

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual & In Person
Workshop Meeting Minutes
April 19th, 2022 at 7:00pm

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-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present (virtually)
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. 1.) CJ Mangin-Boiler- Mr. Kramer reported that they had Guys Mechanics look at the boiler as well for a second set of eyes. He said the boiler is in good condition for a 1960's model and they have the parts to repair it. This would cost around \$3,000.00, aside from \$100,000.00 for a new boiler. He would like to get this moving and at least try this first. 2.) ARPA Funds Reporting- Next he said they had to submit a report of the ARPA funds and what they were spending it on. This is due April thirtieth which he did say he submitted this already. They should receive next round of funds late May, early June. They are up-to-date and filed with government funding thus far with the American Rescue Plan. 3.) B.C. ARPA Grant Funding-all paperwork has been submitted to be reimbursed. They are one of two bodies who have requested funds to be reimbursed, so he hopes this would come in soon as well. 4.) Linden Street Project- did work today, about 100 feet done. Slower work since they have more lines to get around on this road. 5.) Urban Engineers-Dan Sell is coordinating a meeting for 17th Street project regarding the borough's underground utilities. This meeting is Thursday. He will keep council posted.

Mr. Michel asked what the price of the line is. Mr. Kramer said they don't have a cost yet, but they will camera the line first.

Items to Discuss:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve purchase/replacement of Check Valve for Well #15 from Reno Bros. in the amount of \$7,074. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Kramer then discussed briefly with council Dumpster permits in the Borough since they do not require one. He said Brittany researched around the area and liked Beaver's permit document that also had an Ordinance with it. VP Shotter asked if he could forward the permit and ordinance to him and Councilman J. Wilson for the Ordinance review committee to start working on implementing this.
3. Civic Center Discussion: Mr. Kramer went over a few areas he changed on the drawings of the civic center. These included the office employees' input for their area such as two bathrooms, men's, and women's, instead of one inside the office & they would like an open office area instead of closed individual offices for each person. Council went on discussing.

Old/New Business:

Mr. D. Wilson asked about summer help if any applicants. Mr. Kramer said none thus far. They urged council to please spread the word. Mr. D. Wilson brought up implementing façade grant for the downtown area to help clean up our main corridor. Mrs. Majors gave her input on behalf of the CDC. They have some money put aside; additional funding would enable them to do more for these businesses which would make a bigger impact. She then stated Monaca does not qualify for the façade grant through the county anymore per the most recent Census. She would appreciate council to consider this. VP Shotter said something to consider is that the Borough's job is to provide services for the businesses to flourish such as streetscape, waterline projects, not additional revenue, additional capital for investors that are making a business

decision to profit from their building/business being in there. Others that are purchasing right now are considering the projects at hand such the Round-about/streetscape and investing now. He reiterates since the vacancy ordinance was put in place those vacant buildings are now at their lowest in number so these are the things council needs to consider. Mr. LaPearle said he's not opposed to some type of program that helps businesses. He does agree with Mr. Shotter too, he doesn't believe they should help the investor but maybe try to help in a way for those who are willing to make the change. Mayor Antoline also said if these businesses would submit a façade grant, it would have to go through the borough anyway, and maybe to consider. Council debated and discussed. Pres. Booher said at the next council meeting they can motion to form a main street façade improvement committee/program. Lastly, Pres. Booher said due to the shooting on Easter in Pittsburgh at an Airbnb, they should consider discussing regulations to the borough's Airbnb's at a later workshop meeting.

Announcements: Mr. LaPearle gave the following announcements: Spring leaf & yard waste collection every Monday from April 4th until April 25th. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office \$3 per bundle. Food Truck Thursday will be this week April 21st location moved to Borough Parking Lot. April 30th, Electronics Recycling Event at Antoline Park from 9-2pm & Bulk Item & Yard Waste Collection Event located at the public works road garage, 900 Taylor Avenue between 9-2pm. Pres. Booher added the county is also having their hazardous household chemicals event April 30th at Brady's run park from 9-1pm.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under personnel at 7:57pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume Executive Session at 8:17pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to Resume the public meeting at 8:17pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19p.m. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary