

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 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-present	President Booher- present

Mayor Antoline- **absent**

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

Communications: Mr. Kramer said regarding Phase II of the Antoline Park improvements, SGA did the original drawings about 10yrs ago. Due to how old the drawings are, they need to revisit this and update drawings which would help the borough going after grants in the coming year ahead. They want to fix the roofs on pavilions, redo basketball courts and so on. He said they can discuss this further at the next workshop meeting.

Minutes: Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 27th, 2023. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. Recap Planning Commission Meeting: Met Last Wednesday, regarding Monaca Lofts building. Under new business, there is a motion to approve as recommended by Beaver County Planning Commissions and Monaca Planning commission who found nothing wrong with the plans and was a unanimous vote. Upcoming meetings- Thursday with respect to this building with future. Tomorrow, himself, Dan Sell and Jared meeting with Stefanik's to give a bid for the upgrade to the Chlorination System. The demo was already done, and he'll know more after the meeting tomorrow. After that meeting, he and Dan Sell will check on the rain garden that was just installed on Bechtel to make sure all is good. A couple alleys also some issues, so Dan will look at those as well on the hill. He handed out a notice for council to review for residents for the reassessment. Rich stepped in and stated the county reassessed all the properties. For each municipality they came to an overall assessed value. He explained more in detail and the borough is not suggesting any citizen to appeal or not appeal and that it is solely up to them what they prefer to do. Mr. Kramer said the reason to get this out to the residents is stating just that that the borough is not making any suggestions. He had nothing further to report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He began by updating council on the Dumpster Ordinance. He sent another draft over to council, he reworded it and made a lot of short-handed abbreviations. He asked council to review and let him know when he can advertise. He sent to Mr. Kramer borough properties a while back from the reassessment, which 2 of the 3 were tax exempt. He suggested they are not worth taking an appeal on and explained why. Lastly, he stated he would like to go into Executive Session for some issues to address.

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

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter gave his report. He said he had sent the solicitor his comments on the Dumpster ordinance, which is now in review for council. Solicitor Urick explained the changes made which were the

use of Pods and Dumpsters not only on public property but also on private properties as well. Pres. Booher added this permit will hold a fee. Solicitor Urick states he also drafted a permit to be issued.

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave his report. Community Day went well. Recreation did good. The only thing people mentioned were people asking where children's games were. So next year we will need a sign. Everyone did a great job other than that. It was a great night. And clean up was done very well. No meeting this month. Pirate game next Monday, with three buses full and lastly, the talk of Fall fest has begun as well.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle gave his report. There are some potential staffing issues that are arising, he will let council know how that goes. Mr. Michel asked if they ever got the report of usage and how many people attend every day from last year. Mr. LaPearle said he can get an average, but there is no sign in sheet.

New Business:

1. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve Plan/Land development request from Pivotal Development LLC, for "The Monaca Lofts" located at 609 Pennsylvania Avenue, parcel number 34-004-0206.000, recommended by Beaver County Planning Commission Committee & Monaca Borough Planning Commission committee. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to award lowest bidder for the Monaca Borough 2023 Road Paving Project to: Youngblood Paving Inc. in the total amount of \$209,642.55. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve quote from MultiMetal in the amount of \$4,500.00 to replace stairs at WWTP. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve quote from AXON for taser replacement in the amount of \$10,897.02. Second by Mr. Colville. VP Shotter asked if this was from the capital equipment fund. Mr. Kramer said yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve payment to Design Stream LLC in the amount of \$50,750.00 for the new Civic Center building. Second by Mr. Colville. Mr. Michel asked if this was final payment. Pres. Booher said no, this will be an ongoing payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens:

1. Kathy Malobabich at 805 Atlantic Avenue, Monaca, PA – was in attendance to stress her concern of the neighbor's yard that has high grass, and their weeds are growing onto her hillside and over onto her property. She asked what the borough could do about this mess. She said his weeds are taking over her property and nothing is being done. Mr. Kramer said something has been done. He has been cited which is now at the magistrate's office, and he has been cited for various reasons. He explained a citation is a fine that is given first then a second warning and then it goes to the magistrate's office. She stressed the issue was the Japanese water weeds growing onto her property which are so hard to get rid of she must hire someone to maintain her property, and even they can't get rid of those weeds. Pres. Booher said he too has the same invasive weed which is almost impossible to get rid of on the hillside. He explained that property owners are to maintain front & side yards, but hillsides do not need to be maintained on the riverside properties. Mrs. Majors said she lives on Atlantic as well and cut down all the weeds on her whole hillside and had a landside due to it. VP Shotter explained to the resident the borough can only enforce the rules. She really wanted something to be done to the property owner. Mr. Kramer explained once more they have cited this individual, and it is being watched closely by the borough.

Announcements: VP Shotter read the following announcements: July 20th, Food Truck Thursday- Washington Plaza- 4-7pm. August 4th, Monaca Concert Series- Washington Plaza 6-8:30pm. He also added Central Valley School Choir is having a cabaret concert at the Plaza tomorrow evening for those who would like to attend.

Old/New Business: Pres. Booher went around the room and asked each council member if they had any old or new business to discuss.

-Mr. Michel asked if there was any update on Stone Quarry ball field. Mr. Kramer said no update, but they will discuss this further at the next workshop meeting. He then asked about storm sewer Right-of-Way on 8th Street.

-Mrs. Majors inquired about her water pressure at her house recently sounds like her pipes are going to explode they shake and make a noise that's not normal. Her neighbors have inquired about this same issue. Mr. Kramer said Jared will come take a look as soon as possible.

-Lastly, Mr. Kramer said LB Water has been in town installing the leak detection system. Already, they detected a leak.

He wanted to report that this system is working so far and will keep council posted on this system.

Executive Session: Mr. Michel **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Real Estate at 7:46p.m. Second by VP Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:21pm. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:21pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22p.m. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary