

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Telecommunications via Zoom Application**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:06pm**

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- present
(vacant)	Mr. Michel- <b>absent</b>
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:** Chief Piuri and Sgt. Greg Nicol were in attendance to report to council about the K-9 Program and answer any questions regarding the program. Sadly, he reported on November 18<sup>th</sup> the police department said good-bye to Kazan. He said Kazan was the first K-9 in the history of the Monaca Police department. The program began almost 9 years ago with Sgt Greg Nicol. He went on explaining how successful the program has been and how beneficial the program will be in the future if it were to continue. Chief Piuri recognized Kazan for all his achievements, rescues and heroic actions as a police K-9 for the past nine years and gave remarkable examples of his work. He stressed his deep appreciation to the public and also to council members for their generous contributions toward the K-9 fund to keep it going. He then reiterated Sgt. Nicols knowledge of the program moving forward and asked council's blessings to continue the K-9 program.

President Booher asked Sgt Nicol if this was something he wanted to do. Sgt Nicol responded yes that he did. VP Shotter said decisions won't be made in this meeting and suggested they would need to discuss further in Executive. Council discussed dollar amount to start program up again. Chief mentioned the Police Department is currently receiving donations to continue the program which their goal is \$25k to give a cushion. Mrs. Majors gave her dearest condolences for the loss of Kazan and thanked them for all the hard work and dedication put toward the program. Chief and Sgt. Nicol thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 7:31pm.

**Manager's Update:** Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first touched base on the meeting had recently had with Urban Engineers. He said SGA and Urban Eng. need to coordinate to make sure the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project and the Streetscape project fall together as one on timelines and what not. Next, he shared his screen of Gabby's list of delinquent water bills (no names were given on the list). The list provided a dollar amount of Residential, Commercial and Industrial amount that was still owed from outstanding past due water bills. She is sending out a letter to remind those that these will need paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. He reiterated Virginia DiBacco, tax collector, is in the same predicament and asking for some direction with unpaid taxes. They have until April 2021 before penalty begins. Mr. Kramer moved on and discussed the laborers position. There were no applicants and the post has been closed. He did receive an application from part time employee Tom Nardilli on Tuesday followed by a letter of recommendation by Road Foreman Jake Iorio. President Booher suggested this go on next week's agenda to hire Tom as he is a great employee and so his insurance and whatnot gets set up for the New Year. Mr. Kramer also mentioned a letter of recommendation was given to him from Jake Iorio, Road Foreman that will also be added to next week's agenda. Council asked some questions about the Delinquent bills.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Kramer on the SGA calls he's been doing monthly, is the Borough getting billed for that, is it an additional pay, or is it included in the pay. Mr. Kramer said he will look into that. Mr. Wilson also added a comment in regards to the delinquent bills. He suggests council should look deeper into the list and added his input about landlords and that they are more than likely still receiving rent, which should be going toward a bill. Mr. LaPearle asked are these backlog accrued since March. Pres. Booher said this list has been created since the pandemic started. Mr. LaPearle second what Mr. Wilson stated that some of these or a lot of these properties are broken down by rentals and renters and they are accruing money, he thinks they could get a little tougher with getting the money for these bills. But he states,

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how they go about that, he does not know. Mr. Wilson believes this is from the last two quarters. This was discussed further. VP Shotter said overall, these are people we are dealing with through a pandemic and they should not consider shutting water off and instead possibly setting up payment plans.

**New Business/Items to Discuss:** There was no new business to discuss.

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

He first announced, due to the proposed Budget ordinance getting passed for advertisement on November 25<sup>th</sup>, they must wait 30 days to adopt it. Goal is to not have a meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> or twenty second in December, and to advertise to have it December 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> whichever day a quorum is available. This way they can get the budget passed this year. He also announced no tax increase for next year for real estate or fire tax, therefore the ordinances will not need advertised and the resolutions will get passed next meeting.

Mrs. Majors stressed some concerns with garbage pick-up in the downtown area. Mr. Kramer said he will personally reach out to Waste Management.

VP Shotter also mentioned he's working on a proclamation for CV Warriors football team winning the state championship. He will work with Mr. Kramer on this and present it at an upcoming council meeting.

Mayor Short lastly brought up a few people had relayed some concern for the businesses on Bechtel Street and the parking situation. They have a lot of elderly customers that have to park across the street and walk across the busy road. And due to the new parking signs and times, this is causing some issues. Council briefly discussed.

**Announcements:** Mayor Short read the following announcement: December 7<sup>th</sup> is the last week for Leaf bag collection. Santa Cops Program has begun. Donations and Nominations can be submitted to the Borough office during normal business hours. There is a table set up in the lobby to drop off your donation(s). The second Annual Nutcracker Decorating Contest is now underway. You may now vote at the Monaca CDC Facebook page. Winners will be announced Christmas Eve. The Borough office will be closed for the holidays Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January first. Lastly, Mayor added congratulations to Central Valley Warriors for winning the State Championship!

**Executive Session:** Mr. Blarrik **motioned** to go in to Executive Session under Personnel at 8:01pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 was continued to the next regular meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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