

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

The Council Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time in person & virtually via Zoom 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
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline -present	

**Others Present**

Dave L. Kramer, Jr. (absent); Rich Urick, Esq.

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

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** Bid Opening 1108 Pennsylvania Avenue Property

Pres. Booher confirmed they only received 1 bid for this property. VP Shotter opened the bid with a bid bond in the amount of \$1,750.00 and said the bid is from BIL Holdings, Frank Tislaretz in the amount of \$35,000.00. Pres. Booher confirmed the bid does meet the requirements of the appraisal.

VP Shotter **motioned** to accept bid. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher congratulated Mr. Tislaretz who was in the audience.

**Minutes-** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve **Council Meeting Minutes** of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Manager Report-** (Mr. Kramer was absent). VP Shotter read out loud Mr. Kramer's report that each council member had in their packets. He first read; Senator Casey called the borough office to award the Borough with \$750k to go toward Street grant and he's excited to come into town to see the project. LSA Grant update-Mr. Kramer submitted this grant to Rep. Matzie, for site preparation for Civic Center area in the amount of \$569k. Blaine Road update- waterline project completed on March fourteenth; sewer line was also camera' d. The street will also be a part of the 2022 road paving program. Linden Street is next for waterline upgrade. This road will also be on the road paving program. CJ Boiler system- temporary unit set up and they are waiting on bids for new boiler. Road crew is filling pothole requests this week. Next, SGA working on finalizing documents for Penn Dot submittal by the end of this week. For county Radio update- there was a meeting last Wednesday. Borough gave county a list of both Fire Department and Police Department for radios. Eighty percent will be paid by the ARPA funds. He gave a county assessment update. January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the new assessment values will take effect. Mr. D. Wilson asked to specify the assessment value. Solicitor Urick said he will explain this further in his report.

Lastly, Pres Booher wanted to personally thank Borough Manager Dave Kramer for the good job in getting grants out quickly and for the phenomenal job in getting the borough grants.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave his report. He announced closing for 1302 Penn Ave will be that Thursday. He then elaborated the CCBC meeting last week regarding the radios. Respect to the reassessment that will take effect in 2024, there will be a lot of tax appeals. The property value will change dramatically because the current values are based on 1982 assessment. Mr. Michel asked if they should start budgeting for this change. Solicitor Urick said those numbers will be given prior to it happening. And they won't know the number pending how many appeals. Anyone who has an exempt property, will have to reapply for an exemption. VP Shotter asked do the exemptions and/or tax appeals come before council or the county. Solicitor Urick said the county for both.

### **New Business:**

1. Pres Booher discussed change order from Keystone Fire Apparatus, INC. in the amount of \$7,130.00 for Chassis surcharge. First, they measured incorrectly, which was \$2,100 more to pay, which the borough then paid. Next he said this is the second time they are coming back to the borough with an increase and the contract to be signed. VP Shotter said with this one, what their position is, their Chassis manufacturer increased their prices which passes that price onto the borough. VP Shotter said he doesn't see why the borough must maintain their profit-margins, and he finds difficulty in approving this. Council discussed this change order. Pres. Booher said they will put this in Solicitor Urick's hand, wait for word back, and put it on the agenda at a later meeting.
2. VP Shotter **motioned** to rescind Resolution No. 2-2022 to update verbiage. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
3. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt updated Resolution No. 2-2022. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 3-2022, 1302 Penn Ave. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Pres. Booher announced he has an appointment tomorrow morning with a notary to get it signed.
5. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 4-2022-1302 Penn Ave- Condemnation. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Urick added the building was condemned, so there is no issues going forward with the title, that is the reason why they had to do a resolution for 1302 Pennsylvania Avenue.
6. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to advertise for summer part-time position for public works department. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. VP Shotter **motioned** to advertise summer part-time administrative position. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Citizens: None**

Pres. Booher went around the room to ask council if they had old or new business, being there is no meeting next week being the fifth Tuesday of the month. There were no comments.

**Announcements:** Mr. J. Wilson read the following announcements: Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Office closed for Good Friday. Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Monaca Recreation's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 1PM at Antoline Park. Children 10 and under, bring your basket or bag. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny. April 30<sup>th</sup>, Bulk Item & Yard Waste Collection Event at Antoline Park & Electronics Recycling Day located at the Road Garage, 900 Taylor Avenue. Both events are from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

### **Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37p.m. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary