

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 17th, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Workshop Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present	Mr. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Blanakik- present
(vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present via teleconference	President Booher- present

Others Present

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

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: On behalf of Monaca Borough Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Mike Siegel was in attendance representing, to update council on a couple requests per the VFD. Also with him was Tom Ball, representing Keystone Fire Apparatus Inc. Chief Siegel greeted council and passed out quotes for two fire apparatus they are inquiring about. In further detail Chief Siegel explained both fire apparatus. Council posed questions. Chief Siegel and Mr. Ball answered accordingly. Lastly, Pres. Booher stated the quotes can go on next week's council meeting for approval.

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. He first gave an update of PA Ave. Waterline project- Phase one. They are getting closer to the end point. Phase 2 should start end of this month/beginning of September. As far as services getting hooked up on Pacific Avenue, they have made it to 12th Street. The got a tad side-tracked with a couple water breaks and a fire that happened in town. Also, the Road Department has also been working at Antoline Park preparing for the Annual COG Conference & Chamber of Commerce meeting that will be held there Wednesday and Thursday this week. The park looks good, and he states Angel has also been a big help as well getting the park ready. Lastly, he mentioned the meeting with Penn Dot last Thursday regarding finances with Round-about/17th Street corridor. They will be working on meeting the streets with the 17th Street project and the Borough's Streetscape project. Mr. Kramer said he will have an update on that next week or so. For the RCAP, Mr. Kramer did reach out since it got pushed back and they should be hearing end of September. Lastly, he did get a call from Mike Beyer regarding the TIF. He mentioned the option is still out there with going forward with the TIF and gave brief explanation as to how. So far, they are down to seven days for the bid on the 2012 Caterpillar. He's hoping they hit their reserve on that one. The Backhoe should be in. Jake Iorio, in the audience stated the Backhoe is now in. Mr. Michel posed some questions about extending sewage water lines for the 17th Street project as they are doing for the streetscape. Pres. Booher said they are doing all the work from 15th to the round-about as far as doing studies on the sewer and so on. Pres. Booher also updated council on the Penn Dot meeting, and it was discussed that they would like the streetscape and 17th Street round-about to be completed at least by Fall 2022, and they would plan the Monaca-Rochester bridge project then. He said they would begin in 2023. Mr. Mitchell asked about timeframe of bridge closure. Pres. Booher said it would be in two phases, 3 weeks closed then a month later closed for another 3 weeks. There were no further questions.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Tislaretz Lot Line Revision for tax parcels (A): 38-005-0106.000 & (B): 38-005-0107.001, recommended by Monaca Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve Snyder/Riles Subdivision for tax Parcels: 38-004-0304.000 & 38-004-0305.000, recommended by Monaca Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to hire Michael Lucci for Public Works fulltime Laborer position, pending he passes the physical and drug test. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to close Huntington Bank Accounts and transfer to corresponding Wes Banco accounts. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Payment #2 to JP Environmental LLC for the Secondary Clarifier Mechanical Replacement project in the amount of \$244,977.30. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
6. President Booher made it known that the *motion to hire the Cohen Group to review Comcast Cable Franchise agreement* will not need discussed nor approved by council per Solicitor Urick and can be removed from this meeting.
7. President Booher read aloud the following motion to council: **Motion** to authorize the Borough Manager to sign for a private sale from repository of unsold properties and exonerate back taxes for tax parcel: **37-001-0214.000** (1002 Beech Street) to bidder Betsy Miller. There were no motions made. Motion Failed.
8. President Booher read aloud the following motion to council: **Motion** to authorize the Borough to sign for a private sale from repository of unsold properties and exonerate back taxes for tax parcel: **38-002-0207.000** (2538 Colonial Avenue) to bidder Betsy Miller. There were no motions made. Motion Failed.

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

-Mrs. Majors announced on behalf of Monaca CDC they have surpassed their funding goal. She announced how much they have made and are very excited to press forward with the upcoming projects in town. Pres. Booher and council gave Mrs. Majors a round of applause for her dedication and hard work in obtaining these funds for the Monaca CDC.

Mr. Mitchell next asked what they are going to do about Marshall Road's big divot in the road people are complaining about. Mr. Kramer is looking into this.

Mr. LaPearle asked if there was a plan to help downtown businesses to get started for example possibly paying first couple months rent, etc. Mrs. Majors said the CDC is working on a plan.

Announcements: Mr. Blanarik read the announcements. Thursday, August 19th is the 2021 Beaver County Local Government Conference located at Antoline Park from 8:30am to 4:00pm. To register, please contact Brittany Bologna. On August 19th it's also Food Truck Thursday at Washington Plaza from 4-7pm. Line up: can be found on Monaca Borough website & Monaca Now mobile App. Friday, August 26th is Movies in the Park playing "Godzilla vs Kong" beginning at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and enjoy the show under the stars.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary