

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 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- present

Others Present

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

Visitors: Mr. D. Wilson introduced the Girl Scouts attending this evening. The young ladies approached Council and presented to request to Council to put a “My Little Library” at Antoline Park. Mr. D. Wilson asked if anyone had any questions for them. Mayor Antoline thanked them for their idea and stated he appreciates it. Pres. Booher reiterated Mr. Kramer will put this in a location where there is a camera. Mr. D. Wilson asked for a motion. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the Girl Scout request to add a Sharing Library to Antoline Park, the Council’s choice of location. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications: Both Kelly Burgos-Harper & Simon D. Short were in attendance representing the Monaca CDC with a couple items to bring before Council. Simon first began by updating Council on the “Welcome to Monaca” sign. He gave overview of the plans at hand. The drawings of the sign were passed out to Council for review. He gave a timeline for when the fabrication will be put up and Simon mentioned needing at least one month to paint the sign. Council discussed and just wanted to make sure construction will not interfere with Community Days. Simon said he is aware of that date, and would have it done before then, if he could move forward now. There was nothing further to discuss. Kelly then approached Council first thanking them for all their help and support with the allocated funds they have received thus far for the downtown rehabilitation façade grant. She was there asking for Council’s approval to submit a façade grant once more. She gave a brief summary of what funds they had so far. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve Monaca CDC Façade Grant proposal. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Kelly thanked Council for their continued support. Council thanked Kelly also for

Minutes: Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 21st, 2023. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Antoline gave the report for the **Month of March 2023**

Citations: **189**

Criminal Arrests: **9**

Calls for Service: **448**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,687.24**

Managers’ Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first touched base on the road paving project in speaking with Tony Sadaka that day. Per the list, Tony will soon present to Council all the options possible. He hopes to have this at the next workshop. Next, he touched base on some items at Antoline Park they would like to update this year. They are still working wth SGA to try and get the DCNR grant in. They are working on finalizing numbers to submit final application. He is waiting on a few bids for the pavilions, so they are waiting on quotes for that. Horseshoe pits- concrete cornhole boards, repave and basketball court and land next to it as well. There is a lot that can be done, it is just a matter of getting all the quotes in. He will keep Council posted when that grant comes in as well. New Hires: listed in the new business.

We had many applicants that came through. Each department labeled their top few. We are still working on getting part-time. Mr. D. Wilson asked if all rehires have prior experience. Mr. Kramer said yes, they do. He and Tony Sadaka had a meeting with Columbia Gas for road closure idea by Bechtel Street/Marshall for the upcoming project. Mr. Kramer stressed to them closing the road for 4-6 weeks is not something they want to do. Columbia Gas is still working on getting a Traffic Plan together. They are fine with closing one lane. Gabby already had them apply for street opening permits as well. He did talk to Jared to coordinate the waterline update in that area to knock that out, with the gas company to help with paving. Lastly, Mr. Kramer said he submitted the final report for the ARPA fund to the Treasury, so that is done. Last week, he and Dan Sell met with Stoelzle Glass regarding the Storm sewer separation project and try to finalize the right-of-way and easements prior to that job. They were more concerned with shift changes and whatnot, which can be sorted out in the contract when it's written up. He will also follow up with CVS. Update of the previous storm, there was damage to the Reservoir. They did get a repair quote for the roof of \$9,500.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave a brief overview and clarification of the current reassessment letter that had gone out to Beaver County residents.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of March 2023.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- (VP Shotter was absent)

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave a report. He stated the Easter Egg hunt was a complete success. There next up is Community Days June 24th beginning at 5pm.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle had nothing to report except Library now has a facebook page that he will provide to all.

New Business:

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to promote Michael Lucci, Jr to full-time Class III Operator at an hourly rate of \$23.76, effective April 12th, 2023. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to hire Andoni Vorrias for full-time laborer position for public works department, at an hourly rate of \$18.37, pending he passes both physical & drug screenings. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to hire Cain Herman for full-time laborer position for Water department, at an hourly rate of \$18.37, pending he passes both physical & drug screenings. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to re-hire Donny Kronk for seasonal help for Public Works Dept at an hourly rate of \$23.76. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Council briefly discussed the seasonal rate for the rehires, items 4, 6 & 7. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to re-hire Tanner Hoenig for seasonal help for Public Works Dept at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to re-hire, Elijah Priest for seasonal Administrative NSO intern at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to re-hire William Kelly for seasonal help for Public Works Dept at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Council discussed. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve quote from Overhead Door Company of Greater Pittsburgh in the amount of \$4,999.37 for block building on Pacific Avenue. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Monaca Borough \$2500.00 Gold Sponsorship for 2023 Beaver County Boom. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Kramer requested they move the time for the boom from 5pm to earlier. Mayor Antoline posed the question this may cause issues as they would need more people to work longer. Council discussed the timeframe and length of the event and the overtime worked by the employees. Mr. Kramer reiterated they split the shifts so same people aren't working all day. More was discussed.

Citizens: Mrs. Patricia Majors- approached Council on behalf of Ed Duplantis who has an idea of sponsoring a fishing event in July. The purpose of this event is to raise \$3,000 to provide kids with rods/tackles, etc. Pre. Booher said this was a nice idea but he would need to present this to Council. She said he is planning on it.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline read the following announcements: April 20th, Food Truck Thursday is Back, located at Washington Plaza from 4-7pm. Line up can be found on Monaca Borough website and Mobile App. Saturday, April 29th, Monaca Road Garage – Bulk Item Day / Antoline Park – Electronics Recycling Event, both from 10:00am-2:00pm. Spring Leaf Collection will be collected every Monday in April. Contact the Borough office for pick up. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office, \$3 per bundle.

Executive Session: Mrs. Majors motioned to go into Executive Session under legal and Real Estate at 8:06p.m. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:49pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:49pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary