

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
December 5th, 2023 at 7:00pm
Virtual and In Person

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. Colville-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- asbent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: Shane Fabian, 1120 Atlantic Avenue, was in attendance to answer any further questions council may have regarding his fence variance request previously discussed. Mrs. Majors began by asking for clarification on the fence. Shane said the six-foot fence would be going on the side. The dog is a mastiff and insurance is requesting a six foot fence due to become a therapy dog and to keep people out so the dog can do its therapy lessons. He said his daughter is also epileptic. Shane also reiterated his dog is not dangerous in any way. VP Shotter asked for clarification regarding the insurance and said the insurance company is requesting it to minimize their reliability. Pres. Booher confirmed fences are the only item that does not go to the variance board, so this is up to borough council to decide tonight. Pres. Booher asked Shane if the back door is usable, why does the fence need to go all the way to the back of the house. Shane explained they have minimal space, and a porch back there and further explained his reason. Shane continued to answer questions as council discussed. Mr. LaPearle said they shouldn't prolong this any further and plan. After much was analyzed, Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Shane Fabians' fence variance request for 1120 Atlantic Avenue, six-foot fence to the side door. Second by Mr. Yothers. **Motion carried 7-1, Shotter-NO.** VP Shotter commented and asked Mr. Kramer to add to the next workshop meeting discussion on fence variances.

List Of Attendees: None

Managers' Update: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He gave many "thank you's" and praise to all those who made Hometown Christmas happen on Saturday. It did take a lot of people to make this happen. He thanked Gabby, the office, Monaca Rec & CDC, Fire Department, all the helpers and public works guys. It was a very nice event and lucked out finally with the weather. One comment, due to the heavy flow of people, Mr. Kramer said they might have to work on shutting down Pennsylvania Avenue for the event, and not just the parade. Mayor Antoline also added his thanks to everyone for the awesome event. Mr. Kramer said anyone who saw Santa walked out with a present from Santa and a gift bag from Recreation. It was awesome. Moving on, he announced Reorganization meeting will be held January 2nd since the first Monday of the year is the holiday. Streetscape design work was discussed with a call with SGA yesterday. He went over some of the deducts that SGA is proposing, which he said he must give them some feedback. He is rewording bid package, hoping to get this for February second. Council discussed the deducts and the changes they would like to see, moving forward. Mr. Kramer said he will keep council posted as news comes in. Moving on, he announced they received the new dump truck. Pres. Boohe said it was delivered on Wednesday. Mr. Kramer said also, in the past the borough has purchased police vehicles off Mt. Lebanon. They let Mr. Kramer know they have a 2019 available with a new engine and transmission and only 2,000 miles. Mayor suggested they shouldn't keep adding cars every time they hire a new police officer. Mr. Kramer didn't disagree; he was just throwing the information out there. Pres. Booher said NSO car is starting to go and to keep that on their radar. Mr. Kramer had nothing further to report.

Items to Discuss/Motion:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to reject all bids for Monaca Borough Streetscape Project. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 990 – initial real estate tax. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 991 -initial fire tax. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Colville **motioned** to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Notice of 2024 meetings. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to terminate employee #121, effective immediately. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to hire Jason Miller for full-time Sewer Laborer, with a starting rate of \$18.37/hr, pending he passes a physical and drug screening test. Second by Mr. Motion carried unanimously. VP Shotter asked if that was the tier rate. Mr. Kramer said yes.
7. *(this item was motioned earlier in the meeting) Motion to approve Shane Fabian fence variance request for 1120 Atlantic Avenue.*

New/Old Business: Pres. Booher went around the room asking if anyone had any new or old business to discuss. There were no comments.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline read the following announcements: December 15th- Monaca Borough Ugly Sweater Christmas Party- 5PM, CJ Mangin Gymnasium and to please RSVP to Britt or Gab. Monday, December 25th & Tues. Dec. 26th, Borough office will be closed for Christmas. Christmas week, garbage & recycling collection will take place Tuesday and Wednesday that week. Monday, January 1st, Borough office Closed for New Year Holiday. Tuesday, January 2nd, Borough Council Reorganization Meeting will take place at 6PM. New Years Week, Garbage collection will take place Tuesday and Wednesday.
VP Shotter added, Santa will be around this weekend. He can be seen riding on the firetrucks Saturday December ninth.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary