

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2023 at 7:00pm
In person & virtual

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. McLaughlin- absent
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present <i>virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Mayor Antoline- **absent**

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.-present, Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

Communications: None.

Minutes: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 24th, 2023. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 7th, 2023. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Yothers. Mr. Michel asked what the Motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He began by stating he is still waiting on a second quote for the heat exchangers at the borough building. Once he gets this he will bring both quotes to council for a final decision. Next, stated himself, President Booher, Jared and Gabby have a meeting tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock with LB Water to discuss the leak detection system cost and the cost to get it back up and running again. He will touch base on that. He has a call on Thursday with KSA as well and Rep Matzie will be on the call as well. Touching base on all the grants they have out now, one for the storm sewer separation and one for the transmission line, the LSA grant for 1million dollars for civic center and the DCED grant for the park. He confirmed March 16th will be the announcement for LSA grant. He then stated he and Britt met that week with their rep from AT&T/First Net. A few of the cell phones/iPads need upgrades so they will get an equipment list and go from there. Most upgrades are around 99 cents so they are a really good deal when they do upgrade. In speaking with Jared that day, they have one more hydrant in town to update. The plan is to start flushing the town early April, pending weather. He briefly explained the police vehicle quote to vote in this meeting. The dealership will hold this until April for them. Mr. Kramer said they still need the quote for the upfitting for all that goes into the vehicles then they can package it together for financing for the bank. Moving on, Mr. Kramer brought up the Push Camera quote that Daryn brought to his attention that cameras sewer lines. Mr. Kramer gave the prices over the years what they spend yearly to Robinson Pipe for their work they provide the borough each year which is roughly between \$4,000-\$9,000. This camera will pay for itself over the years. Mr. Michel asked how much footage and is it manual feed. Mr. Kramer said manual feed and its 400-foot feed. Mr. Kramer also confirmed Robinson Pipes equipment costs over \$80,000.00.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He stated he sent down 2 rights-of-way easements that are in connection with the proposed project on the storm sewer line for the CVS property and Stoelzle property. He stated he tried to clarify in the drawings which areas specific they are. If engineers approve what he has, they can present these to CVS and Stoelzle moving forward. He then stated, in a legal perspective, he ordered a title search for the transmission line project that for there is still much work to be done. Lastly, he is still working on the dumpster ordinance and hasn't yet completed the review of the sidewalk restoration or the street opening ordinances, but they are on his list. He had nothing further to report.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of January 2023. In addition, Curt also gave a special “thank you” to the Water Department. Curt had an issue at the plant that week due to construction outside their facility and Jared and the guys were quick to fix the problem, so he wanted to personally thank them for their diligent efforts.

Mr. D. Wilson asked if the plant is taking in any of the defective water from the Chippewa area from the derailment situation. Curt confirmed they are not.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- (VP Shotter was absent)

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers had nothing to report. They will hold their first meeting of the year in March.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle said there was nothing pressing from last meeting. The new director is planning a Comedy event this year, so for all to keep watch for that. But other than that, that was all he had to report.

New Business:

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve Joseph Yeskovich Subdivision request located at 1328 Bechtel Street, parcel number 37-060-400, recommended by the County and by the Monaca Borough Planning Commission committee. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Pres. Booher reiterated this was previously discussed at the last meeting. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve 2023 Ford Interceptor SUV for Police department in the amount of \$38,880.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher added that later, Mr. Kramer will be getting a second quote for upfitting of the vehicle.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve purchase of Opticam Push Camera in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Public Works Department. Second by Mr. Yothers. Mr. D. Wilson asked first if they can use it on service lines. Mr. Michel also asked if they had all their information on this piece. He would feel more comfortable if they did a demo on this before buying. He went on explaining how camera works and he was unsure if this device would work. Pres. Booher asked Daryn Defelice (acting road foreman) to explain. Daryn was virtually in attendance and explained how the Opticam rep verbally educated the piece to him. He states it would be a straight push for them and he confirmed they do not camera residential lines. He does see it will be of good use to their department, reason why he brought it to Mr. Kramer. Council discussed further. The final motion carried 7-1, Mr. Michel-No.

Citizens: Mike Frye- 2508 Beaver Ave, Monaca, was in attendance to first thank the Fire Department for their help with the train derailment last week in East Palestine. Second, he asked if he could get two large potholes on his road filled. Mr. Kramer said he will certainly put it on the road departments agenda.

Announcements: Mr. D. Wilson read the following announcements: Winter Carnival 2023 will be held at Farri Hall St. Johns, February 17th, 18th & 19th. Details can be found on the Borough website & Monaca Now mobile app under calendar events.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:33p.m. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary