

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 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	Ken 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- <b>absent</b>
Mayor Antoline - <b>absent</b>	

**Others Present**

Dave L. Kramer, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq.

**Engineers Report:** Mr. Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report. He discussed the recent study that was done regarding water and sewer tap in fees in the borough. Tony then brought up their plan per the MS4 to install rain guards that are like shallow ponds in some of the borough's alley ways that are grassy areas right now that will turn into rain guards. Council posed questions about rain guards. Tony explained how they work and that they are very safe. Solicitor Urick asked about the Lead Line project and they will have to meet on this.

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Manager Report-** 1.) Community Day - Mr. Kramer first touched base on Community Day celebration that was held on Saturday June twenty-fifth. He said there was a large crowd, it was well received as well as receiving many compliments from the day. He thanked all those involved and appreciated the borough employees who cleaned up the area so well. He said Susan Polce emailed him this week and said that next day, you couldn't even tell there was that big of an event there for how well they cleaned. Great job to everyone. 2.) Flushing Program: Mr. Kramer said the public works dept completed this very quickly. Jared McKay was virtually in attendance and added that he thought the slip lining down Pennsylvania Avenue helped make a smooth process of flushing downtown. Mr. Kramer added they will be flushing again in the Fall, and they will continue to try to do this twice a year to keep the lines as clear as they can. 3.) DCED- Mr. Kramer spoke with Kevin Bowser, Rep. Matzie's assistant, who informed Mr. Kramer the Borough should be receiving another \$1million dollars toward the Civic Center. 4.) July Meetings: Mr. Kramer reiterated quickly that he will be on vacation next week, therefore he would feel it best to cancel the July 5<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting and have the July 19<sup>th</sup> workshop instead. Council agreed. 5.) SGA- he announced SGA said they submitted the HOP to PennDot on Friday. They are anticipating bids will go out for the streetscape project sometime this September. 6.) Cruise- he also announced the Legislative Cruise by the County that will be held Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and for those who would like to attend to let him know as soon as possible. He also spoke with Nickie Long at the county which she told him the borough should be receiving the \$1.2million check soon. Lastly, he happily announced Commissioner Danny Camp called him and the new round of funding the County is receiving, instead of going through the grant program, they are giving some funding to some of the municipalities, and he let Mr. Kramer know Monaca Borough should be receiving \$1.8 million dollars. There is a possibility it could be unrestricted funding. He explained.

VP Shotter asked the date of Fall Fest. Mr. Kramer said October first. Mr. D. Wilson asked why Community Day started at 5PM rather than earlier like they used to and the children's' games. Mr. Kramer said due to the pandemic the past couple years, they were just sticking with that schedule one last time. He's hoping next year they can incorporate more such as more vendors/food trucks, children's games and bring back how they used to do the event. Mr. D. Wilson also

asked if they exercised the valve turner when doing the flushing program. Jared said they did do this. Lastly, Mr. D. Wilson asked if Mr. Kramer could update the “funds excel spreadsheet” for council to review so they can go over available funds for projects moving forward.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave his report.

**Dept Reports:** Jared McKay- Water Lead, gave his monthly report. Jared discussed recently flushing the hydrant at the bottom of Grove/Wagner, which took away all the pressure on Linden, Grove Streets and Taylor Avenue. The road dept didn’t have any pressure in their line on Taylor Avenue. He talked with Mr. Kramer and engineer Dan Sell, installing a six-inch waterline down Welsh Street, and tying Linden St. into Chestnut to see if they can get the volume up. He explained why they couldn’t have this again. It could cause negative pressure in the lines and could also cause cross contamination which they do not want to happen. This is what the \$9,000 is for to motion on in this meeting to National Road Utility. Council posed some questions. VP Shotter said overall, is it the water treatment leads decision to move on with this project. Jared said yes, it is. Lastly, Jared inquired about the Meter Pit at the Reservoir that Mr. Kramer also looked at. He mentioned the pipes are rusted out. The old valve in there also doesn’t work and he believes is outdated. He would like to proceed with getting this redesigned and get a contractor to come out and look at this. Mr. Kramer said engineer Dan Sell is looking into this. Tony Sadaka gave his input of the system itself. VP Shotter asked if they need a motion on this and what do they gain. Tony explained what they would gain and said it would need a motion to be put out to bid. Jared gave the history on the meter pit. Lastly, VP Shotter asked about timeframe and if they need this now or could it be something they add to the budget for 2023. They will further discuss this at a later meeting. Mr. Kramer then asked Jared to share his picture virtually for all to see. Jared shared his picture of the grassy area by the boat launch shelter that they cleaned up and cut weeds to clean up the hillside. Mr. Kramer said it looked great and they received compliments from residents that they were able to see the fireworks over the river due to the clean-up in the area. Mr. Kramer suggests they do a little landscape now according to Jared’s sketch, which would also be under his threshold spending-wise. Jared had nothing further to report.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve total payment to JJ Stefanik’s for installation of the gas line at the WWTP in the amount of \$32,400.00. Second by Mr. Majors. Mr. D. Wilson asked if this is final payment. Mr. Kramer said yes, one payment only. They also get reimbursement from the gas company, \$16,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Kramer said they had two bidders. Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$499,175.38 and A. Folino Construction total \$524,990.21. Base Bid which was Linden and Blaine total reconstruction, and the rest were add on. Council briefly discussed roads on the list. Mr. Kramer specified the base bids for each, Youngblood at \$279,046.01 and Folino’s base bid at \$292,797.31. Council discussed the entire amount and the base bid amounts. Mr. Michel **motioned** to accept 2022 Paving Program to Youngblood Paving in entire bid amount of \$499,175.38. Second by Mr. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility Supply for Linden Street waterline in the amount of \$9,241.86. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Earlier in the meeting, council discussed the meter pit at Taylor Ave Booster Station. VP Shotter said this will go on future agenda.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements:** Mr. McLaughlin read the following announcements: July 4<sup>th</sup>, Borough office closed for Independence Day. Garbage pickup will be delayed one day that week, Tuesday/Wednesday collection. July 8<sup>th</sup>- Monaca CDC Friday Concert Series at Washington Plaza from 6-9PM. July 21<sup>st</sup> is Food Truck Thursday. Lastly, July 29<sup>th</sup> is Movies at Antoline Park featuring Spiderman No Way Home, beginning at dusk. Mr. D. Wilson added the movie will be played on the new 30 foot screen.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary