

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Virtual Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm**

The Regular 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	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson- present	Mr. Michel- present@ 7:10pm
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.

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

**Visitors:** Mr. Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Superintendent, wanted to specify under New Business, item number four, the flow controller verbiage needs changed to flow totalizer for the correct term. Pres. Booher noted this.

**Communications:** None

**Minutes-** None

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

**Manager Report-** Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first began by touching base on Streetscape. He had a brief meeting with SGA consultants. And they are in the process of submitting the HOP to PennDOT by March 11<sup>th</sup> to give a window for questions/comments. He then mentioned the Industrial appraisal is underway and in the next thirty days they should have that report for Tony. Next, Blaine Road waterline replacement project began Monday. Pres. Booher confirmed during the days of work, water will be off 8am-4pm. Mr. Kramer then brought up last weekend's large water break on Walnut and Taylor Avenue. The guys were out all night and finished up 7 A.M. that morning. The guys did a great job being out there in the elements. Civic Center meeting will be held later that week. It is on the agenda for this meeting as they thought they would have met earlier, but this can be put on a later meeting after the meeting with Kevin Turkall. Next, he is still waiting on the third round of announcements for RACP funding. He has a meeting with KSA Friday and another meeting with Rep. Matzie that day to discuss funding. He is looking into another grant for shelter repairs at Antoline Park, roofs do need repaired. Councilman D. Wilson asked Mr. Kramer to touch base for the newer council members that they had recently sold a lot of properties: Jackson Avenue Parking lot (Antoline Park/baseball field parking lot) which is pending and sold for \$22,500.00. Next, Wayne/Taylor Avenue purchased by Bickerstaff's in the amount of \$15,000.00. And lastly, 1302 PA Ave was just approved and sold to BIL Holdings in the amount of \$25,000.00. Over the course of the last twelve months, the borough has sold nine vehicles in a total amount of \$115,905.00. He said as vehicles become older, they will continue to put vehicles on Municibid to replenish our fleet. Pres. Booher explained what Municibid was to the newer members.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He mentioned the most recent properties just sold are still pending. He is still waiting on their lawyers to contact him regarding property search/closing. Next, he announced per councils' permission tonight, he will advertise the sale of 1108 Pennsylvania Avenue which was the old Tammy's Treasurer building. Bids will be due Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> and bid opening March 22<sup>nd</sup>, last council meeting of the month. He then touched base on Jackson Avenue parking lot sale that is still at a standstill with the land title search, and he explains the necessary steps he is taking to move this along. Lastly, he explains a recent lease purchase the borough made for a fire truck. It was in the process of being assemble, different parts. The company they bought it off was waiting on manufacturer to have the parts available for the fire trucks. He explains the letter that was sent to the borough and that there will be a cost increase, due to that company's fault by order of the surcharge of the rehab company. He reviewed the sixty-page document and explained the Borough does not have any obligation to pay that amount of money per the documents. The worst that could happen the borough would experience more delays, but nothing that requires the borough to pay this money. Per a question by Solicitor Urick, Mr. Kramer then explains the resolution for the ARPA funds in which council needs to accept

this money.

Mr. D. Wilson asked after a year and a half of the old library building sitting, are there any tax credits for the building since it's been this long. Pres. Booher said they signed that property over to the County. Mr. D. Wilson asked who is following up with the county. Mr. Kramer said he will follow up and as of right now they are applying for third round for tax credits. Mr. D. Wilson said since this is the third try, does the Borough have any rights to see if anyone else wants to purchase this. Solicitor Urick will have to look at the documents to see which rights the borough has. Mr. D. Wilson would like this put on the radar to get an answer from the County, are they bound, can they resell, what is the next step.

Mr. Michel asked what the amount of the surcharge was for the Fire Truck lease. Solicitor Urick said \$7,500.00.

VP Shotter brought up the old library terms of agreement that he found from MVAH. He asked Solicitor to look over it and added new council are on board and this would need re-ratified anyways. Solicitor will investigate it.

Lastly Solicitor Urick mentioned the Vaccine policy that is on the agenda, which at this point, he agreed with Pres. Booher's statement that it is "dead in the water".

Jared McKay, Water lead, was in attendance, and explained to council the cleaning of Blaine Water Tank. It doesn't need drained; it has sediment in it. They intentionally stick with Atlantic Underwater Services Inc. because if they would change companies, they would have to drain it and it would mess with the pressures up on the hill, so the sooner the better to get them in here. Jared also confirmed the other 2 motions from National Road Utility are just restocking the shelves at the pump house

#### **New Business:**

1. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to approve quote from Atlantic Underwater Services Inc. to clean Blaine tank in the amount \$7,675.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility for pumphouse valves in the amount of \$12,184.46. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to approve quote from National Road Utility for pumphouse clamps in the amount of \$11,184.46. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve quote for new "flow totalizer" at the WWTP in the amount of \$6,596.62 from Hach Company. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
5. VP Shotter **motioned** to authorize Borough Manager to move ARPA funding in the amount of \$199,598.35 into the Borough's General Fund. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. Kramer explained all the meetings he sat in on for the ARPA funding and where they could spend this fund. He mentioned they could use it for Payroll from last year and he explained during covid. There were no questions. Motion carried unanimously.
6. First, Pres. Booher asked Jake and Tony if the checklist was done for Phase 2 of the waterline project. They said all was good. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Final payment #5 to Fer-Pal Construction in the amount of \$45,469.65 for Phase 2 PA Ave Waterline Replacement Project. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
7. As discussed in Solicitors Report, VP Shotter **motioned** to table Monaca Borough Covid-19 Vaccine Policy. Second by Mr. Mitchell. VP Shotter lastly asked Solicitor Urick if they should table this with an end date or should they terminate the motion. Solicitor Urick stated to just table this motion in case of future happenings. There were no further questions. Motion carried unanimously.
8. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Mr. Yothers **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise sale of 1108 Pennsylvania Avenue (previously called Tammy's Treasure's). Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
9. VP Shotter **motioned** to table to authorize Kevin Turkall Design Stream LLC for redesign not to exceed x amount of dollars for the new Civic Center. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** There were no announcements.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary

