

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
April 26th, 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- absent	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson- present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline -present	

Others Present

Dave L. Kramer, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq. (**absent**)

Engineers Report: Mr. Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report.

Visitors: Thomas “Norm” Ely-1010 Nimick Avenue, and business owner 1030, 1032 & 1034 Penn Ave, Monaca, PA- was in attendance as a business owner in Monaca. He saw the Façade program was to be motioned in this meeting. He gave his opinion and support of this motion. He said it was a positive aspect. Main street of Monaca is the front porch of Monaca. There are business that look run down and he thinks this could create a good front door for all. This could also increase property values, store fronts will look better which brings up the quality of life. He’s hoping they would consider this tonight. He asked council to consider thinking a head for the future business owners. VP Shotter asked Norm a few questions about attending possible business classes. Norm said the money you put into a business class could disappear if the business owner leaves in 6 months. The façade money will not disappear and is going to be there, the person could leave. Norm thanked council for giving him time. Pres. Booher thanked him also for attending.

Guest: Mayor Antoline introduced Robin Redfern. Robin approached council and introduced herself. She began by describing their program “Bags & Blessings” that is a faith based non-profit charity established January of 2021. This program is to help bring hope and love to those individuals undergoing cancer treatments. She announced the many agencies that support this program including Beaver County Conservation District, BC Commissioners, Department of public works, Recreation & Tourism, and a few others. She explained their tree program and how it works. They were interested in bringing this program to Monaca. Council discussed. Pres. Booher suggested they will put this on their next workshop meeting to discuss. Robin thanked Mayor and council for their time.

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of April 12th, 2022. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of April 19th, 2022. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave the following updates on the RACP. He just heard that the Borough is the recipients of \$500,000.00 which now totals \$1million dollars. They will need to start discussing plans for this money. He is trying to set up a meeting with admin., police, fire department chief for civic center. Pres. Booher reiterates they put in for \$2.8million and received \$500k. Next, he mentioned the Penn Dot Meeting they recently had with the engineers regarding waterline on Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street right under the round-about area. He explained they will have to camera the line as the first step. borough engineers will be included. Mr. Kramer then said the 2022 COG Summer/Winter Commodities’ bid tabulations are in. Brittany is currently working on getting a spreadsheet together so council can see the lowest bidder for each contract. He said they can motion it at the next regular council meeting. Mr. Kramer briefly explained why they go through this process for the newer council members. He then gave a brief update

of the 11th Street project and Linden St Waterline replacement project. Both are moving along. He also reiterated the office is in the works to have a Fall fest this year. The Monaca Hometown Christmas event was a success last year and they were thinking about collaborating with Recreation and Monaca CDC again for this event as well. The decision right now they are trying to make is where to have it. Either in the downtown area or up at the park. Council gave some suggestions. He had nothing further to report.

Borough Solicitors Report- (Solicitor Urick absent)

New Business:

1. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to form a Main Street Façade Improvement Committee. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Council discussed. VP Shotter clarifies that this motion is an exploratory committee. Pres. Booher agreed and said yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to hire Mason Elmer, effective June 6th, 2022, for part-time laborer, at an hourly rate of \$13.50. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mr. Yothers read the following announcements: Sat. April 30th Monaca Borough Bulk Item & Yard Waste Collection Event at Road garage 9-2pm. Also that same day, Electronics Recycling Day located at Antoline Park, 9-2pm. Lastly, Brady's Run Recycling Center also having an event that day to safely dispose of common household chemicals between 9-1pm. Next, Tues. May 17th is the primary Election. The Borough Workshop Meeting is scheduled for May 18th, Wednesday. Thursday, May 19th is Food Truck Thursday (location TBA per 11th St project). Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion beginning at 10:30AM, St. Johns Church. Ceremony to follow at Veterans Park lead by Honorable Mayor Antoline.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary