

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
July 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Work Shop Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- **absent**
Mr. Mitchell-present
(vacant)
Mr. LaPearle- present
Mr. Wilson- present

Mr. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Blanakik- present
Mr. Michel- present
Vice President Shotter- **absent**
President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short; David L. Kramer, Jr.;

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. He first gave a recap of Community Days. It was well attended, vendors even sold out. He thanked Pres. Booher, public works employees Mason & Tanner, and Police Officers Rachel Dietz, Greg Nicol and Ronny Hogue for all the help throughout the day and appreciated their time. The day was a complete success. Next, he updated council on both waterline projects currently on PA Ave and Wahl Street. They are both moving along. Phase 2 of the waterline project bids were open last Tuesday. They will award the bid at the next Council meeting. Mr. Wilson asked about payment schedule for the project. Mr. Kramer said invoices will be given monthly and presented at the council meetings to be approved. He also responded to Mayor Short's question and said Phase 2 they will be slip lining. Next, he let council know the laborers position was posted internally June 28th. After 10 days, the borough will advertise in the paper and he already has a few applications on hand. Up next, Mr. Kramer said the daycare contract is still underway and waiting on Abby, the new owner. He reiterated the contract is the same as Kid Country was. Bulk item day will be held July 17th at Antoline Park from 9am-2pm. Recycling day will be held September 25th at Antoline Park for electronics and what not. He received a quote to replace the HVAC at the Borough building in the amount of \$148,000. He is also getting more quotes for internet, carpeting, lighting and so on. Also, Mr. Kramer discussed getting appraisals done for Pacific Avenue lot requested by the Fire Department. And the lot next to Taormina's place. Council discussed these two locations and comments were made if they agree or disagree with getting them appraised. Next, President Booher reiterated this is to be put under Solicitors Report for next meeting. Lastly, Mayor Short asked about trash pick-up this week. He said it was confusing if there'd be a delay or not because he states the 4th of July holiday was on Sunday but the WM flyer states all services will be delayed one day if a holiday falls on or one day before scheduled pick up day. Mr. Blanakik said he got an automated phone call from WM that weekend stated it would be a normal week. Mr. Kramer said it was a normal week, no delay and he will make a phone call to WM for the confusion.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to hire part-time Monaca Police Officer Brandon Thompson pending he passes physical & drug tests. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Kramer then discussed the backhoe quotes he sent to council last week. Mr. Kramer stated they would purchase a new one under a 5-7yr plan per the budget. Council discussed the conditions of the current ones. Jake Iorio-Road Dept Foreman-was in attendance and stated all attachments from the current one will work on the new. Pres. Booher gave current status of the one they have and said its best to get new ones.
3. Next, Mr. Kramer gave an update of the HUD funding. He watched the Beaver County Commissioners report online of the American Rescue Plan. He intervened quickly and said the Borough is receiving theirs tomorrow. The county is to receive \$46 million dollars which is half of their allotment. During the report they said they do not know how they are going to spend the \$46million. Mr. Kramer immediately emailed Commissioners Amadio and Manning and said he can help them spend that money. Waterlines were one of the approved. He reiterates to the Commissioners Monaca Borough was denied the \$1.5 million dollar HUD funding for sidewalks. He told

them Phase 1 & 2 are out to bid for Monaca's waterline project that are over the \$1.5 million dollars. If they would receive help and \$1.5 million from the County, Monaca could front the cost of the sidewalks and it would be like a "wash". Commissioner Manning called Mr. Kramer 5 minutes after the email was sent and said Monaca is at the top of his list for the Rescue Money. Mr. Kramer confirmed there is no guidelines with this money from the County. Councilman Wilson added he is glad to hear they are trying to rectify the problem. Lastly, Mr. Kramer stated each department in the County is making a wish list in regards to this funding and Marlene-head of the Community Development dept. also said Monaca is at the top of her list.

4. Lastly, Pres. Booher gave a brief overview of the RCAP and why the delay in receiving awards. He said twenty plus municipalities have yet to submit their applications in for this.

President Booher went around the room for council's comments/concerns on old or new business.

Mayor Short discussed Food Truck Thursday's. He was not sure yet who will be in charge, either MCDC or the Borough. Mayor did state he has always been in favor of the event, stated his reasons and that the Borough has 4 restaurants in town because of Food truck days. Mr. Wilson also commended the restaurants in town that are a success because of food trucks-Steve & Benny's being one of them. Council discussed further on the matter.

-Mr. Wilson had old business to discuss. He asked borough manager if the tall grass was taken care next to Mr. Lubert's house. Mr. Kramer said it was and Nick is working on the other concerns Mr. Lubert had. He also asked about Halama property and the situation at hand. Mr. Kramer stated Mr. Halama and Mr. Mandalakas met at the property and discussed what they can do.

-Mr. Blanakik stressed how pleased he is with the YMCA program this year and said on average he's seen 3-10 kids attending at Antoline Park. He suggests, since the Y doesn't provide a flyer, that the Borough get their own yard signs next year to post around town. He feels this would get the word out in a more wide spread manner and probably get more in attendance. Council agreed.

-Mr. Michel had a work order for Jake for 600 block of Kay and Speyer in the alley. Mayor Short also requested the top of 14th Street hill also be looked at. The curb is dangerous especially for people on bikes. Jake said he will look at both.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcements: July 2021 Food Trucks are back. Location will take place at the normal area at Washington Plaza on July 15th from 4-8pm. Line up to-be-announced on the website/mobile app. July 30th- Movies in the Park playing "Despicable Me 2". Movie will begin at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and enjoy the show under the stars. Pres. Booher restated they are not permitted to sell any food at the Movie event nor can they hand out snacks.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. Michel **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary