

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 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- absent
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Mayor Antoline- **absent**

Others Present

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

Visitors: Crystal Moore- 1300 Allaire Avenue- was in attendance to ask about the road paving program and if their road is on the program this year to be paved. She's been asking for many years, over ten years she states and has pleaded to fix her road to this borough manager and the previous borough manager. Pres. Booher inquired about her road and if she is speaking about the private road on Allaire that she wants paved. She said she is unaware that her road is private, there is no signs and as far as she knows it is public. Mr. Colville said he remembers in the past when he worked for the borough that they did do that road once before. Pres. Booher debated if that was out of kindness from the borough or because her road is public. Mr. Michel said he also remembers her request for this many years ago, but it was never settled what length of the road is private and which is public. Council debated and discussed her road from past remembrance. Pres. Booher said this road is not on the paving program this year but the borough can get the public works road foreman to address this and take a look at her roads issues. More was discussed. Lastly, Mr. Michel said her deed should show the footage, which will be the end of her property line and what she owns. Mrs. Moore said she has her deed. Pres. Boher insisted Solicitor Urick and Mr. Kramer investigate this further. She had nothing further to report and thanked council for letting her attend.

Communications: None

Minutes: Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 22nd, 2023. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer's' gave his report. **Civic Center-** still plugging along, target date end of the month to go out to bid. Widmer has a few more things to finalize. **Streetscape-** few questions at last meeting to SGA. Mr. Kramer said he has those responses from Sean, SGA rep, and will forward them to council. **LSA Grant-** has been opened. He is going to apply for that for some of the Streetscape cost. He is going to apply for \$1million dollars for sidewalks that are covered under this. So he is working right now with KSA to get this underway. **Road Paving Program-** set to begin. Youngblood met with Daryn yesterday. Road dept needs to patch some of the roads that are being tar and chipped before Youngblood can begin. **Chlorination System-** he was speaking with the crew that was down there today. There is progress being made. He explained that cement was poured inside, and walls and ceiling will be done tomorrow then they will lay tanks by Friday. This is close to being ready to go. The Borough does have to then bring someone in that's qualified to hook up the tanks with the chlorine. He added in council's agenda packet they will see a letter from Widmer that states the engineers deem this project an emergency. He explained why. **Welcome to Monaca Sign-** this event was held last Friday. He announced the reveal overall was a complete success. He gave a big thanks to Monaca CDC for all the fundraising to get this back up and a special thanks to former Mayor Simon Short for his artistic ability in creating the new sign. This should be in the beaver county times as well over the weekend. **Beaver County Chamber of Commerce** is having an event tomorrow at the Monaca Brewing company, you must register to attend. **Monaca Fall Fest** event is next Saturday. He announced the vendors and contests and asked for those who wanted to volunteer to let him know.

Next, Mr. Kramer announced they were awarded a \$30,000 grant that they had applied for from the National Fitness Campaign for the outdoor fitness center. He told them he is not committed to the project just yet, and is still trying to get additional funding through another grant to cover the cost of the entirety of the project as this \$30,000 grant would only cover a portion of the park project. Pres. Booher thanked Mr. Kramer for achieving this grant. **Labor Contracts** are currently under negotiations. Next, he excitedly announced three **new businesses recently opened** in the downtown area: Leona's Seam & Sewing, Dans Automotive & Service Repairs & Trish's Truffles. He expressed his excitement for the progress happening in the downtown area. Lastly, he added outdoor seating ordinance was on his list to discuss which Solicitor Urick can discuss next. He does have one business who approached him with an idea to enhance their outdoor seating with outdoor lights. He has those drawings to share with council and will discuss this more in executive. Mr. D. Wilson added a comment for council regarding any concerns from residents about the upcoming paving program. He suggested the council let residents know that they are here to service the entire community and they do not choose one over the other. And to just remind them of this.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He stated based on the information by the Borough engineers that the Chlorination project was deemed an emergency therefore, they will not have to put this out to bid. Next, the agenda has some resolutions to adopt tonight. Once adopted he will address this to the school board for 808 and 810 Beech Street. Once he receives these back from the School, he will get both Resolutions to the County to exonerate the back taxes for these two properties. He will discuss the rest of his items in Executive Session.

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

Ordinance Review Committee Report-Pres. Booher asked Solicitor Urick to touch base on the Sidewalk Ordinance. Pres. Booher said Mr. Kramer had searched and investigated what other communities do, and he found that most do not collect extra insurance from businesses who use outdoor seating. Solicitor Urick explained why he believes it's necessary to collect this insurance from the businesses as it will protect the borough in any instance that may occur. He explained. Mr. Michel asked to see the ordinance. Pres. Booher said he had sent this out before. Solicitor Urick said he only changed the insurance cost from 1 million to 2million to collect and that the borough be named the secondary insurer.

Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave his report. Their next meeting is next Monday. He announced they are looking forward to Fall Fest and will have a table set up selling baked goods as a fundraiser. They also plan to have a children's Halloween event October 21st at Antoline Park from 5-8pm, more details to come.

Library Report- Mr. LaPearle gave his report. The board met last week. They were planning a comedy show that has now been postponed until possibly next April. They are having some staffing issues currently. They are looking into having a Wine and cheese event, he'll keep council posted. He brought up some of the windows upstairs that needed addressed.

New Business:

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to adopt Resolution **No. 6-23**, exoneration of back taxes between 2018 through 2023 for parcel #37-001-0220-000-011. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Resolution **No. 7-23**, exoneration of back taxes between 2011 through 2023 for parcel #37-001-0219-000-011. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheet (MMO) for the Monaca Borough **Non-Uniform** Pension Plans for 2024. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheet (MMO) for the Monaca Borough **Uniform** Pension Plans for 2024. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to accept the resignation of Michele Manzo from Library Board. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher thanked Michele for her years of service on board.
6. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to approve usage of borough roads and facilities for the Stop, Drop & Run 5k on October 14th. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Curt DiGiovine read the following announcements: Wed. Sept 13th, Beaver County Chamber of Commerce hosting an Afterhours Event at Monaca Brewing Company from 5-7pm. Register on the Chamber of

Commerce website. Saturday, September 16th, Bulk Item Collection Event will be held at the Monaca Road garage & Electronics Recycling Collection Event will be held at Antoline Park –both events from 10:00am-2:00pm. Borough residents only. Sat. Sept 23rd, Monaca Fall Festival is back located downtown this year at the Plaza from 2-6pm. There will be an array of food trucks, vendors, music, 2nd Chili Cookoff Contest, new Pierogi Eating contest, children’s activities and more. October 2nd- December 4th Fall Leaf Collection Program will be held. Pick up will be every Monday during this time. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office, \$3 per bundle.

Executive Session: Mr. Colville **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Legal & Real Estate at 7:46pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Colville **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 8:45pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 8:45pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. Michel **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary