

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 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 @7:12pm	Mr. Michel- present <i>virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present @7:03pm
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- absent	

Others Present

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

Visitors: Kelly Burgos-Harper was in attendance on behalf of the Monaca Community Development Corporation (MCDC) to accept check presentation in the amount of \$50,000.00 that council voted on for the Façade Grant Program. She announced there will be photos taken tonight and a press release to announce the official launch of the program. They will be posting this on social media to get the word out as well as taking the route of going from business to business spreading the word. She said they will be immediately taking applications after the press release. The downtown businesses are all eligible to apply. Mr. Kramer said this was a long time coming with a lot of hands helping to make this happen and he thanked Kelly and all those involved. Lastly, Kelly ended by thanking council graciously for their investment in the program. Pres. Booher also expressed his “gratitude” as well.

>The meeting was paused and Council members, Borough Manager, Mayor and Pres. Booher took a few photo’s with Kelly Burgos-Harper holding an oversized check in the amount of \$50,000 written out to Monaca CDC by Monaca Borough.

Communications: None

Minutes: Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 25th, 2023. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Council Workshop Minutes of May 2nd, 2023. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal and Contractual- VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers’ Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. The Water department finished up the Flushing Program today. They have a few hydrants and valves that need replaced. Next, he briefly stated he has no new news on Streetscape and SGA is still working on getting Penn Dot approval which is underway. They are still working on plans for the Columbia Gas line project. Good news is, as the borough upgrades the waterline during this project, Columbia Gas has agreed to cover the cost to pave the road. For Community Day, he is now taking orders for the new tee shirts for those who would like one. Mr. Kramer then gave a shout out and special “thanks” to Corporal Gene St. Clair for conducting CPR training last Friday and for those who attended. Next, he wanted to put on Council’s radar that the DCED is visiting the town May 27th- which is the start of the Art Walk in Monaca’s downtown area. A reminder will go out to those would like to walk through the town that day. He announced the Girl Scouts were able to install the new sharing library at Antoline Park that council approved early in April. They finished up today and pictures will be posted on the Borough’s social media pages. Lastly, Police need to upgrade their ticket system, which their current supplier that sells the police the yellow citation tickets, is going out of business. Right now Corp St. Clair and Srgt Nicol and Mr. Kramer are working on an idea to replace these tickets with something else. He will keep them posted once he has a quote. He had nothing further to report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He began by stating many will recall that over 10 years ago, the borough purchased old library building, then entered into an agreement with Beaver County Corp of Economic Development for a sale of that building. The proposed purchaser ran into some snags and could never make a deal. When the money was granted to the county's agency to the borough, they had entered a judgement of \$200,000 against the Borough if not sold after 10 years. The note stated so long as the borough held the building for 10 years without selling it, after 10 years that judgement would be satisfied. Solicitor Urick announced this will now be satisfied and conducted tomorrow. Lastly, he will need to go into executive session with one of the projects they are doing, and the borough is doing a Right of Way for

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of April 2023. Pres. Booher and Mr. Kramer said “Good Job” to Curt for getting the numbers up for April compared to last time.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter gave his report. He had some questions regarding the Dumpster ordinance that he will later discuss under New Business. He asked Solicitor Urick if he had everything from engineer Tony for the Street opening ordinance. Both Pres. Booher and Solicitor confirmed they have everything they need. VP Shotter said moving on, regarding the design specifications for the sidewalk ordinance, does rich have everything he needs on that Mr. Kramer said he will give VP Shotter the updates on that. He had nothing further to report.

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave a report. Next meeting, May 15th 6pm Hall of fame building. He announced the BCRC picnic will be held May 22nd. They are expected more than the past couple years. He sent out letters this year and seeing who would be willing to donate chips/pop/water at the event. He hasn't heard anything further since last meeting for Community Day other than the children's games.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle said they had met 2 Monday's ago which was a very detailed meeting. Mike Rubino was there and gave update of the rules and principles for the libraries. He touched base on fundraising and such. Mr. LaPearle said the meeting was mainly a discussion on fundraising. Another issue was brought up about cleaning the building. Mr. Kramer confirmed the Borough did get rid of cleaning crew both at the borough and CJ. He had submitted an email to the library stating since this is their building, they should take it upon their selves to hire a cleaning company or do it themselves as the Borough staff cleans their own building now there isn't a cleaning company. Mr. LaPearle agreed. Mr. D. Wilson stated a Borough staff member did go down and clean the Library area recently, and Mr. Kramer elaborated that this person did and will be their last time doing so as this is not her job. Mr. LaPearle had nothing to report.

New Business:

1. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 987- requiring permits to be issued for dumpster placement in the Borough. Second by Mr. Yothers. VP Shotter wanted to make sure they are covering the intent of what they want from this ordinance. He had some questions and asked: (a.) do we regulate dumpsters on road or in general? Pres. Booher said in general. (b.) Definition of permit: public street or public grounds. Do we need to expand this to private property? Solicitor Urick said the whole idea behind this ordinance was to prevent public nuisance of all sorts because they are blocking roads, police cars, emergency vehicles, street sweeping, etc. If it's in someone's driveway, it is not a problem. Pres. Booher said Mayor had mentioned before he's more concerned with rodents, even on private property. The solicitor said this was already advertised, but a major change would need to be readvertised. (c.) VP Shotter then stressed if they need to permit if on private property? Solicitor Urick said the issue on private property was Nick will have to review this since they are part of his job. Lastly, he asked what are the proper qualifications for a chute in a window? Council discussed. Due to the questions, VP Shotter asked if they could table this Ordinance for following changes/updates. Council agreed. Mr. J. Wilson rescinded his motion, along with Mr. Yothers' second. VP Shotter motioned to Table adopting Ordinance No. 987. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. VP Shotter said, with regret, he **motioned** to accept resignation of 4th Ward Councilman Ken McLaughlin, effective immediately due to change in address. Second by Mr. D. Wilson, and he also added with regret. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve purchase for upfitting for the new 2023 Ford police vehicle from Ibis Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$20,521.00. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. VP Shotter **motioned** approve purchase of concrete cornhole and ladder toss games, to be installed at Antoline Park, in the amount of \$5,271.00 from Doty & Sons Concrete Products, Inc. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: Andrew Joseph Archer, 2598 Front Street, Monaca, PA – was in attendance to thank Mr. Kramer for putting the “no dumping sign” in October of 2021. Two months later, his neighbor cuts a tree down and blocks that area. The neighbor has never cleaned it up. Also, he wanted to know when the Borough shut down Front Street. Pres. Booher said that is not shut down, it is a paper street from Jackson to Summit. VP Shotter said let’s search for the old subdivision plan and see if the Borough accepted the responsibility of the road with paper roads. Mr. Michel was in attendance virtually and asked over Zoom if it was a brick road. Mr. Archer just wanted clarification. Mr. Michel & Pres. Booher said they will research and get back to him on a definite answer.

Announcements: VP Shotter read the following announcements: Tues. May 16th- Municipal Primary Election/ Workshop Meeting scheduled Wed. May 17th. Thurs. May 18th, Food Truck Thursday- Wash. Plaza 4-7pm. May 22nd, BCRC Picnic- Antoline Park Main Pavilion. May 27 - June 17, Monaca Art Walk, located throughout the Downtown area. Mon. May 29th, Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10:30AM, by St. Johns Church. Ceremony to follow at Veterans Park, led by Honorable Mayor Antoline. Mon. May 29th- Borough Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Executive Session: VP Shotter motioned to go into Executive Session under legal and Real Estate at 8:15p.m. Second by Mr. Michel at 7:50pm. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary