

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 18th, 2020 at 7:00pm

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- absent	(vacant)
Mr. Mitchell- absent	Mr. Blanarik- present
(vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short (absent); Mario N. Leone, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Leone gave his report. Public works is on Elmira doing the waterline replacement, which he gave a brief update. Ohio River Trail and Monaca CDC are working on a Walking Map of the Borough, which is in its final phase before the brochure is released. Lastly, he received a call from MVAH. They did not get funding approved for tax credits for this round. They are still committed to the project and will submit another application for next round.

Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adopt Garbage Ordinance No. 968. Second by VP Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
2. VP Shotter **motion** to adopt Recycling Ordinance No. 969. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanarik **motion** to adopt Street Maintenance Ordinance No. 970. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Chief of Police Dave Piuri discussed purchasing a new police vehicle. He summed up his reasons being some vehicles are very old, one vehicle in particular, the Expedition, which will not pass inspection this Fall per Fleet Services. This car is used currently by the Police School Resource officer. As discussed before in the recent budget, he mentioned if he could fill the SRO position with two part-time police officers he would need a new vehicle. He said as of now, they have to be way under budget due to the pandemic and courts being closed for several months. He put in the proposal for a new vehicle. He would take the current police vehicle Crown Victoria, and pass it on to the SRO and use the new vehicle for regular rotation for patrol. Mr. Blanarik asked the year of the Expedition. Chief said he a 2006. Mr. Blanarik asked what they would do with the old. Chief said they would sell it or put it out for bid, but it's not going to pass inspection. He and Mr. Blanarik compared prices of new and last two vehicles purchased. Chief explained equipment inside makes the difference. VP Shotter asked for Treasurer Dave Kramer to put together the current PNL or incoming/outgoing report just to show how underspent they are and what they can budget for. President Booher asked Brittany to keep this on the agenda until they make a final decision.
5. President Booher let it be known that the request from a Monaca resident for the Beaver County Transit Authority to be in the heights does not pertain to the Borough and the Borough would not have a say in this. He said it would be up to the BCTA to do so. VP Shotter said at this point they don't take any action unless the BCTA reaches out to them on the matter.
6. VP Shotter said until Solicitor Urick and Kim Houser get in touch, there will be no further Fire Dept. Merger updates since no one has notes from the meeting that was held last year.

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7. Mr. Leone brought up the current Streetscape proposal from SGA which he forwarded to council that day. This is for the redesign for streetscape between 4th and 13th which their cost is not to exceed \$200k. Mr. LaPearle asked for a rundown of each phase/cost. Mr. Leone said first phase was not feasible; DLC said no to underground so the borough made a compromise to consolidate clean up to one side. He explained every time a new idea is given there is a whole process which changes the whole scope of the corridor. Mr. LaPearle asked if they are further along financially with the clean up to one side to make some short-term sense to pressure DLC again or, did they get a final from DLC. He then asked if they could force DLC to do the clean-up. Mr. Leone said based on language in the last contract, DLC does not have an interest in doing the work. Solicitor Urick reiterated his thoughts and said he drew the impression they do not want to do this based on the wording. President Booher reiterated that SGA agrees with the Solicitor. President Booher asked about the funding, Mr. Leone confirmed \$1.5 million is solely for construction purposes, no engineering dollars can come of that. They have the \$500,000 from CFA multimodal grant that a portion of this can come from that. VP Shotter asked Treasurer Dave Kramer if he could ask SGA what their total estimated cost of this project will be since they will be paving, and adding the \$200K. He also asked to send council information on work order #3 which references this conversation. Mr. Michel asked question about the first undergrounding cost at \$20,000. Mr. Leone said there were different costs to each phase. He said \$37K was for subcontractor Baker Engineering for electrical review of the corridor, which they spent about \$400k for engineering total. Mr. Wilson referenced the email sent to council and asked questions about the drawings. Mr. Leone said there was never drawings of electric being moved. He said the original vision was to underground the entire corridor. Because that way wasn't feasible, they moved to the next phase. Mr. Wilson summed up each phase and cost, understanding each drawing is about \$200k. He then asked in regards to the phase 3, can SGA draw what they can afford only. Second, he asked if the grant monies of \$400k and the borough \$100k match could be used for the new drawing. Mr. Leone said no, it cannot be used for the old work and he will pass on info to SGA about phase 3 drawing to stay within their means. Mr. Michel asked about third phase drawings and if they have to spend \$200k every time they need a new drawing. Mr. Leone said due to the engineering they have to do the whole drawing over. They have a base but there are a lot of modifications to be made including the engineering that is involved. The engineering is different with each phase. VP Shotter suggested to ask SGA for a red line copy of what the proposed changes will involve such as items to be changed including the costs involved for each. VP Shotter referenced an email sent back in February 2020 about the \$1.5 million funding at which \$700k would be used for sidewalks, but he asked what they could do with the other \$800k. Mr. Leone said there has been some movement that it could potentially pay for streetscape lighting which they would need a letter from consultants stating the reasons. VP Shotter asked if he could get the costs for lighting. Mr. LaPearle asked once more, what the \$1.5million grant could be used for. Mr. Leone reiterated ADA improvements and explained. Mr. LaPearle asked can it be used on any sidewalk in the borough. Mr. Leone said it can only be used between 4th and 17th Street which cannot be changed or altered. Mr. LaPearle said the money is becoming problematic in trying to spend it wisely in the way they want to, so he suggests due to their investment, if there is some ability to spend what they can while still aggressively seeking the DLC solution that they want, then that should be something to consider. President Booher said there is a possibility to just do sidewalks. VP Shotter said the budget amount of \$700k was for sidewalk costs with the granite, so if they would consider using concrete or other material, they could potentially use even less of the \$1.5 million. He asked, do they have enough qualifying expenses, since it needs to be ADA related. Mr. LaPearle said he would hate to give up the long term goal, do the sidewalks, and completely abandon all the effort they put in toward the main goal. He suggests that they still chip away at the goal while still getting something out of the \$1.5 million, even if its half or using 700k. Mr. Michel agreed in not giving up the main idea. President Booher asked Solicitor Urick if they can force DLC to abide by the electric Monaca wants. Solicitor said no since they probably already established the right of ways. Mr. LaPearle said they should continue to pursue the clean up to one side and later asked if they responded yet to DLC's contract. Mr. Leone said he informed them that council is reconsidering and seeking other options. President Booher wants council to ponder this discussion and further discuss it at the next meeting. He also suggested Solicitor Urick to draft a letter to DLC stating the Borough's dismay and the

contract wasn't fair, and whatever else he needs to put in there and for all of council to sign. Solicitor said he would do so.

Announcements: President Booher read the announcement: Monaca CDC will host its 3rd Friday Concert Series at the Plaza September 4th beginning at 6pm, featuring Charlie Barath. He reiterated to please be courteous to the vendors and wear your masks.

Executive Session: VP Shotter motioned to go in to Executive Session under Personnel & Contractual at 8:06pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of August 18th, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of August 25th, 2020 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. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary

