

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual & In Person
Council Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 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- absent	Mr. Michel- present @7:04pm(virtually)
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson- present	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 **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of July 19th, 2022. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve **Regular Council Meeting Minutes** of July 26th, 2022. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of August 2nd, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Monetary Receipts: **\$954.72**

Citations: **203**

Criminal Arrests: **19**

Calls for Service: **478**

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. **ARPA Funds:** Friday, he received a letter from Beaver County Commissioners regarding ARPA funds. He read the letter. He announced the Borough is has been authorized by the commissioners to be awarded \$1,891,352.00 as a disproportionately impacted community. He explained when and how the monies can be spent and who to contact. He did ask the county and this money cannot be used for payroll. It can be used for any projects previously set forth by the ARPA Rescue Plan such as waterlines, storm sewer, recreation, those types of projects. He explains the borough must give a list of what they plan to do with the funds. He said VP Shotter asked earlier if this money was part of the Civic Center. Mr. Kramer did not count this as any part of the Civic Center. He had listed this as extra money for the projects at hand: 17 Street, Streetscape, Antoline Park...etc. They must be spent by year 2024. Mr. D. Wilson asked if this is additional \$1.8 million on top of the \$1.2 million, they had already received. Mr. Kramer said they already have \$1.2. The previous funds of \$1.2 million is allowable to offset police payroll. **Audits:** He explained the hard part is the audits are all virtual now, so it's a lot more work, back and forth. They are still trying to wrap up the Pension audit, which is almost done, no real findings. Turnley has also been in and out grabbing the borough's audit material. Water department had Water supply inspection report done by the DEP on August third. No real findings. They did suggest getting set divers in on the Reservoir for inspections. **Civic Center:** He did reach out to Plum and Penn Hills. They are 2 municipal complexes done by Design Stream. Mr. Kramer asked if he was able to come out and look at their facilities. Penn Hills Borough manager said they could come out next Tuesday at one o'clock. He asked

anyone who wants to go let him know. He will call Plum borough manager back for a second trip. VP Shotter suggested they visit both places in the same day. Mr. Kramer said he will get back with Plum and set this up. PSAB Conference: He announced the fall conference is October 14-16th in Gettysburg, anyone who wants to attend let Brittany know. **WWTP wreck:** Last week, a car ran through the fence at the WWTP and ran into the side of the building. Luckily, no one was hurt. Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Superintendent was in attendance and said he notified borough engineer Tony Sadaka of the situation, and the State. **Larson Design Training:** They will come in this Thursday to do some GIS in the field training with Jake and Jared to coordinate how to update our GIS and keep it updated. **Hotbox inspection:** Mr. Kramer said this is now inspected, so they are chasing pot holes and field the complaints and work orders when they come in. They are still on Youngblood to get them to come in, possibly September start time for paving project. He had nothing further to report.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. The borough closed on the Defelice property. He said they are waiting for date to close on Pacific Avenue property. VP Shotter said he will let him know a date after the meeting. Next, Solicitor Urick sent to Dave and NSO a document on filing municipal claims. He explains why they would need this moving forward with all the unsettled property claims within the borough. He gave two options the borough should be enforcing when citations are not answered in a timely manner. He then explained a Resolution will need adopted for this that he is working on. Lastly, he updated council on the recent court hearing for Mr. Benyo's properties. He's willing to pay the fee and he did tell the magistrate he is moving his office from Beaver to Monaca.

Department Report

1. Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor gave his report for the month of July 2022. Mr. DiGiovine then explained again of the wreck that happened at the WWTP facility that weekend. He suggested to the State and borough engineers barriers should maybe be placed on that bend to prevent this from accident if and when another accident would occur.
2. Jake Iorio, Road Foreman, also gave his report for the month of July 2022.

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

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers had nothing to report.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle announced the next Library Board meeting will be held in September.

New Business:

1. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve payment #2 to Iron City Construction, Inc. for the 11th Street Storm Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$18,662.40. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
>VP Shotter questioned the change order that was made during the 11th Street project made by Iron City, which had already been completed by Iron City in the amount of \$20,000 dollars. Mr. Kramer explained the work that was completed, it was from the road caving from the project that they had to restore with asphalt. Pres. Booher and VP Shotter both reiterated they are supposed to put in a request for change order and council never approved this, nor did they approve the amount given in the final payments. VP Shotter said Solicitor and Engineers should both investigate this before they act upon it any further. Solicitor Urick clarified if the extra work was done without council's approval council needs to show Mr. Sadaka, Borough engineer and to make clear what was done during this work. Jake Iorio specified Iron City never put in a change order for the extra work completed. Council discussed. VP Shotter said they could have also saved money and did the extra work needed in house. Solicitor Urick said they will have to retract the previous motion made. Mrs. Majors and Mr. Yothers both rescind their motion to approve Iron City in the amount of \$18,662.40. Pres. Booher re-asked council the following: Motion to approve payment #2 to Iron City Construction, Inc. for the 11th Street Storm Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$18,662.40. **Yeas: 0, Nays: 9. Motion failed 0-9.**
2. VP Shotter **motioned** to table final payment #3 to Iron City Construction, Inc. for the 11th Street Storm Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$8,841.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Kramer found a grant back in July for the Monaca CDC for Façade Improvement Grant Project, matching up to \$50,000. Council discussed. Pres. Booher said next meeting council can motion to approve the borough

to allocate \$50,000 toward Monaca CDC Façade improvement grant project. Mrs. Majors also had a document for council to look at and she will send it over as soon as she can.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mayor Antoline gave the following announcements: He first announced, last week Friday Concert Series at Washington Plaza was rained out. They will reschedule this event but have not selected a date yet. He will keep all posted. Next, August 18th is Food Truck Thursday, Washington Plaza 4-7PM. September 5th, Borough Office Closed in observance of Labor Day. Garbage is scheduled for Tues/Wed. pick up that week.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:02p.m. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary