

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Telecommunications via Zoom Application**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:02pm**

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	Mr. McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present (Vacant)	Mr. Blanarik- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. Wilson- present at 7:07pm	Vice President Shotter- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	President Booher- present

**Others Present**

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

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None

**Minutes:** Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Virtual Council** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Virtual Council** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Mayors Report-** Mayor Short gave his report for the month of December 2020.

Citations and Parking Tickets: **169**

Criminal Arrests: **19**

Call For Service: **492**

Total Miles patrolled: **31,047 miles**

**Managers' Report:** Mr. Kramer gave a brief update. He mentioned first receiving the RCAP award letter from Gov. Wolfe in the amount of \$500,000.00. He had a meeting that day with KSA group discussing RCAP and what they will do with it going forward. The next round will be coming up early February. They feel confident the Borough could be receiving more funds, with the new President going in to office. The one thing they did mention was the Borough is sitting on a lot of grant money and in order to secure more grants, the borough will have to start spending. Next they are prepping for the waterline on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Curt has a big project coming up this year at the WWTP. Pennsylvania Avenue slip-lining is also coming up. Gabby's done a great job with getting notices out for the delinquent water bills. She was able to collect about a third of the bills that were delinquent and set up payment plans for the others. He met with Penn Dot last Friday and all engineers involved with 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project and Streetscape. He said it was a good meeting and they are excited to get the project started. Plans are to join both streetscape and 17<sup>th</sup> street project together by ending at the same street, right up against each other. Lastly, he updated council on rezoning of the downtown area. Going back to what it was previously was R-2, some was R-1. This is in Solicitor Urick's hands because those who used to work on zoning all have retired.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave an update of the bond and its completeness. He gave Mr. Kramer a lot of credit for last minute notices and getting things done quickly for the close of the bond. He said good job on his part. The zoning change. Difficult to find a professional. He talked to a friend Mike Jones that has done some zoning and redrafting for other communities. He's agreed to take it on. They need clarification on the former zoning classification. He then touched base on Parking Authority sale of parking lot. The deed will need signed by Jeff Michel.

He mentioned there is a certain clause in that agreement that Pres. Booher will need to sign in that area once Mr. Kramer gets it back in his hands and he said he will walk Mr. Kramer through that process. Lastly, Mr. Urick mentioned having to go into Executive Session for legal matters on the Oxendine case.

Mr. Wilson asked what the next step is with the bond. President Booher said there is a committee already formed for the new Municipal Complex. A meeting will be coming up soon. Mr. Wilson talked about the sale of the Borough building and he's been approached with an idea. He doesn't want to sit on this and wants to start spending the money. President Booher said they have another issue before they can move on anything. He doesn't think Borough Manager can negotiate anything with the sale of the building. Solicitor Urick said the Borough Manager can discuss the layout of the building and whatnot, but he cannot discuss anything in regards to negotiations of the sale of the building.

VP Shotter first asked in regards to rezoning, was any pricing determined and presented to Mr. Becker and seeing if he was agreeable to paying it. Solicitor Urick said not until Mike sees everything and explained his process moving forward. Lastly, Mr. Michel asked what the Parking Authority can do with their account in regards to spending money they have sitting in their account. They would like some direction on how to disperse the money to the Borough and projects going on for example possibly paving a parking lot. Solicitor Urick said he'll look into it for him.

**Department Report** – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave December 2020 report. He also reported they had a three hour safety training for CPR with Officer Eugene St. Clair. Lastly, he personally thanked Jake and the public works employees for their hard work clearing the streets with salt truck and snow plow that month.

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

**Monaca Recreation Report-** Mr. Blanarik had nothing to report.

**New Business:**

1. Solicitor Urick explained the MOU for Beaver County Conservation district. Mr. Michel **motioned** to authorize council President to sign the MOU for Beaver County Conservation District. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to re-appoint Building Inspector-Middle Department Inspection Agency \*Chris House. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to re-appoint Michael J. Groves from A G-Squared LLC as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the calendar year 2021. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to re-appoint Danny Colville to Vacancy Review Board with a 1 year term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to re-appoint David Rossi to Planning Commission Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Recreation Board:**
  - a) Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to re-appoint Tammee Lansberry to Recreation Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b) Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to re-appoint Amy Marchione to Recreation Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c) Mrs. Majors **motioned** to re-appoint John P. Antoline to Recreation Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Library Board:**
  - a) Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to re-appoint Pam Ronczka to Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b) Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to re-appoint Mark Giannetti to Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c) Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to re-appoint Gregg Garlitz to Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.
  - d) Mrs. Majors **motioned** to re-appoint Gretchen Harich to Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

- e) Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to re-appoint Mary Ann Tompkins to Library Board with a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Board of Appeals:** President Booher explained the Board of Appeals need some further research for the 2021 appointments. VP Shotter **motioned** to table Board of appeals appointments. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements/Attachments:** Mayor Short read the following announcements. Christmas tree recycling will be from January 4<sup>th</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Residents are to place bare Christmas trees at their front curb & call Borough office to schedule pick-up.

**Executive Session:** VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Legal matters at 7:44pm. Second by Mr. Blanarik. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021** was continued to the next regular meeting of **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021** workshop meeting 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