

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes
December 7th, 2021 at 7:05pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present
Mr. Mitchell-present
(vacant)
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson-present@ 7:07pm

Mr. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. Michel- present
Vice President Shotter- present
President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; David L. Kramer, Jr.;

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: Borough Engineer, Tony Sadaka was in attendance and gave his monthly Engineers Report. He began by explaining the Water Treatment plant study that is underway and an issue that came up regarding the quality of the borough's water and the hardness in it. He explains. The borough will need to do a study to find a way to reduce the hardness and contaminants that may or may not be in the system. Tony explains the procedures to proceed. Pres. Booher added this is what they would like to submit for the infrastructure grant. More was discussed. Pres. Booher reiterated Tony was in there tonight because they are trying not to have the last meeting in December, which is when he gives his report. He wanted the motion to be done tonight so they could get moving on the study. Next Tony recapped the Waterline project on Pennsylvania Ave. He then mentioned per the Sewer taps study they are still waiting for appraisal. He then announced they had a preconstruction meeting that day at the borough for 11th Street storm sewer project. He explained the plans.

Council asked questions and funds were discussed for the water filtration system study.

>Mr. Michel **motioned** to move forward with the Engineering survey for the Water Filtration System. Second by Mr. LaPearle. VP Shotter changed the verbiage and added "not to exceed \$20,000". Mr. Michel motioned, Mr. LaPearle second. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation for Leonidas Crawford: VP Shotter explained young Leo's current situation. He is a 4 ½ year old boy, Monaca resident, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia just this past Spring. His mother had to pull him from school due to the result of his medical treatments. Unfortunately, he is not able to have a birthday party this year in fear of getting sick. His mother reached out to the Monaca fire chiefs requesting a small parade drive by for him as a way of celebration. She also explained how Leo is infatuated with firefighters and police officers. Mr. Shotter said the fire department, nor the police department never does anything small. They formed a plan and will be holding a big parade for Leo on Sunday December 12th where police cars, firetrucks, helicopters, bombers, and more will drive/fly by Leo's house on Marshall Road. He mentioned all participating in the parade will have gifts for Leo. At the end of it, they will hold a little ceremony in honor of Leo that will entitle the major making him an honorary police officer of the day, the Fire department making him an honorary fire fighter for the day, council doing the proclamation, the county will be doing a proclamation as well. Pres Booher added so is Congressman Lamb and Rep. Matzie. VP Shotter said in addition, the police reached out to their distributor of their fire gear and are having a replica Monaca police uniform & fire department had MSA make a replica Monaca Fireman's gear with his name on it as well and he went on all that he will receive. VP Shotter reads the Proclamation out loud (copy of proclamation attached to the minutes). Pres. Booher added December 14th is his birthday and December 12th is the parade. >VP Shotter **motioned** to approve Proclamation of Recognition for Leonides Carter Crawford. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher also included Central Valley football team has made a replica uniform for him as well.

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. PA Ave waterline project: He will do a final walk-through this week with borough engineers. Next, Mr. Kramer stated he received a call from KSA which they announced the 1st and 2nd round for the RCAP. Monaca was not considered in those rounds but may be and he states he is hopeful Monaca would be considered in the 3rd and 4th round, which should be announced soon this month. He then reiterated the pre-

construction meeting that was held that day for the 11th Street Storm Sewer Project. He also mentioned the council SRP committee met before the council meeting to discuss personnel. Lastly, he gave a recap of Hometown Christmas Parade and Celebration this past Saturday. He personally thanking the Monaca CDC, the Rec board, Road Department employees who worked the event, parade attendees, and all those who participated in the Hometown Christmas. It was a complete success, and the turnout was phenomenal. Mr. Kramer couldn't end without recognizing the Borough office staff for their time and effort in organizing and putting the event together. He said they did an amazing job and he can't express enough how thankful he is of their time put toward the event. They are already planning for next year and that they can't wait.

He added, on a side note, the office has been getting calls this week about brown water. The borough water dept. is working on it and currently having Well 16 looked at and repaired this week.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 981-Water Rates. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 982 -Sewer rates. Second by Mr. Mitchell Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to accept resignation of John P. Antoline from the Board of Civil Service Commission. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve payment #3 to **Fer-Pal** Construction in the amount of **\$227,466.00** for Phase 2 of the Penn Ave Waterline Replacement Project. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve payment #6 to **JP Environmental** in the amount of **\$52,358.00** for WWTP Secondary Clarifier replacement project. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to accept Notice of Meetings for 2022. Second by Mr. Motion carried unanimously.
7. President Booher split the next motion into two motions:
 - a.) Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve payment to Stefanik's Next Generation for a change order in the amount of \$14,494.08. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Kramer explained the change order was for replacing a service line at 1209 Pennsylvania Avenue due to a leak while they were digging in front of Whiskey Rhythm. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b.) Mr. Michel motioned to approve final payment to Stefanik's Next Generation in the amount of \$95,285.68. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

- Mr. Michel asked if they would look further into the mirror that was placed on Colonial hill. He believes placement is too high and not far enough up to see traffic coming.
- VP Shotter added an announcement: The Fire Department will be doing a Santa Drive by this month on the 18th between 5-7pm.
- Mr. Kramer added an issue he wanted to bring to council's attention regarding St. John's church and the PA Ave Waterline project. He reiterated the fire that happened at St. Johns this Fall due to the boiler catching fire. Apparently, the boiler caught fire because there was no water being fed to it. He explained after the temporary lines were hooked up, this occurrence had happened. He mentioned Mr. Betters who was donating money toward fixing this issue to the church but the issue keeps occurring. Overall, he explained what he feels needs to happen next on behalf of the borough: (a.) borough turn it into the borough's insurance or (b.) turn it into the contractor's insurance, Fer-Pal. His recommendation would be option B, to turn it over to the contractors and let them handle it. Council discussed and agreed.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcements. Holiday Office Hours: Borough office closed Friday, December 24th >Monday, December 27th >Monday January 3rd. December 12th is the deadline for Santa Cops Nominations. Monetary gifts & donations can be accepted at the Borough Office during business hours, by appointment only. January 3rd is the Council Reorganization Meeting that will be held at 6:00PM, Borough Building.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary