

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 1st, 2022 at 7:00pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- present @7:03pm	Mr. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: Presentation by Trinity Automated Solutions. Mr. Kramer announced Kevin Connelly was in attendance and engineer Rich Fish, to present council with an update on CJ Mangin improvement proposal (998 Indiana Avenue, Community Center). Kevin shared a PowerPoint presentation of proposed improvements and funding options for the community center. He went over the improvements within the proposal. He said engineer Rich with go over the facility improvement measures. Rich Fish- engineer- then gave update of the scope of work and began with the boiler room and the existing boiler which is passed its lifespan and not efficiently operating at the moment. He then gave options of new installations and funding strategies. Council proposed questions. Answers were given. Council then discussed amongst themselves options to keep or sell the building and if it's worth putting money into it. Mr. D. Wilson suggested they know this answer first and what they want to do in the future moving forward before making any decision with Trinity. Discussion ended at 7:38PM. Mr. Kramer thanked Kevin and Rich for attending. The representatives of Trinity left the meeting.

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. He gave updates on **water breaks** that week already, one on Blaine and one on Beaver, both repaired today. He mentioned the **17th Street** call that they discussed last week, which in fact was only an exploratory call from Penn Dot. They will not be tearing out the islands just yet. He will touch base with Penn Dot next week on a conference call about the roundabout and where they are at. Next, he announced he has a call with Kevin Turkall for plans of the Civic Center. Next, Beaver County Boom is June 25th this year which is when they would normally do Community Days.

Library Discussion: Mr. Kramer then let councilman LaPearle explain the current Library request given by their board. Mr. LaPearle said he and council met with the library board about two weeks ago regarding funding. He mentioned they are in a bit of a standstill in terms of meeting their annual budget. They requested some level of assistance from the borough this year between \$5,000 and \$10 thousand dollars. He stated Mr. Kramer came up with an idea to use some of the Covid Relief funds that haven't been used. Other realities were given for the lack of funding over the past couple years due to the pandemic and he reiterated that Central Valley had taken away all funding for them. VP Shotter asked if they applied for loans. Mr. LaPearle said yes twice already. VP Shotter said they will not leave them hanging dry this year. He did mention funds are drying up everywhere and moving forward, they need to decide, as a body, what they want to do with the library in terms of future. Council discussed employment and the purpose of library. VP Shotter agreed with getting them through this year and then decide what they do from there. Mr. LaPearle asked if there was a lease for the library. Pres. Booher said no. Mr. LaPearle said they want to make sure there was some formal time frame noted. VP Shotter believes there was some lease agreement or MOU between the borough and library. Mr. Kramer will retrace and look for this.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize Mason Elmer, part-time public works laborer, at an hourly rate of \$12.50, effective May 25th, 2022. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize Tanner Hoenig, part-time public works laborer, at an hourly rate of \$12.50, effective May 25th, 2022. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize James Iorio, Road Foreman, at a stipend of \$10,000.00 retroactive to January 1st, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Covid-19 Vaccine Policy-** In absence of Solicitor Urick, VP Shotter brought up the Covid-19 Vaccine Policy that Solicitor had sent to council and suggested they move forward with the policy. Council debated and discussed the policy language regarding the vaccinated and unvaccinated, covid-19 testing protocol, insurance coverage for tests, time off, etc. Much was debated, modifications were specified amongst the board per the language in the policy. After much was considered, VP Shotter said he would take all questions/requests from council, type them in an email and send to Solicitor Urick for feedback and to update the policy and have final draft back to council that weekend to review before next meeting for approval. Discussion ended at 8:30pm.
5. Mr. Kramer brought up two **bids he received for Linden Street waterline replacement project**. They had sent out for Ductile and PCV. LB Water came out higher than National Utility. Council discussed if they are COSTARS or not. Pres. Booher said they will put this on next weeks agenda to accept lowest bid.

Old/New Business:

- Mr. D. Wilson inquired about the fire hydrant that was replaced at the top of 14th Street recently. The ground is starting to corrode, and needs repaired to please put it on their agenda.
- Mr. Michel asked how salt delivery was going. Mr. Kramer said they were delayed but all loads have been delivered that the borough has ordered.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:53p.m. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary