

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm**

The Budget and 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**

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| Mrs. Majors- present         | Mr. Colville- present                 |
| Mr. Mitchell- <b>presnet</b> | Mr. Yothers- present                  |
| Mr. J. Wilson- present       | Mr. Michel- <i>present virtually</i>  |
| Mr. LaPearle- present        | Vice President Shotter- <b>absent</b> |
| Mr. Wilson- present          | President Booher- present             |
| Mayor Antoline- present      |                                       |

**Others Present**

Dave L. Kramer, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq.

**Engineers Report:** Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report.

**Visitors:** None.

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Manager Report-** Mr. Kramer gave his report for the following items:

**1. Bridge letter-** Mr. Kramer announced a letter he received from Swank Construction regarding bridge work to begin this year. He said there will be a 67 day traffic detour, he explains this is detail. He will make sure a notification will be sent out to the public closer to that date, which work is to begin June fourth. Council discussed more about the shut-down of the bridge.

**2. Youth CV Softball Field Upgrades-** he explained how he has teamed up with CV Youth Softball League and then happily announced they were approved for a grant in the amount of \$74,000 for softball field upgrades. Next, this contract will go to Mayor and Pres. Booher to sign.

**3. Grants-** he submitted RACP grant in the amount of 4.4million dollars. The Borough did already receive letters of support from the local representatives. Next, there is a Multipurpose facilities grant that just opened up and the Borough will be applying for the full \$2million dollars, April 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Another grant is the one from Shell called the Environmental Mitigation fund. He states he will be applying for \$130,000 toward Antoline park upgrades. DCNR Grant- he will need to talk with Tony to get a dollar amount and a set of plans for Antoline park. This one is due mid April as well. Lastly, he will need to talk with Widmer about PennVest loans for waterline replacements for some of the roads the borough can't handle in house alone.

**4. SRO-** Mr. Kramer said he talked with Dr. Perry at Central Valley today regarding the SRO reimbursement grant. The borough already gets reimbursed sixty percent for the SRO and this grant is to fully reimburse the borough. He states the school will help get the paperwork together to finish this grant application.

**5. Streetscape-** this is out to bid and was advertised. The pre-bid meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>, bids to be opened end of the month. Mayor asked the timeframe of Streetscape and what would happen with detour from the bridge. Mr. Kramer answered accordingly and said he will keep residents up to date on all detours to happen.

**6. Meeting updates-** Met with Nick Perry that week to discuss mutually owned properties in the borough. There is talk to bring Washington Avenue properties back to life and 15<sup>th</sup> Street playground. He will discuss this further once he knows more and who owns what properties. He has a meeting with the new Waste Management Rep this Thursday to meet her. This is the last year for the contract and this will need discussed as well. The Engineers meeting is this Friday.

**7. St Patrick's Day Parade-** Monaca Brewery interested in doing a parade for St. Patrick's Day. They have lined up the vendors and requested if the borough can get the permits for the parade and if they can use Borough parking lot just like Hometown Christmas. He doesn't have a problem with that. The more community events, the better.

**8. Water Breaks:** He next updated council on all the water breaks that have happened the last 2 weeks. He thanked all Borough workers for their countless hours worked on the breaks and snow plowing. He said Jared had reported that fortunately, every single water break was easily located using the new leak detection system.

**9. Walnut Street:** He said he is working with Solicitor Urick and Nick on this noise issue that was brought up from a resident in the last council meeting.

**10. 2024 Paving Program-** Youngblood Paving will be coming back to pave a few roads leftover from last year that they didn't get to finish. He would like to get something out to bid sooner than later for the paving program this year. He asked council to please get a list of roads together.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave his report.

**Executive Session:** Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Real Estate, Legal & Personnel at 7:24pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 8:06pm. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colville **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:06pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve IBIS quote in the amount of \$24,778.00 to outfit 2023 Ford police vehicle. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Mr. Kramer said this vehicle has already been approved by council, he is now in the process of getting a lease set up. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve 2024 YMCA Contract for Summer Recreation Program, in the amount of \$6,400.00.> June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mon-Fri, 10AM-2PM. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Mr. D. Wilson asked what the difference is in price from last year's contract. Mr. Kramer said \$800 difference. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to purchase parcel #35-004-0102.000, 1124 Pacific Ave in the amount of \$59,000.00. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Agreement between Borough of Monaca and Monaca Police Officers Association. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Colville **motioned** to hire Andrew Golletti as full-time police officer pending, he passes all necessary tests. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve quote #011734 from A&H Equipment for Street Sweeper repair in the amount of \$9,490.11. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve quote #011735 from A&H Equipment for Street Sweeper repair in the amount of \$13,224.44. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Kramer brought up the WWTP fence that has, once again, been struck by a vehicle in a recent car accident in December. Curt found two options and council was provided with the quotes. One is to repair the portion of the fence for \$1,699.00 or to replace the entire fence with a chain link fence in the amount of \$12,119.00. Mr. Kramer explained insurance has been paying for the repairs to this fence for every incident. Council discussed options and liability if they would change out to chain link fence or barrier of some sort. Mr. Colville said let the insurance pay for the repair this time. Pres. Booher agreed and said they will have to investigate asking Penn Dot for their recommendation and what would be a good replacement for the future.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary