

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2024 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. Colville-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present <i>virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- absent	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.- present; Rich Urick, Esq. present *virtually*

Visitors: None

Communications: None

List of Attendees: Mr. Kramer introduced Keith Porter from Bronder Technical Services who is the lowest responsible bidder for Streetscape project. Keith approached council to see if anyone needed clarifications with Streetscape bid package. Mr. D. Wilson said he saw Keith walking the main corridor this week and asked how many times he had walked it. Keith said it's his fifth time. He also said there is a lot of planning going into this and he will send an updated project schedule to Dave as much as he can to keep everyone in the know. He said his brother Kevin is the supervisor and they both want to get familiarized with the most important part of the project, pedestrian traffic first and foremost with the least amount of impact on the community. Pres. Booher asked if they are doing the 2 storm sewer separation projects. Keith said yes and storm sewer and underground work will be first. Pres. Booher also brought up Alternate C on the bid package pertaining to brick color and this will be a change order in addition to the bid package. Mr. Kramer made it known this company poured the concrete portion of the streetscape about thirty some years ago, so they are familiar with the town. Keith said he's been preparing to get started in the meantime and will set up a preconstruction meeting when the contract is completed. Pres. Booher and Mr. Kramer thanked Keith for coming and Mr. Kramer told him he will email him once contract is finished.

Minutes: Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 27th, 2024. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 5th, 2024. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual:

VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Antoline -absent

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He mentioned his recent meeting with Penn Dot regarding 17th Street work. He reminded Penn Dot in that meeting of the bridge work to be completed this summer with detours & temporary traffic signs at 17th Street. He also notified them of the streetscape project and where it stands. Next, he had a recent phone call with Kevin Turkall about the current plans for the Borough building. Since they already have drawings, they are not charging additional fees for the rendering. He said they will put the community room as an alternate bid and when borough gives go ahead, this should be back out to bid mid-April. These new drawings with the renderings were sent to council to review & police. Mr. Kramer said he has already made changes, and for council to do the same and send to him. The grant for the current borough building will go out soon with deadline of April twentieth. Last week Mr. Kramer reported he had a meeting with potential business owners for the town. He doesn't have the details yet, but three new businesses are confirmed to be moving into the borough, which is great news. Next, he met with Anthony Antoline who

oversees the CV Youth Softball league. They started talking about field renovations and the grant they received that the borough helped with. This grant has a 3-year window. They want to reach out for more funding to get it all done at once so they are waiting to see what they can achieve before moving forward. Grants: Mr. Kramer said they are trying to get \$2million dollar ask for this building and as of now the borough is waiting for awards in the total amount of \$4.6 million. He then stated the Waste Management contract is about to expire this June. He needed some direction to either extend the contract or put it back out to bid. Pres Booher said that council had told him they will leave that decision up to him. Moving on the bridge work has a target date for June 4th closure, sixty-seven days total. Mr. Kramer received a message last week about Youth CV baseball utilizing Stone Quarry ball field until Taddeo Park construction is completed. They asked permission to practice on the field for a little over a month, no games. He said Eric Hill, president of organization already has rental agreement for CJ Mangin use and will get a new agreement for Stone Quarry. They would only practice a couple days a week and then they'll be back to Taddeo Park after renovations are completed. Mr. Kramer said the borough maintains that field, and Sgt Nicol also cuts the grass. He said they'll be out by April 18th so not a lot of grass cutting during that time anyway. VP Shotter said are there any concerns with the vehicles that are there outside the fence. Mr. Kramer said we'll have to make them very aware that they are not allowed to be near those. Lastly, Mr. Kramer gave them a reminder that they need to officially put together a committee for the Washington Avenue/Basketball court project. Council also needs to nominate another planning commission board member; they are one member short. And finally, he announced he will be out of the office this Thursday through next Wednesday coming up. Questions: Mr. D. Wilson asked who holds the grant for CV youth softball field. Mr. Kramer said the state does and it is a reimbursable grant. He also wanted to confirm the days of Monaca Rochester bridge closure and if it was for 67 days and that this is not starting in April when the temp light for detour at 17th Street goes in. Mr. Kramer said no, April begins the detour signage and temporary light will go up to prepare for closure of Monaca Rochester bridge starting June fourth. Mr. D. Wilson asked what Mr. Kramer is asking of council on behalf of the baseball organization. Mr. Kramer said he is seeking council's approval to move forward, and he reassured them he will stay on top of their schedule. Mr. Michel said to please ask when Sgt Nicol runs the K-9 at that location as well that it won't interfere with his schedule. Mr. D. Wilson then mentioned restrooms to be considered at Stone Quarry. Mr. Colville insisted since this field is for recreational use, the borough should provide the Porto johns. Mr. Kramer agreed and said he can make this happen. There were no more questions.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Richard Urick gave his report.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of February 2024.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter brought up the sidewalk ordinance that will need discussed at this weeks' engineers meeting for Tony and Dan to look at. Once they review it will need passed on to Borough Solicitor.

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers said their next meeting is March 18th at the Hall of Fame building. This Saturday the 16th is the parade. Recreation has kids activities and a balloon artist scheduled. March 29th, Rec will have a bake sale at the SOI fish fry. And March 30th, Annual Easter Egg hunt at Antoline Park at 1pm. There will be ice cream available, Easter bunny will be there for pictures and raffles prizes.

Library Report- Due to illness, Mr. LaPearle was unable to attend the last Library meeting. He said he will update council when he attends the upcoming board meeting this month.

New Business: President Booher passed the gavel to VP Shotter.

1. President Booher **motioned** to award Streetscape bid to lowest responsible bid submitted by Bronder Technical Services Inc, in the amount of \$7,299,599.01 subject to the deduct of alternative C in the amount of \$537,193.70 and further subject to the deduct in Alternative D in the amount of \$92,894.48, thereby making the accepted bid from Bronder Technical Services Inc, to be \$6,669,510.83. Second, by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
>VP Shotter passed the gavel back to Pres. Booher.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve two-lot consolidation into one for Monaca Lofts, 609 Pennsylvania Avenue, parcel # 34-004-0206.000, recommended by both Beaver County & Monaca Borough Planning Commission boards. Second, by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

3. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 2-24, Letter of Amendment for Monaca Contribution-Multimodal agreement. Second, by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mr. Michael Frey, Monaca Borough resident, gave the following announcement. This Saturday, March 16th- Monaca's 1st St. Patrick's Day Parade, organized by Monaca Brewing Company. Parade will begin at 11:30am at St Johns and end at Washington Plaza. Festivities will take place from 12-4pm. Friday, March 29th- Borough office closed for Good Friday. Saturday, March 30th- Monaca Borough Annual Easter Egg hunt held at Antoline Park, beginning at 1pm.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary