

Council Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 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- absent	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 virtually, Rich Urick, Esq.

Engineers Report: Tony Sadaka was virtually in attendance on zoom. He gave his report. He left the meeting after his report at 7:07pm.

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes: Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 8th, 2023. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 15th, 2023. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer first brought up a letter he received from the County regarding the ARPA fund of \$1,891,352.00 they have been awarded and the timeframe they would need to spend it. Before he read the letter he states he was originally informed that the borough would need "shovels in ground" by 2024, money spent by 2026. But on the letter it states 2023, "shovels in ground". He read the letter. Mr. Kramer has already met with commissioners, gave all project inquiries about Streetscape and they know the project is going out to bid this year. He then said the County knows where the Borough stands but they just wanted the borough to have it in writing when the money is to be spent. Mr. Kramer said he will circle back with the county asking about timeframe/year to have shovels in ground/money spent. VP Shotter asked can the invoice that council is approving tonight be paid out of that fund. Mr. Colville added he sits in on the county meetings, and when this letter was discussed and he said this could be typographical error on the year. Mr. Colville said he believes the year means "Shovel in the ground" by 2024. Mr. Kramer said if they are going according to the ARPA rule, shovels in ground by 2024, 2026 monies spent. He will find out more and get back to everyone next meeting.

He did have a meeting with KSA on the Locals Shares Grant that will be available soon. They discussed Streetscape and Civic Center, together as one. Mr. Kramer is tallying up each project and what the short falls are with each one and how much they would need extra per project. That Grant starts September 1st and he states he's planning to hit this pretty hard. He will also reach out to Harrisburg for more funding, if available.

Engineers Meeting- they had reached out to Stoelzle to wrap up the Right-Of-Way. Stoelzle's response was sent to Widmer. Mr. Kramer gave more in depth details. He had nothing further to report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. Mr. Urick said he has several legal matters pending that he will discuss with council in Executive Session.

New Business:

1. Mr. Colville **motioned** to authorize the Borough of Monaca to enter into an agreement with SGA for bid assistance and support for the Pennsylvania Avenue Transportation Gateway project, total not-to-exceed fee allowance of \$189,632.64. Second by VP Shotter. VP Shotter made a comment for the record for a few outstanding items that he would like from SGA moving forward. The first is what the billable rates are from 2023, second is a breakdown of construction “work package” of how they will get to this cost in the motion, and to understand that the motion made tonight on this fee can be controlled by the Borough. Mr. D. Wilson asked after tonight how quickly the bid can go out after tonight. VP Shotter said SGA should be sending a bid package to be advertised on the twenty-ninth of September. There were no further questions. Motion carried 8-1, Mr. D. Wilson-No.
2. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 988, Dumpster Ordinance. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mike Frey- Monaca Borough Resident- honored council with the announcements: Thursday, August 24th the Beaver County Regional COG Conference will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Center TWP. 11AM-7PM. Friday, August 25th- Movies in the Park- Featuring “Puss in Boots, the Last Wish” beginning at dusk. He made a comment stating his daughter really enjoyed last week’s event & movie as well. September 4th the Borough office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. September 8th is Friday Concert Series at the Plaza 6-8:30PM.

>Mr. Kramer added two more announcements. He mentioned the Backpack giveaway event and movies in the park last week was a huge success. The office staff worked hard getting this all together, he thanked them for putting in the time. He especially thanked Gabby & Derek for all their work, especially obtaining as many donations as they did. It was good seeing everyone out there and he hopes to do this event again next year. He thanked everyone once more and stated he really appreciated everyone who helped. Lastly, in front of council is a flyer created by Monaca CDC for the reveal of the “Welcome to Monaca” sign. This date is Friday, September 8th at the pumphouse from 4-4:30pm. There will be a write-up in the paper as well. Anyone who can make it please come, and concert series to follow at the plaza.

>Mr. D. Wilson asked for Mr. Kramer to reiterate one more time the exact amount that was stated earlier in the meeting of the ARPA fund the borough has from the county. Mr. Kramer said: \$1,891,352.00.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Legal, Real Estate & Personnel at 8:17pm. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:44pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:44pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pmm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary