

**MONACA
BOROUGH**
Virtual
Council Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Council Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time virtually via Zoom 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- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shorter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.-present, Rich Urick, Esq. (present at 7:22pm)

Visitors: **President Booher announced** Dennis Houser will not be attending. He put in his request after the zoning change so council will not have to vote on it. His proposal will be kicked back to the office for approval.

Communications: None

Minutes: Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of November 10", 2021. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michel **motioned to Workshop Meeting Minutes** of November 16\ 2021. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of December 7", 2021. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Michel asked if anything outstanding for Penn Ave project in the future. President Booher said yes they still haven't turned in last bill yet and still work to do. Mr. Michel said ok. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his last report.

Month of November 2021

Citations and Parking Tickets: **141**

Criminal Arrests: **21**

Calls for Service: **519**

Total Miles patrolled: **4,125 miles**

President Booher said this is Mayors last "Mayors Report" and he's done an awesome job. Mayor Short said he appreciates it and appreciates the time that he had as Mayor.

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He reviewed Phase I and Phase 2 that Young Blood Paving is going down Pennsylvania Avenue. There are still things they need to finish up. Well 16 was down today. He was down the pumphouse today checking on the progress. It was flushed and will be back up by early morning tomorrow. He met with SGA and Widmer today on Zoom to get everyone on same page for the stormwater sewer separation and the streetscape plan. Widmer getting a plan together for 11th Street. Will submit plan to PennDot in January for sidewalks and lighting/final paving. Planning for late spring 2022. Lastly, he got a call today from a CV teacher requesting to have a parade down the main street for CV football team to celebrate winning PIAA State Championship this weekend. Mr. Kramer told them it's a process with Penn Dot and the timing is rough. Council discussed a later date. Mr. Kramer lastly congratulated the CV Warriors football team for winning the state Championship for the second time.

VP Shoter quickly asked Solicitor Urick if they can go into Executive tonight knowing they cannot adjourn (virtually) and knowing they won't meet again until the reorganization meeting, hence where they will be a different body. Solicitor

Urick said no they will not be to go into Executive tonight due to reorganizing come next meeting, January third.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He prepared and sent down consideration the ordinance setting new rate for water/sewer and mechanical device. He mentioned in the first regular meeting in January council will also consider ordinance to raise the fee for the water/sewer rental deposit. Also, the first Monday in January, for any newly elected and any repeat elected, they must be sworn in and must present affidavit of residence. He's in process of tweaking policy for Covid/testing/vaccination. Pres. Booher added those being sworn in at the reorganization meeting will be in attendance and can invite family members for pictures, January 3rd at 6:00pm. This meeting will also be virtual.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Blanakik said they will not be meeting again until early next year since not a whole lot going on until Easter. He gave a recap of Hometown Christmas celebration and thanked all those involved for the success. Pres. Booher thanked Mr. B for representing council on Recreation. He then took a moment to say it was an honor serving on council. He mentioned the wide variety of personalities works. He wished all good luck in the coming years. Council thanked Mr. B for his time and service on Council.

Department Report - Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was not able to attend, he was having technical difficulties month of November 2021.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle said they did not meet. He mentioned at the beginning of the year he should have something for the board.

New Business:

1. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to adopt 2022 General Budget. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Michel **motioned** to adopt 2022 Water Budget. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt 2022 Sewer Budget. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 8-21 --Real Estate Tax. (No tax increase). Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 9-21 --Fire Tax (no tax increase). Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 981 --Water Rate. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 982 --Sewer Rate. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
8. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 983 --Mechanical Devices. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
9. VP Shotter **motioned** to table Ordinance for Water & Sewer Rental Deposit/Contract to next meeting. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher said to Solicitor they are still waiting on Sewer/Water Tap in rates as well.
10. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to adopt Resolution --Police Pension Plan. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Mr. Blanakik asked that the Police will not be putting in their own contribution under this Resolution. Solicitor Urick explained they have not been required to contribute to their pension plan and he explained why they have the option. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Old/New Business: Mr. McLaughlin had a couple residents ask if there is a plan to open borough office. Pres Booher said they had scheduled for Zoom meetings all next year, so they will see how this new variant plays out and as for now, the borough remains closed to the public. Mr. Kramer made it known if someone needs to talk to anyone at the borough, they may make an appointment, he said they do see people if need be. Mr. Michel thanked Mr. Blanakik for his service, and they will be missed. He also thanked Mayor Short for his contributions and time spent and he will miss him as well.

Solicitor Urick told Mr. Blanarik and Mayor Short that it has been a pleasure and they had both served honorably. Good luck to both and he wished them a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Majors thanked Mr. Blanarik for the friendship they formed while on council. And she thanked Mayor Short for all he has done and working with him. She thanked all the councilman's wives for donating cookies for the Hometown Christmas. They raised over \$1000 for Santa Cops.

Jake Iorio, Road foreman, thanked Mr. B and Mayor Short for their work, and that it was a privilege working under them. Mr. Wilson wanted to thank all the councilman's wives for putting up with all the meetings their husbands attend, and time spent at borough events and helping with these as well.

Pres. Booher lastly thanked Mr. Blanarik and Mayor Short for their service. He got to know both so well and gained two great friends these last couple years. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcements: He added that they cannot forget it is "Leo Crawford Day" today in the Borough. December 24th and 27th, Borough office Closed for Christmas Holiday. January 3rd Borough office Closed for New Year Holiday. January 3", Reorganization Meeting will be held at the borough building at 6PM. He once more thanked everyone again and it has been an honor serving as Mayor over the years.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. Second by Mr. Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary