

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual & In Person
Workshop Meeting Minutes
January 3rd, 2023 at 7:00pm

The Council Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time in person & virtually via Zoom application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present
Mr. Mitchell-present
Mr. J. Wilson-present
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. D. Wilson-**absent**

Mr. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. Michel- *present virtually*
Vice President Shoter- **absent**
President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave a Penn Dot meeting update that was held in December with borough engineers, Urban Engineers and himself to discuss the waterline project going toward 17th Street and discuss options. PennDot said if it was the only option to do the waterline under the roundabout, then they will have to do so. As of right now, the engineers are sharing CAD drawings of all utilities in that area. All are not one hundred percent sure which way they are going to go. Mr. Kramer said he still has upcoming meetings scheduled with Stoelzle and CVS for upcoming projects. Mr. Kramer then brought up the fence at the WWTP and where they stand. He said in talking with Tony they should be able to get something there soon. Looking forward, he appreciated the monthly engineer meetings they have had throughout the year and he would like these to continue in the new year as well. They came up with a lot of good ideas and got a lot out of them. He continued to add he did submit the two grants, one for 9th Street storm sewer separation, which is an 80% grant, out of pocket pay maybe \$46,000. And the second being the transmission line, which is a 50-50, off the top of his head about \$45,000. He's hoping to get a hold of more money this year toward the projects. He gave a quick update of water breaks over the holidays. Walnut and Bechtel Street had water breaks on Christmas Day. The guys were out there from 8am and finished up around 6pm. Pres. Booher said the workers were Erik, Rags, Mike Lucci and Mason who all worked hard out in the cold to get the breaks repaired. Mr. Kramer and Pres. Booher thanked them for their work, especially in the freezing cold weather. Lastly, he stated Monaca CDC did get some good news and he passed it off to Mrs. Majors. Mrs. Majors then announced they had a great holiday. She had been notified from the State from Keystone that Monaca CDC is being awarded \$45,000.00, which they had requested \$50,000.00. This had been announced by Representative Matzie and it's for the façade grant program. Pres. Booher said aside from the \$50,000 from the borough, the CDC now has a total of \$95,000. She also wanted to thank Dave for helping with the submittal of the grant as she ran into some technical trouble the night before it was due. Mr. Kramer said Rep Matzie did reach out and overall it was all good news. He then discussed the LSA grant and when grants will be announced this year. Mrs. Majors brought up the CDC funds available and plans for the future and how to allocate those funds within the borough's core commercial and so on. Council discussed briefly.

Items to Discuss:

1. Pres. Booher said the following motion is preventative maintenance on the street sweeper in the amount of \$12,959.09. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve quote from A&H Equipment for maintenance on the Street Sweeper in the total amount of \$12,959.09. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to re-appoint Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc. as borough building inspector for year 2023. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to re-appoint Michael J. Groves from A G-Squared LLC as Sewage Enforcement Officer for year 2023. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Michel **motioned to** reappoint Jeff McKay as EMA Coordinator for year 2023. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint Nick Vorrias as Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer, for year 2023. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to reappoint Nick Vorrias as Local Health Officer for year 2023. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to reappoint Simon Short to Civil Service Commission with a 6-year term ending December 31st, 2028. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to reappoint Thomas Ely to Vacancy Board, with a 1-year term ending December 31st, 2023. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to reappoint Jack Skrlac to Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31st, 2025. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Police Pension Committee**
 - a. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint John Booher, Jr. to Police Pension Committee for the year 2023. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint Christopher Shotter, Jr. to Police Pension Committee for the year 2023. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to reappoint Derek Wilson to Police Pension Committee for the year 2023. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Mrs. Majors. **motioned** to reappoint Justin LaPearle to Police Pension Committee for the year 2023. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to appoint Jeff McConnell to Police Pension Committee for the year 2023. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **Library Board:**
 - a. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to accept resignation from Mark Giannetti from the Library Board. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint Pam Ronska to Library Board, with a two-year term ending December 31st, 2024. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint Greg Garlitz to Library Board, with a two-year term ending December 31st, 2024. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to reappoint Gretchen Harich to Library Board, with a two-year term ending December 31st, 2024. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Recreation Board:**
 - a. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to reappoint Susan Polce to Recreation Board, with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to accept resignation from Kelly Burgoss-Harper for the Recreation Board, with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to appoint Don Ambross to Recreation Board with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to accept resignation from Amy Siegel for the Recreation Board, with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to reappoint Judy Scassa to Recreation Board with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to reappoint Jodi Pavlinch to Recreation Board with a 4-year term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel asked Mr. Kramer about Blaine Road and if they filled in the spots by the curbs yet. Mr. Kramer said they had

Announcements: Mayor Antoline read the announcements: Happy New Year! Christmas tree recycling has begun. Residents are to place bare Christmas trees at their front curb & to call the Borough office to schedule pick-up.

Executive Session: Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Personnel at 7:24pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:48pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:49pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:49p.m. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary