

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 2024 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- absent	Mr. Colville-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- <i>present virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr; Mayor Antoline; Tony Sadaka;

Visitors: None

List Of Attendees: None

Managers' Update: Mr. Kramer gave his report.

- 1. Civic Center/Fire Dept-**he passed around latest options of the civic center/fire dept for council to review. He explained the updated options adding a community room to the Fire Station option. He asked for council's thoughts. He does have a meeting with Kevin Turkall this Friday to discuss the current Borough building options. He will report back to council per the outcome of the meeting. Council discussed the new options. Mr. Kramer had also confirmed the option for a gymnasium was way too much. **2. Pre-Bid Meeting-** He announced the pre-bid meeting for Streetscape bid was today. There were two contractors there, and it went very well. Bid opening is still scheduled for February twenty-second. **3. ARPA Funds-** he shared the letter in council's packet from Commissioners. He explained the monies the borough was granted are still unspent. The letter is requesting plans for this and the grant money needs spent by October 2024. He went on reading the letter. He must respond by this Friday. He gave his response. He said the Chlorination System upgrade is ARPA approved so he states he wants to submit this to the county which includes the following costs, labor, parts, engineering, etc showing the county that the borough is spending the money, and the remaining is to go toward Streetscape. Council was OK with his response. **4. Chlorination System update:** Demo start-up was last Friday with a few kinks to work out, everything is fine. Jared must file a report with the DEP, and it's ready to go. Within the next two weeks, the borough should be on a new system. **5. Monaca Lofts-**the borough finally closed Friday. It is currently being torn down. This is a 15–18-month build. VP Shotter suggested they put something on social media about the Lofts so residents can understand the project at hand. **6. Moodys-** Mr. Kramer explained he had a call with Moody's today just a follow up with year end audit. He explained the borough's score, and the borough may move up one level. He will circle back end of the year when bond money starts going down. He reiterated all grants he is applying for this year. **7. Wash. Ave:** He announced a group will be coming next week to the meeting that would like to help with the Washington Avenue property. Council discussed Central Valley School owned properties in the Borough and what the Borough has maintained for years. **8. Road Paving program:** he was asking council once more for their list of roads for this years' paving program. **9. Community Days:** Lastly, he announced he is currently working with Tony Caltury at the county on the Community Day concert. With Monaca-Rochester Bridge being shut down this summer, they would like to possibly move the concert to 9th Street, right at the bridge and this was just an idea. Much will still need worked out, and approved by Penn Dot & the contractors if they decide to go that route.
>**Questions:** Mr. Colville asked which roads from 2023 are left over to be finished this year. Mr. Kramer said Bechtel-Marshall-Kazar, waterline needs done. Walnut to 14th to Taylor, also waterline will need done. And lastly 14th Street to the bend at the bottom of the hill, which are all mill and pave.
Mr. D. Wilson asked, regarding Washington Ave, why don't they do a search for this property as to who owns it. Mr. Kramer said he suggests getting a title search done. Council discussed options and what to do with that property regarding the pool area and basketball court area. Pres. Booher said they need to figure out the entire

property first, pool area and courts before moving forward. Mr. D. Wilson asked what is the “ask” with the Civic Center hand out. Mr. Kramer said there is no cost estimate yet, so he doesn’t know yet. He said he needs from council a decision what kind of building they want. He said on a side note, he has \$1million dollars earning interest that needs spent by the end of the year on that building, or he will have to return that money to the State ARPA fund. Pres. Booher said lets wait to make a decision at the next meeting so they have the information needed from Kevin Turkall at the Friday meeting. There was no further questions.

Items to Discuss/Motion:

1. Pres. Booher explained the monies still owed to Design Stream for work already done with Civic Center design in the amount of \$101,267.92. VP Shotter explained the amount of Design Stream’s contract and that this invoice is correct for what is owed. Mr. Kramer went over the first payment and second payment. Mr. D. Wilson asked again for clarification on all what was paid already to Design Stream. Mr. Kramer went over all payments made so far, and now what is owed, \$101,267.92. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve invoice #19106-11 from Design Stream in the amount of \$101,267.92 for Civic Center design on Pacific Avenue. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Yothers **motioned** to approve contract #27556 for alarm system upgrades from BH Security at the Road Garage in the amount of \$4,981.70, and additional monthly fee of \$136.66. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve contract #27557 for alarm system upgrades from BH Security at the Reservoir in the amount of \$1,463.34, and additional monthly fee of \$50.00. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Kramer explained the current water truck status that was given to them by the sewer department. Jared McKay, water foreman, was in attendance virtually and made a few comments about the vehicle. He mentioned all the trouble the transmission has given them and they’ve had it serviced multiple times with no change. Mr. Colville asked councilman Mitchell his recommendation if the transmission should be looked at first. Mr. Kramer said the borough paid \$46k for the current one and the new one will be \$42k. Council discussed. VP Shotter clarified it will be \$22k to buy plus \$3k, and then he asked how much to outfit it. Mr. Kramer said it needs lined and borough logo on it, no cost given. Mr. Colville **motioned** to trade in current water truck and purchase 2024 3500 Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$22,273.92 after trade in. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:16pm. Second by LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:41pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:41pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kramer posed a question about the history behind the boroughs’ boat docks. The office had a complaint today that the borough does not have the correct docks and that they are lake docks. He said Brittany told the person she has been here eight years and this was the first complaint she’s ever heard about these. Mr. Colville confirmed those docks were given to Monaca Borough by the Pennsylvania Fishingboat Commission. Mr. Kramer said that’s all he needed to know.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary