

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
February 27th, 2024 at 7:00pm

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-present @ 7:04pm

Mr. Mitchell- present

Mr. J. Wilson- present

Mr. LaPearle- present

Mr. Wilson- present

Mr. Colville- present

Mr. Yothers- present

Mr. Michel- **absent**

Vice President Shotter- present

President Booher- present

Mayor Antoline- present

Others Present

Dave L. Kramer, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq (*virtually present*)

Engineers Report: Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report.

Visitors: None

Attendees:

1. Mr. Kramer introduced **Drew Nickolas** who was virtually in attendance on Zoom. Drew introduced himself and said he is the assistant manager of the Paramount + tv show Mayor of Kingstown. He thanked council members for letting him attend tonight. He said they have been filming in the Beaver County area recently, and they are now looking to do a pretty big impact scene at a bridge, and he gave detail of the scene. He said they were interested in the Monaca Rochester Bridge but now leaning toward using the Rochester/Beaver bridge for the scene. As he went on, he said in speaking with Penn Dot there will be road closures during filming. Penn Dot suggested they send a letter of notice to the surrounding towns and would also need a letter of support from the towns as well. He gave details of the road closure and ideas of the route during the filming. Mr. D. Wilson gave a suggestion that Drew could also reach out to Monaca Search and Rescue team. More was discussed and council was in support of Drew's request. Drew thanked council for their time and support. Pres. Booher and Mr. Kramer thanked him as well and Mr. Kramer said he would keep in touch. Mr. Drew Nickolas left the meeting at this time.

2. Monaca Fire Chief Mike Siegel was in attendance to first give council a recap of the 2023 season. Calls for service were given, vehicle accidents, and weather related/hazardous calls. He said they are around 10 minutes response time. He said they brought in three new members last year. Radio Project- county Received radios. They are not the radios that they purchased, and he went on explaining the complications. Mayor asked if they are going to get the radios. Chief Siegel said it is at the Commissioners level now. Next he discussed current fire apparatus and wanting to sell #5 fire engine & preferably donate #4 fire engine. He knows they are still waiting for new engine before doing anything with these two. He has talked to the vendor for the new vehicle and they said they are working through two issues regarding the fire truck before they can release to the Fire department. He then discussed options with what they want to do with #5 and #4 fire vehicles. Chief said there is an interested person who may want #5. VP Shotter said if the price of the vehicle is more than \$6,000, it must go on Municibid. He suggests putting both vehicles on there, after equipment is stripped, and see what we get. Mrs. Majors asked if he would get more out of the one they want to donate it if they scrapped it. He said no, they would probably only get \$300-\$400 dollars. Mr. D. Wilson asked is the one they don't have yet costing the borough money? Chief said no. talk to the production company. See if they want to buy the truck for the show. Mr. Kramer said he will reach out. Pres. Booher thanked Chief for attending.

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2024. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report: Mayor Antoline gave his report for the month of February 2024.

Citations: **167**

Criminal Arrests: **15**

Calls for Service: **423**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,932.13**

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave his report for the following items:

- 1. COG -**Mr. Kramer gave the dates to council for the upcoming COG meetings, and he said later in this meeting they will vote on the 2024 delegates to represent the Borough. He also attended the COG managers/secretary meeting last Wednesday. Tony Caltury from the county was the guest speaker and has requested all municipalities to read and adopt the America250 resolution in support of the celebration of 2026. This can be adopted and the upcoming meeting. Lastly, COG sent out a questionnaire packet regarding a joint grant writer, and if municipalities are interested in having one.
- 2. Bridge-** Monaca-Rochester bridge work will take place as planned on June 4th for 67 day shut down, with prep work starting in mid April. They will put in a temporary red light at 17th Street for the detour.
- 3. Grants-** he announced the Pittsburgh Institute, Shell grant was submitted, he is waiting to hear back. He states pending if they get anything back from this grant will determine what he applies for in the DCNR grant. These grants are both for Antoline Park updates. He is waiting to hear from Kevin Turkall about submission for this building upgrade grant. This one is through Covid 19 money and can apply up to \$2million, which he is planning to do. Lastly, both grants through the county of \$1.5million have been approved for extensions or streetscape until June 2025. He signed the last extension today.
- 4. Streetscape-**Bids are due Thursday, 1pm at the borough, and he encouraged those to attend if they are available.
- 5. Bobcat quotes:** he explained 2 quotes on a mini excavator and skid steer machine they had previously discussed and was on the public works' budget for this year. The excavator is \$60,000. Daryn looked at Cleveland Brothers and they were \$90,000. He asked council if they were interested. Mr. Colville said this is a great investment and they will get a lot of use out of the machines. VP Shotter asked if deluxe package is needed. Daryn was in attendance virtually and said it is necessary, especially in harsher weather to have an enclosed cab. Daryn also said he would find out the timeframe to receive these machines if purchased. Mr. Kramer said he will put on next meeting.
- 6. Meetings-** he can set up an Engineers meeting for March 22nd. He met with Penn Dot, Rochester rep & Tony Caltury regarding Beaver County Boom and bridge closures. Penn Dot is allowing the county to shut down Veteran's bridge. Construction team will shut down the Monaca-Rochester bridge that day, so foot traffic can go through without interruptions or work being done. Monday he has a meeting with Penn Dot and the engineers for 17th Street work. Tomorrow he is meeting with Jordan Dinsmore regarding Monaca Brewery St. Patty's Day parade, which is getting a lot of buzz in town and the county. Hoping to make this an annual event. VP Shotter said the Borough usually enters into a rental agreement with Borough when using our property including an insurance policy. Mr. Kramer said he already has the rental agreement in hand, and he will talk with Jordan tomorrow for insurance. He also added the permits have been issued for the parade. He had nothing further to report.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. Last meeting, a group came in about basketball courts area updates. Solicitor Urick said he found some old files some time ago regarding a title search the school district commission did of those properties. Therefore the borough does not need to redo all of that. He the next plan of action is to reach out the school to authorize release of that info. They should set up a meeting among the borough and the schools' solicitor, superintendent and lay out parameters of what can be done by each of the bodies to reach the result all want to reach. He reiterated the closing occurred on Pacific Avenue properties which is good news. And old library property also closed and money has been received by the borough. He mentioned to Mr. Kramer about 808 & 810 Beech Street that he still needs the school to sign resolution to get tax exempt status. Lastly, he said he will need to go into executive for legal matters. He had nothing further to report.

New Business:

- 1.** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to reappoint councilman Justin Wilson as Borough Representative for Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG). Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2.** Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to reappoint councilman John Yothers as Borough Alternate for Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG). Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to reappoint councilman Derek Wilson as Borough Alternate for Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG). Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.** Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve Monaca Borough Park, Playground & Recreation Tobacco & Nicotine-Free Policy.. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Kramer gave a recap of the two quotes he received for RadarSigns. The traffic signs are portable to place in the streets. One is battery operated and one is solar powered, and he went over the price difference. Council discussed how many they would desire if purchased. Pres. Booher said this can be added to next meeting agenda.

Citizens:

1. Mike Frey, 2508 Beaver Ave, Monaca, was in attendance to first thank VP Shotter for donating the sleds at Antoline Park for Free Sled Library. Next, he explained the fast cars in his neighborhood and how it's becoming an issue.
2. Bob Balint, 1303 S. Elm Street, Monaca, was in attendance to plead to council about a nuisance neighbor burning trash in the back yard often. He states their fence is also falling apart. Mr. Kramer said they will look into this and he will get his number after the meeting.
3. Rane Kugel, 1038 Summit Aven, Monaca, was in attendance asking if they knew of her neighbor and the mess he has left in the undeveloped area. Mr. Kramer said he is aware and knows the owner plans on developing that area, but he was unaware of the mess that has been left there in the meantime. He will reach out to the property owner and ask to get it clean.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline gave the following announcements. On Wed. March 6th- Beaver County Conservation District hosting an agricultural gathering event from noon-3:30pm, at the BCCD office, snacks to be provided. He then added, March 16th there will be St Patty's Day parade downtown Monaca. Friday, March 29th the Borough office will be closed for Good Friday and Saturday, March 30th is the Annual Easter Egg hunt held at Antoline Park, beginning at 1pm.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Legal & Personnel at 8:03pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 9:03pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:04pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:04p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary