

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual & In Person
Council Meeting Minutes
June 14th, 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. D. Wilson- present @ 7:03pm	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline-present	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr. & Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of May 25th, 2022. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of June 7th, 2022. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Antoline gave the report for the **Month of May 2022**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,221.63**

Citations: **165**

Criminal Arrests: **10**

Calls for Service: **491**

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He gave a recap of the events that occurred that weekend in the borough. Both on Friday, Monaca CDC sponsored the concert series at Washington Plaza and Movies in the Park with a very large crowd. He received nothing but compliments for the movies. Next movie will be last Friday in July which have been posted already. He said the KSA meeting got pushed to tomorrow morning at 10am so he will update council next meeting. The 2022 Flushing program began this week, and they do have all of 5th Ward done already and most of 4th Ward is done. They did get valve turner out and exercising valves as well. We got the notice out well, in the paper, website, app and did a phone tree and push notification over the weekend. Touching base with SGA, they will meet with Michael Baker early next week and submit the HOP to Penn Dot. Mr. Kramer also stated he and Nick will go out to the PA Ave building owners as they did before to sign a new form for the streetscape project. Regarding Antoline Park, they are meeting at 8:30am tomorrow at the park to have a field meeting to discuss some options what to do. Information will be given later regarding this meeting. Hot water tank is installed and in. Ray Hall put in a 50 gallon one for the price of \$2,200.00. Pres. Booher said there was another bid of \$6,000 but this was the way to go. Mr. D. Wilson commented on Movies in the Park and said they got a call from Mark and Carrie Aikens who work with Anthony Antoline with the CV Girls Youth Fast pitch Softball league. They said they were extremely happy Movies in the park was the same evening as their game and they tripled their concession stand sales for the night.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. Pres. Booher signed a ROW for the sewage plant gas line. Solicitor took it to the Recorder of Deeds office. He's hit an issue yet again with it. This one deals with transfer taxes, and he hopes to get this one resolved by the end of this week. He touched base on the sale of old Tammy's Treasures building to

BIL Holdings. He explained the mortgage situation. The sale is going to go through but still working on this. Lastly, they are still doing the title search for Pacific Avenue property, still waiting on that.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor gave his report for the month of May 2022. Pres. Booher had Curt explain the \$33,000 revenue that is above and beyond what we normally have for disposal at the WWTP. Curt explained this is due to vendor Joseph Brunner who they are charging full rate to dispose at the treatment plant. Mr. D. Wilson asked a few questions. He asked first, under section 1D in his report, is it a yearly schedule. Curt said its yearly/annual. He then asked under section 4A regarding volume going in and out of the belt press. Curt stated all liquids go through the screening and he elaborated. Last Mr. D. Wilson asked Section 6C Reno Brothers, are they having any issues. Curt said no, just a small leak they found in the upstairs bathroom at the plant. Mr. LaPearle asked why other municipalities are turning away these vendors. Curt said he has an old article that says back in the 1970's, Monaca's facility was considered "state of the art". So, a lot of the other facilities are not set up the way Monaca's is. Monaca has primary clarification which a lot of the others do not. He explained the clarifier process and why it's important. Mr. Michel gave compliments to Curt for all his hard work. He asked what is their max capacity? Curt stated they have yet to hit their max capacity. A lot of this product the vendors are bringing in is mostly water. So the borough is charging to treat their water. Pres. Booher complimented Curt and his team for doing a good job at the plant.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave a brief report. He said they have a meeting Monday at 6:30pm, pumphouse area to talk more about Community Day which is on June twenty-fifth.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle had nothing to report.

New Business:

1. VP Shotter asked what rate Eli would start out at? Mr. Kramer said \$12 per hour. VP Shotter **motioned** to hire seasonal employee, Eli Priest as administrative NSO intern, pending he passes drug & physical exam. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Mr. D. Wilson asked will he have power to give out citations. Mr. Kramer said he will help Nick locate properties; Nick will give the citations as he does. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve three radios for the Police department in the amount of \$5,175.75 from Lauttamus Communications Security. Second by Mr. LaPearle. VP Shotter asked why this couldn't be included in the county grant. Mr. Kramer said they used everything they had. He understood. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to approve payment #1 to Iron City Construction Inc. for the 11th Street Storm Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$60,906.60. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

1. Joseph Wentz- 599 Allen Avenue, Monaca-new to the area, asked if he could have a higher fence than 3ft, due to his dogs. Pres. Booher explained due to the ordinance, unless there is a hardship, which dogs are not one, he cannot according to the code. Joseph said his grandmother lives with them and helps with the dogs and the only way she can take the dogs out is the front door of the house the way it's set up. Council discussed location of his house, specs and where the fence would need to go. VP Shotter gave some recommendations. He asked Solicitor Urick if someone could put a fence put up with certain specs, conditionally so long as hardship exists, and then if the hardship (individual) no longer resides at this premises, the fence would come down. Pres. Booher thanked Joseph for coming, welcomed him once more to the Borough and said they will discuss his request at a later meeting and get back to him.
2. Michael Frye- 2508 Beaver Ave, Monaca-was in attendance to request speed bumps be added to Pennsylvania Avenue as its difficult for him to get across the street and he explained vehicles barely stop at the cross walks. Pres. Booher informed him that is a state road, and they are not allowed, also they are not permitted anyway to add speed bumps to the roads. Mr. Frye said he did not know that and thanked them for their time.
3. Nora Frye- 2508 Beaver Ave, Monaca-was in attendance to ask council if they could get the someone to trim tree branches once again that is blocking the traffic mirror near Beaver Avenue. Pres. Booher said they will get this on the schedule.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline gave the following announcements: June 16th, 2022 Food Truck Thursday-Washington Plaza from 4-7pm. Food truck line up can be found in the borough quarterly newsletter, on the borough website and mobile app. June 25th, Beaver County Boom/Monaca Community Day Celebration located at 599 Atlantic Avenue/pumphouse area from 5 to 10pm. Come and enjoy the annual community day celebration to kick off summer with an array of food trucks, vendors, music, and fireworks to end the event, sponsored by the Beaver County Boom. Monday, July 4th, Borough Office Closed for Independence Day

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to enter Executive Session at 7:51pm for Personnel. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. 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 Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary