

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Virtual**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm**

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

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Majors-present	Mr. McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline-present	

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors: None**

**Communications:** Mr. Kramer announced the PSAB Conference that will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> at Hershey. Those who would like to attend, please let Brittany know.

**Minutes:** Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve **Workshop Meeting Minutes** of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Mayors Report-** the Honorable Mayor Antoline gave former Mayor Short's report for the **Month of January 2022**

Citations and Parking Tickets: **149**

Criminal Arrests: **19**

Calls for Service: **461**

He let council know he will be away the next two meetings. Also, he announced the Antoline Foundation is having their annual Night at the Races event on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Monaca Turners. Those who are interested to let him know.

**Managers' Report:** Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first said he spoke with Kevin Turkall regarding Civic Center to get this moving. He will meet with Dave next week to start planning future. He touched base the 17<sup>th</sup> Street project with Penn Dot and stated that Jared mentioned some waterlines that need to be cleaned up in that area as well before round about is put in. He said they are looking at a start date of March 1<sup>st</sup> for 11<sup>th</sup> Street sewer project. A meeting will be set up with Stoelzle and CVS for the waterline project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Lastly, Mr. Kramer caught everyone up on salt orders and delivery that has been a little delayed. With the last storm he said the road department did great cleaning up the town with what they had. After the last couple orders come in, we should have enough to finish up the winter months. Mayor Antoline asked to be caught up on projects regarding 17<sup>th</sup> down to 15<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks. Mr. Kramer said all the sidewalks will match up.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He brought up the two properties recently sold by Monaca Borough and that the new property owner's lawyers still need to get in touch with him regarding if they are doing a title search or not. Several outstanding items to close Pacific Avenue property. Next, he is currently working on Manager Dave Kramer's 2-year contract and will have it to council by next council meeting. Lastly, he stated they will need to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter.

**Department Report** – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor gave his report for the month of January 2022. President Booher brought to Curt’s attention the upcoming projects regarding sewer separation in the borough and asked Curt if there was a way he could report on reduction as it happens-stormwater going through the plant. Curt stated back in the 90’s the borough signed a long-term control plan. Any action happening with separation would be invoiced and billed to the borough in efforts to the long-term control plan. This shows the DEP they are collecting data of the stormwater/sewer separation. Curt answered and said they most likely will be able to document the flows or reduction. Per Pres. Booher’s request, he then explained to the newer council members the violations the wastewater treatment plant runs in to every year due to stormwater runoff.

**Ordinance Review Committee Report-** VP Shotter had nothing to report.

**Monaca Recreation Report-** Mr. Yothers had nothing to report and he stated their first meeting isn’t until.

**Monaca Library Report-** Mr. LaPearle again brought up the request sent in by the library board for additional funding for the year 2022. They are requesting an additional \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) for revenue lost. Council discussed the current funds. Librarian Pat Smith was in attendance and answered Pres. Booher question that they do write a letter to CV every year requesting assistance/donations. Pam Ronszka, Library board member, also confirmed Center Township does give a donation every year of \$1,500.00 (fifteen-hundred dollars). More was debated and discussed.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. J. Wilson **motioned** to accept lowest bid for Linden Street waterline replacement project to National Road Utility Supply, INC, in the amount of \$13,460.76 (this will be plastic). Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
2. VP Shotter let Solicitor Urick know at the last meeting council discussed in length the Vaccine policy. He was not able to get the covid-19 vaccine policy questions to Solicitor Urick before this meeting, so until he does, they will hold off on deciding anything on the Vaccine Policy. He then added he, Pres. Booher and Mr. Kramer did research specifically on covid testing. They had found recent studies showing efficacy of the at-home covid-19 test instead of waiting on PCR test results. VP Shotter said more and more organizations are using the at-home test strategy, which, in turn, will resolve a lot of the questions brought up in that meeting. Pres. Booher said they will put it on next council meeting agenda for discussion/motion.
3. As discussed previously in the library report, VP Shotter **motioned** to approve additional funding to Monaca Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) for the year 2022 for lost revenue out of the ARPA funding. Second by Mrs. Majors. Mr. D. Wilson asked if the Library pays for utilities. Pres. Booher and VP Shotter said no. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Executive Session:** VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Personnel at 7:43pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was continued to the next regular meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 which a quorum was present. Council voted to adjourn Executive Session and returned to regular session at which a **motion** was made by VP Shotter and second by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary