

MONACA BOROUGH
Budget/Council Meeting Minutes
October 25th, 2022 at 6:20pm

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

Mrs. Majors- <i>present @ 6:29pm</i>	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson- present	Mr. Michel- <i>virtually present @ 7:02pm</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. Wilson- <i>present @ 6:48pm</i>	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- <i>present @ 6:49pm</i>	

Others Present

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

2023 BUDGET MEETING Pres. Booher reiterated to the newer council members to not hesitate to ask questions during this portion of the meeting. Mr. Kramer discussed the upcoming 2023 budget and compared this budget to the last few years' budget. Mr. Kramer provided a budget packet for council to review. The packet included the general, water and sewer funds and the proposed monies available for next year. He explained the requests and wish list items from each department. Council discussed. Mr. Kramer announced changes will be made on the proposed budget due to incomplete tax information, which he will receive from Virginia, tax collector, this week. After much was discussed, Pres. Booher stated the budget meeting will continue to the next regular council meeting upon updates by Mr. Kramer. The Budget meeting ending at 6:50pm. The regular council meeting followed.

Engineers Report: Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka was absent so there was no engineers report.

Visitors: None

Minutes- Mrs. Majors **motioned** approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 11th, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave a quick update. The Borough will close on Jackson Avenue property to buyer Kellar this Thursday, October 27th at 11:00am, Borough building. He had nothing further to report.

Communications: Pres. Booher congratulated Coach Dave Kramer and the Central Valley middle school football team for winning the championship game against Aliquippa this month.

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer thanked Pres. Booher for the recognition. He announced the Fall flushing program in the borough was completed that day. The notice went out to residents via push, mobile app & borough website. Last Thursday, well sixteens' motor went out. Thankfully they had the extra parts on hand to fix it and it was up and running in less than 24hours. Ohio Drilling is looking deeper into this to see what's causing the motor to have this reoccurring episode. Council discussed the motors' recent activity. Mr. Kramer thanked those who have recently attended the monthly engineer's committee meeting. He explained due to the committee's suggestion for ordering back-ups, they had enough parts to fix this and will be ordering again to fill the shelves as urged by the committee. Mr. Kramer explained they will continue to order parts for 2023 projects including the new chlorination system and 17th Street roundabout. Mr. Kramer announced the visit they had that day with Senator Casey. After a walk around town, the Senator came to Washington Plaza for a press conference which included speakers Beaver County Commissioner Tony Amadio; and PennDOT District Executive for Engineering District 11, Cheryl Moon-Sirianni. The conference was in celebration of the \$750,000 dollars in Monaca Streetscape funding that Senator Casey supported in the Senate Appropriations Bill. Mr. Kramer wanted to personally thank the Kopsac brothers Mark and Nate for opening their store and showing Senator Casey the Moped's shop as they did the walk through in town. He explained it was great to get recognition as to what is going on in the town and the progress the borough is making overall. Mr. Kramer was happy to announce the Streetscape project is finally underway. Pres. Booher said Sen. Casey reiterated he wanted to come back next year to see the finished project as well and it was a good visit over-all. Mr. Kramer said he also did a 20-minute phone interview with KDKA that day. Mrs. Majors commented on the Press conference as she was in attendance and said how neat that Senator Casey recognized Monaca as hard working for what they want, and never asking for handouts. She said she was proud to be a

Monaca resident in that moment. Mr. Kramer also acknowledged Pres. John Booher Jr. who has served on council and has fought for streetscape for the past 15 years. Mr. Kramer then explained he is getting calls from Penn Dot to have the borough fix the holes on the main corridor. It's too big of a project for the borough to do. When Youngblood comes back in for the paving program, he said it may be something they ask them to do as an add on. Pres. Booher went over the timeline of the streetscape project and overall they are waiting on Penn Dot now to approve permits so the borough can get this out to bid. He explained they are in a tough spot right now, and as of now, just trying to get an "add on" to the paving program with Youngblood to do some of this extra work and see what it will cost. This will come out of the streetscape money if they do proceed. Mayor asked how much work and if the borough could do some here and there. Mr. Kramer said there are about 90 patches that need done on Pennsylvania Avenue. Council discussed patching and what they can do, moving forward.

New Business:

1. Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Superintendent, commented he's been asking for the following for ten years and they are needed at the WWTP. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve quote from MultiMetal Inc. in the amount of \$16,875.00 to install 2 aluminum floor access hatches, located at the WWTP. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility for the PA Avenue Waterline Project for Round About in the amount of \$61,845.30. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mrs. Majors read the announcements: Leaf pick-up scheduled Every Monday from October 3rd through December 5th. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office. Saturday, October 29th is the Monster Mash Mad Dash at Antoline Park. She asked the time. Mayor Antoline reiterated the walk begins at 8:30am and 9:30am is the run. Monday, October 31st, Trick or Treat in the borough from 6-8pm. Election Day Tuesday, November 8th / Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November ninth. Friday, November 11th Borough Office will be closed for Veterans Day

Executive Session: Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to go into Executive Session under personnel at 7:18pm. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary