an effort to settle the case. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

President Booher went around the room for council's comments -Old/New Business

- Mr. Michel gave an update of his recent research on Duquesne Light Co. and Streetscape. He and Mr. LaPearle are concerned with why they cannot underground or incorporate relocating the poles for Streetscape project. They are looking for an alternative for relocating the poles. He spoke to Tony Sadaka and Solicitor Urick. Solicitor told him to call DLC, which he did and they were helpful. For council's sake, the only utility that has the right to dictate transmission mode of their service is DLC. His suggestion, if they could get communications to underground that could help streetscape. They would like to revisit the possibility of the electric underground.
- Mr. Wilson reiterated all the emails council had received from Angel (Antoline park employee) in regards to the park needs. He suggested the money that was collected this year from shelter rentals to be put toward those needs and fixing up the shelters. President Booher said a lot of what she's asking for is on Rec's budget requests for 2021. Mr. Kramer said Susan Polce also put those requests in the 2021 budget before Angel submitted those so he's aware of it. He's working on the budget now. He definitely agrees that they can be fixing up the park since they are renting it out from spring to early fall. There were no other comments.

Announcements: Mr. LaPearle read the following announcement: Leaf Collection pick up is every Monday until December 7th. Wednesday, November 11th, Borough Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day Saturday, November 14th The Monaca Fire Departments will be conducting a Structural Burn Session from 8:00am-4:00pm at 4146 Brodhead Road (the houses next to Herzogs trucking) in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Live Burn Policy. Back by Popular demand, the 2nd Annual Nutcracker Decorating Contest. Details and applications can be found on the Monaca CDC & Borough websites.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Shotter **motioned** to adjourn at 7:42pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary