## **MONACA BOROUGH**

## Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:06pm

The Work Shop Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time via Zoom communication remote application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors-present Mr. McLaughlin-present Mr. Mitchell- present (vacant) Mr. Blanarik- present Mr. Michel- present

Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson- present
President Shotter- present
President Booher- present

**Others Present** 

Mayor Short-absent; David L. Kramer, Jr.;

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: 2021 Flushing Program: Half way done on the hill and hopefully getting downtown starting next Monday. Mr. Wilson asked if the snow coming this week would will postpone flushing. Mr. Kramer said yes all pending weather how quickly they get it done. Part Time Public Works Employee: Mr. Kramer mentioned this was the time they were going to hopefully hire a part time employee for the public works department to replace Tom Nardilli who started full time at the beginning of the year. Council discussed applicants, hourly wage and possibly hiring two part time employees. Jake Iorio-Road Foreman-was in attendance and agreed two would be great help. VP Shotter also inquired about summer help. Council agreed, Pres. Booher said they could advertise for the summer help. Water Valve Replacement Project/Pacific Avenue: May 1st is their target date to start. They'll start at Pacific and work their way down to Wahl Street. Columbia Gas bid for new pipe for generator at WWTP: Mr. Kramer said the quote for the 4" line from Columbia Gas came to \$20,579.77. Mr. Michel asked if it's the borough's service line. Mr. Kramer said yes.

## **New Business/Items to Discuss:**

- 1.) **BC DA Camera Initiative** had a meeting, gave cost per camera in meeting. District attorney already said they would cover the cost of the camera's itself. There would be no charge to the Borough. The borough would be responsible for the license fee, which is an ever-other-year fee. He said its \$650 per camera. Cameras are shared throughout the county. Questions were asked about the camera's activity and location. Mr. Kramer will double check to see if our network supports it. He said the idea is to put the cameras at all exit and entry points to see who's coming in and going out. Mr. LaPearle gave his expertise on the matter.
- 2.) He received a call from Diane McKay requesting to have the Monaca Mad Dash 5K on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 which coordinates with the Boom, at 9AM on the hill. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve Monaca Mad Dash 5K on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.) Mr. Kramer said on that day at 2:00PM they received only 2 bids for the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline Rehabilitation Project Phase 1. The lowest bid was Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting Co. in the amount of \$785,592.00. Tony Sadaka suggested to stick with the low bid and proceed with the project. VP Shotter asked what they are doing about the remaining \$250k. Mr. Kramer discussed the options. Jake Iorio said Stefanik's is more than qualified to do this job. Service line lengths & locations were discussed.

## President Booher went around the room for council's comments on old/new business.

-Mr. LaPearle had been to a recent Library board meeting and they asked when they will receive their next payment. Mr. Kramer said they just cut a check for this quarter. Pres. Booher reiterated they are to receive payment quarterly as discussed before and should they need it sooner give a valid reason why. Mr. LaPearle also questioned the front door issue at the Library. Mr. Kramer said he will get an update on that for him.

-Mr. Michel thanked Gabby, (water utility clerk), for informing him that the borough could distribute free recycling carts to residents to help with the borough's annual yearly tonnage.

Announcements: Mr. Blanarik read the announcements: Leaf Collection has begun and will end April 30<sup>th</sup>. Residents are to call the borough office to schedule pick up. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office upon appointment during normal business hours. April 15 through May 1<sup>st</sup>, Monaca CDC sponsoring "Arts in Monaca Walkby Art Exhibit" featuring past and present artists from Monaca. Locations: Along the business district and Monaca Library. He commented and said it was fascinating and he will take another walk again to see the art once more. April 24<sup>th</sup>, "Children's Story Walk" sponsored by Monaca Library located at George Washington Plaza, refreshments at Monaca Library after. Also, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Bulk Item and Yard Waste Collection Day at Road Garage, 9am-2pm.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Michel **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel & Real Estate matters at 7:58pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Wilson said they need to discuss Water Bills also in executive. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was continued to the next regular meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting which a quorum was present. Council voted to adjourn Executive Session and returned to regular session at which a motion was made by VP Shotter and second by Mr. McLaughlin to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary