

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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- <b>absent</b>	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- present	

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** Mr. Kramer read out loud an email that was sent to him, Mayor and Nick Vorrias by a resident who recently just moved out of the borough due to Shell Cracker Plant bringing down the air quality in their surrounding area. They suffer from occasional headaches and just wanted to address the issue. Mr. Kramer did reach out and let them know Monaca Borough has no affiliation with Shell. VP Shotter said maybe to send the email to Shell's PR department. Mr. Kramer said he will do so.

**Minutes:** Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report via telecommunication- He has yet to hear back from CVS store owner for project that will be underway in that area. The Borough should be receiving by the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> the final numbers that the county reassessment came in at. Solicitor Urick asked Mr. Kramer to let him know as soon as those numbers come in so they can make sure the exempt properties are exempt and if they want to make an appeal against any of the non-exempt properties.

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

Citations: **208**

Criminal Arrests: **7**

Calls for Service: **494**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,633.74**

Mayor Antoline announced Corporal St. Clair will be taking some time off due to a medical situation. He and Chief Piuri are in the process of discussing the schedule without him, so they are currently figuring this out now.

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

**Managers' Report:** Mr. Kramer gave his report. Himself, President Booher & Mr. D. Wilson went to the PSAB conference last week at Hershey. He said there were a lot of interesting classes, one on blite Blight. Overall it was a well-attended event. He thanked the borough for the opportunity to attend the event. Antoline Park-Pavilion roofs are completed. He is still waiting on bids to get their contact for basketball court/pickle ball to refurbish the ones we have. New ladder toss and cornhole board games have been ordered and should be coming in soon. Jimmy B will be coming in to paint the pavilions as well. Mr. Kramer said he has also reached out to a few Monaca residents to update some of the pavilion signs. Columbia Gas Line Project/Bechtel St- they reached out to him last week when he was away and dropped off the check already at the borough for paving. Update on Calder St.- he explained the horrific water break that recently

happened and was so bad it was like a river. He gave details of what happened. Pres. Booher said Councilman Yothers had previously asked if the gas company was going to come back and repave the area where Community event happens before the event. Mr. Kramer said yes, they knew they were on a deadline for the event. Up next, Mr. Kramer touched base on all upcoming meetings. He states there are many this week. He had two on Monday. Today, he had a one hour meeting with Standard and Poor's regarding the borough's credit rating. Tomorrow at 1:00pm, he has a Civic Center committee meeting update. He then reiterated, for those who cannot attend, next week at the workshop meeting, Design Stream representative Kevin Turkall will be present to all to explain where they are on the project. Thursday at 10am, he has a Penn Dot meeting for the 17th Street roundabout. Friday, MVAH is now called Pivot and that meeting will be with himself, Pivot Reps, and the Commissioners at 10am, and 11am Engineers meeting. Mr. Michel asked if there was any movement on Stone Quarry ball fields. Mr. Kramer said they really need to talk it over as a council and to speak with Rich more about specifics. At the next workshop meeting they can also discuss this. Mr. Kramer had already reached out the Liberatore brothers and are keeping them posted of where the borough is at. He had nothing further to report.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report-** VP Shotter gave his report. He stated that he had started red-lining the dumpster ordinance to get the corrections over to Solicitor Urick.

**Library Report-** Mr. LaPearle gave his report. The library finally got a new printer. He said it was time for an upgrade. They are now working towards the Comedy Show they are working on having this November and hoping it could go out in the borough newsletter as well. They are possibly going to have this at Turner's. Pres. Booher said he received an email also that they have a new Facebook page as well.

**Recreation Report-** Mr. Yothers gave his report. They had a meeting yesterday mostly discussing this Saturday's Community Day event. Both Mayor Antoline and Mr. Yothers both emphasized they need a couple more volunteers for the children's games. If anyone on council is available, it would be appreciated. Mr. Yothers then said Rec has once again put together the Pirate game event, 80 tickets, \$20/piece for the July 17<sup>th</sup> game against Cleveland. Lastly, on August 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Magic Show at the Library at 3pm. The next meeting will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> and he added they ended their last meeting briefly discussing the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Fall Fest event.

#### **New Business:**

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve payment to Design Stream LLC for the architectural services provided for the New Civic Center in the amount of \$71,094.57. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Antoline explained the Housing Authority contract that the Police Department enters every summer. Housing provides \$25,000.00 that allows an officer to assist in watching over the areas of Spring Run/Stephen Phillips. Mr. LaPearle asked if they would ever think about updating the current contract. VP Shotter also asked similar questions for possibly updating language in the contract, but for next year not this year since this once is already current. Mayor explained this is money given to them every year to do this, and they've just always done it. Usually, the police are put on duty on weekends and holidays, not every day. Pay for the service per police officer is based upon the highest paid police officer. And when the \$25,000.000 runs out, that's it, the services end. He added, the timeframe is around a couple months during the summer. Council briefly analyzed the timeframe and the worth of the contract.  
>Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to approve 2023 HACB Contracted Police Services Agreement. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 987- Amendment to Street Opening Permit Ordinance. Second by VP Shotter. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher explained why they redid the ordinance. Gas companies, only fixing part of the road, they wanted them to fix it half way.
4. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to accept the resignation from Daniel Colville as alternate to Zoning Hearing board effective immediately, due to recent appointment to council. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Colville **motioned** to appoint Simon Short as alternate to Zoning Hearing board, replacing Dan Colville, with a term ending 12/31/2024. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Pres. Booher explained they recently just had this request in a meeting last month to waive taxes on 808 & 810 Beech Street properties. He said the motion failed due to the bidder not providing any future plans with the properties. to authorize Borough Manager to sign Repository Sale Form waving borough taxes for parcels #37-001-0220.000 & 37-001-0219.000 (808 & 810 Beach Street) to bidder Joseph Basko. Pres. Booher asked 3 times if there was a motion. There was none. **Motion failed.**

**Citizens:**

- 1. Nora Fye, 2508 Beaver Avenue, Monaca, PA** – was in attendance to ask if trees could be trimmed back and grass cut near route 51 intersection since it is hard to see and they are overgrown. Mr. Kramer said they will get this done.
- 2. Mike Fye, 2508 Beaver Avenue, Monaca PA**- was in attendance to stress his concern about his neighbor's house and the horrible condition it is in. Mr. Kramer let him know him and Nick are already dealing with this one and he will keep him posted. VP Shotter asked where they are in the process, Quality of Life ticket, or 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket or Magistrates? Maybe they should consider putting a lien on the property. Mr. Kramer said he will find out what they can do moving forward.

**Announcements:** VP Shotter read the following announcements: June 15<sup>th</sup>, Food Truck Thursday at the Plaza from 4-7pm. Line up can be found on Monaca Facebook page, website, and Mobile App. Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup>, Beaver County Boom & Monaca Community Day Celebration will begin @ 5PM, located at the Pumphouse & Riverfront Park. There will be an array of Vendors & Food trucks, Music, Beer tent, new Children's Games & prizes, and Fireworks to end the event @ 9:45pm.

Mayor Antoline added the Memorial Day parade was a very nice event, thanks for the Borough and the Police department for helping set up. Mayor Anotline stated he loves this event and hopes they can keep doing this. Mr. Kramer added the speech by Honorable Mayor Antoline was also great.

**Executive Session:** VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Real Estate at 7:42p.m. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:55pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:56pm. Second by Mr. Michael. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary