

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual & In Person
Council Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 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-present	Mr. Michel- present (virtually)
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- absent
Mr. D. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline-present	

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Executive Session: Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to enter Executive Session at 7:02pm for Personnel. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. >At this time, council exited council chambers and went into Executive Session in the conference room with closed doors.

At 7:29pm, Council entered back into Council Chambers. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 7:29pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:29pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve **Regular Council Meeting Minutes** of August 23rd, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of September 6th, 2022. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Citations: **201**

Criminal Arrests: **11**

Calls for Service: **338**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,349.77**

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He announced the Borough's insurance provider Benecon received bids to switch from UPMC insurance to Highmark come the new year. He said the Borough insurance is under the Collective Bargaining Agreement; he has a packet to share with police and laborers union since a change will be happening outside the regular contract. Insurance coverage/plans will remain the same, the only thing that changes are administrative fees which the borough will be saving by switching over. All will keep UPMC until end of the year and the switch will go into effect January 1, 2023. Open enrollment will be in October and Mr. Kramer said they will bring a Benecon Rep in to answer any questions for the new change. Paving Program: Youngblood was up on Blaine and Linden. He checked the site out and they will be there Monday, weather pending. He added there may be a couple road areas to add to this program. Budget Meeting: He is looking to have this October 25th at 6:00 before the council meeting. We will advertise this and wanted to put it out on everyone's radar. He does have all department "wish lists" for 2023. Online Permitting: We have been working on this for a whole year now, and our 95% there. We received updated parcels from the county so

everything should be up and running by next week or there, after. He reiterated that Fall Fest is October 1st at Antoline Park. Gabby is looking for some donated gift baskets or gift cards if anyone was willing to contribute, let her know please. They did get a few more vendors, and

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He stated they just discussed something pertaining to Resolution No. 7-22 in Executive. He had nothing further to report.

Department Report: Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor, gave his report for the month of August 2022.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- None

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Yothers gave his report. He said Rec met yesterday at the Hall of Fame building. They also discussed Fall Fest and getting more Borough volunteers. He said they also talked about this years' Hometown Christmas. Rec did have some concerns with safety issues down at the 15th Street playground & Washington Ave basketball court, concession stand itself that need resolved for safety reasons and he named the problems. Pres. Booher said the concession stand is the Borough's, the fence is owned by the School District. They also own the basketball court and the front half where the pool used to be. Mayor Antoline asked who cut the grass. Mr. Kramer said Borough cuts, school pays for it.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle announced the next Library Board met last night He said there are a good handful of applicants so far for the new Director position after Pat Smith retires at the end of this year. Budget was increased by the State and the Library hours are going to change as well to increase hours.

New Business:

1. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to uphold suspension without pay, imposed by Mayor Antoline against Officer Badge #20. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to accept resignation of Officer Badge #20, and to pay all items afforded by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and the Police Union Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to hire Brandon Thompson as full-time police officer pending he passes all necessary screenings and tests. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mayor Antoline swore in Brandon Thompson as Full-time Patrolman. The audience gave him a round of applause and Pres. Booher congratulated Officer Thompson.
4. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to remove biweekly stipend from Monaca Borough Road Foreman effective immediately. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 7-22. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility for restocking items at the pumphouse in the amount of \$6,915.46. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility for restocking items at the pumphouse in the amount of \$5,140.56. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Kramer explained there is a backlog on anything with brass in it, including fire hydrants. Currently hydrants are on 56 week back-order. The Borough already received three in stock that were already ordered, two more were at National that they had in stock, which he said they received those. Everything else has been ordered thus far. Anything and everting that has brass, they are are jumping a head of the game and ordering now to restock what we do have now.
8. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve quote from JP Environmental of \$9,300 each for two rails and wear-strips to rehabilitate both primary clarifiers. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
9. (a.) Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the 8th Annual "Stop, Drop & Run 5K Race" as a fundraiser for Monaca Volunteer Fire Department on October 8th, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
(b.) Pres. Booher reiterated council is only approving the Borough owned properties per the obstacle course locations, not CV Middle school. Mr. D. Wilson specified the middle school's road though, is the borough's road, Solicitor Urick agreed. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve VFD to utilize the areas owned by the

borough which include CV Middle School Road, Stone Quarry, Antoline Park & Monaca Youth Baseball field, for the obstacle race. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: Nicole Baldwin- 14 Allaire Park Road, Monaca PA- was in attendance to bring to council's attention that when it rains up by the softball fields, the rainwater does not drain into the Borough's drains and the water runs all the way down to her gravel driveway, which washes the gravel away every year. She states her driveway is a complete mess right now. Pres. Booher had her say her address again. She was asking for help on the issue. Mr. Kramer confirmed with her that she is passed the Antoline Park pavilions and down that hill. She said yes. He then said he will look into this for her.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline gave the following announcements: Sept. 15th– It's the last Food Truck Thursday of the season. Washington Plaza 4-7PM. Sept. 24th -Bulk Item & Electronics Recycling Day from 10-2PM- borough residents only. Bulk item/Yard Waste drop off location-Road Garage; Electronics drop off location- Antoline Park. Sept. 28th- COG Conference, Beaver Valley Mall. October 1st- FALL FEST, Antoline Park 1-5PM. There are over 20 vendors attending, DJ, magician, children's' games, chili cookoff contest, pumpkin carving contest and so much more. Monday, October 3rd, Fall Leaf Collection begins, pick up every Monday until first Monday in December. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office, \$3 per bundle.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary