

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Council Meeting Minutes
December 29th, 2020 at 7:00pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors-present	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanakik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- absent	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short- absent	

Others Present

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

Engineers Report: Dan Sell, Widmer Engineer representative, gave the Engineers report in place of Tony Sadaka for this meeting.

Visitors: Pres. Booher asked if it was ok that Ed Becker was able to speak now instead of waiting until the end of the meeting. No one was opposed. Mr. Becker asked the status of the rezoning of Atlantic Avenue area. Mr. Kramer said him and Solicitor Urick are going to get together to try and find someone to get some bids to start the process itself. He does have some names and he should have an answer by the end of this week. Mr. Becker thanked him and said Happy New Year to all.

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to approve December 1st, 2020 Virtual Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously

Fiscal and Contractual- VP Shotter **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Monaca Consultant Report- absent

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave his report. He touched base on the Streetscape project and told council they could send him any comments/questions per the conceptual drawings that were submitted by SGA. He gave an update on the Bond, which they will close on January 7th, 2021 at the Borough office. The money that will be wired is in the amount of \$6,700,939.55. He then announced the updated borough website will be launching in a couple weeks using the same URL. Lastly, he recognized the borough for receiving three awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's. The awards included Borough website as an honoree; the borough newsletter placed 3rd and happy to announce 1st place for the Monaca Now mobile application. He thanked all those involved including staff and VP Shotter for working diligently on the communications items.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He reiterated bond closing January seventh and added a little more detail about the future with the bond. He then gave an update of deed transfer of the parking lot from the Parking Authority to the Borough. He is working on draft now and will send to Parking Authority for Chairman to sign and to give to the Borough once completed. Lastly, he began the process in preparing a contract in anticipation of making Dave Kramer Full-Time Borough Manager. President Booher reiterated he and VP Shotter are working with Solicitor on this as well and will send draft to council for review. He also received an email from the Beaver County Conservation District. It had attached to the email a Memorandum of Understanding. He explained the MOU in detail and asked Mr. Kramer to put it on next council agenda in January to have Pres. Booher authorized to sign it. This deals with construction projects and he explained further that this usually deals with anything the DEP would be doing in the district. He then circled back to the Borough Manager's contract and that he made it effective January 1st, 2021 and agreement expires in one year.

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New Business:

1. 2021 Budget

- a) Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adopt 2021 General Budget. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to adopt 2021 Water Budget. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to adopt 2021 Sewer Budget. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve Police Contract for January 1st, 2021 to December 31, 2024. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. VP Shotter **motioned** to reappoint Richard Urick as Borough Solicitor for the year 2021. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously. >Solicitor Urick thanked council.
 4. VP Shotter **motioned** to reappoint Widmer Engineering Inc. to the position of Borough Engineer for 2021. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. VP Shotter **motioned** to hire Dave Kramer as Borough Manager, with an annual yearly salary of \$71,506.10 effective January 1st, 2021 (following a contract written by Solicitor Urick). Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. President Booher congratulated Dave Kramer!
 6. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Water Utility Clerk Gabby Hernandez at an hourly rate of \$21.48, effective January 1st, 2021. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize NSO Nick Vorrias at an hourly rate of \$18.82, effective January 1st, 2021. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
 8. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Administrative Assistant Brittany Bologna at an hourly rate of \$17.83, effective January 1st, 2021. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize annual yearly salary of \$75,540.00 to Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Curt DiGiovine effective January 1st, 2021. Second by VP Shotter. Motion carried unanimously.
 10. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to authorize annual yearly salary of \$58,200.00 to Public Works Road Foreman James Iorio, effective January 1st, 2021. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
 11. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve SGA drawings to proceed with submission to Penn Dot. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
 12. The following motion was added by President Booher: VP Shotter **motioned** to approve unspent line items from the Fire Department to be placed in Capitol Funds. Second by Mrs. Majors. President Booher asked the audience three times if there were any questions/concerns regarding the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements:

Mr. LaPearle read the announcements. The Borough office will be closed **Friday, January 1st** for the Holiday. Christmas tree recycling will begin January 4th. Residents are to place bare Christmas trees at their front curb & to call the Borough office to schedule pick-up.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Bologna, Secretary