

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 7th, 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. McLaughlin- absent
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- <i>present virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

Commendation Award Ceremony- Chief Piuri approached the front of the room aside officer Jeffrey McConnell. Officer McConnell was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for excellent work investigating a home invasion robbery resulting in multiple arrests. Chief read aloud his actions, bravery, teamwork during this investigation. After Chief was through, he handed the certificate to Officer McConnell and the audience gave a round of applause. Pictures were taken with Chief, the Officer and the Honorable Mayor Antoline.

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer began by passing his first portion of the report on to Mrs. Majors to explain the Planning Commission meeting that was held before this meeting. Mrs. Majors reported that Mr. Joseph Yeskovich is requesting to subdivide his family lot at 1328 Bechtel Street. He would like this parcel to split into two parcels. His plan is to build an elderly friendly type dwelling home on the second lot and sell his family home on the other lot. The board found no problem with this, and they recommend his request now on to council to decide. Mr. D. Wilson asked water foreman Jared McKay if the waterline ran through this parcel. Jared was virtually in attendance and said no there is not. Pres. Booher said council can make a final decision at the upcoming council meeting.

Mr. Kramer then proceeded with his report. He met with Mayor and Pres Booher also met briefly before this meeting regarding Antoline Park upgrades. They do have some money through ARPA funding. DCNR grants for Parks and Recreation are coming up which is due April 15th. He would like to get a plan going and submit this grant by April. Mr. Kramer then explained the Water Dept had relocated two hydrants last Thursday by Stoelzle. The one hydrant had been hit three times in the last month being it's too close to the curb, so they moved it back. Today he attended the State of the County. The commissioners talked about the assessment. He announced the residents should be getting their new assessments in March. Lastly, he brought up the quote for the 2023 Durango for Police. This quote was given last year in Sept-October. He got a call over the weekend that the car was ready. Mr. Kramer reassured council this was obviously never approved by the borough, and he reiterated it to the company selling the vehicle. They said they would sell to someone else if Monaca is not interested. Mr. Kramer explained Sgt Nicol gave him another quote for a Ford Interceptor. They discussed. This vehicle would replace Officer Rachel Dietz's vehicle. Mr. Kramer discussed prices between the two. Council and Mayor discussed budget with Mr. Kramer and what's available.

Mr. D. Wilson asked to confirm the year they would receive the assessment. Mr. Kramer reiterated they will receive in 2024. He then asked about the hydrant relocation. Mr. Kramer said it was relocated already and is within the right-of-way. Jared confirmed it is in the ROW, 15 inches behind the sidewalk. Mr. D. Wilson lastly asked, in regard to Antoline Park, if they would possibly consider solar panels. That is all he had.

Mr. Michel asked if they would consider metal roofs at Antoline park shelters instead of the shingles. Mr. Kramer said they did consider this and was part of their earlier discussion. Mr. Kramer had nothing further to report.

Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Kramer said they already adopted this resolution in November. The price of the project increased. They

applied first for \$306k. The cost of the project now went up \$616k. They are allowed to apply for \$500k so that's what this resolution is for. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 1-23, COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA Grant. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to appoint Suzanne Williams Regney to the Recreation Board with a term ending December 31st, 2026. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to accept resignation from Paul Lyons as Monaca Fire Marshal, effective January 1st, 2023. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. D. Wilson asked who they are replacing him with. Pres. Booher said they had discussed before and VP Shoter didn't find it necessary that they need one. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher thanked Mr. Lyon for his years of service.
4. Mr. Kramer explained the quote by Reno Brothers for the heat exchangers at the current Borough building. The existing ones are currently not working properly. Council discussed. Mr. Kramer was asked to get another quote to compare before council can plan and make a decision.
5. Mr. Michel **motioned** to hire Mason Elmer for full-time Class IV Laborer position. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline 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. LaPearle **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary