

MONACA BOROUGH
Telecommunications via Zoom Application
Council Meeting Minutes
March 23rd, 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-absent	Ken McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

Others Present

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

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

Visitors: EMA Coordinator Jeff McKay was in attendance and explained the Emergency Management Resolution that will be passed in this meeting.

Communications: None

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve March 2nd, 2020 **Virtual Council Workshop** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve March 9th, 2020 **Virtual Council** Meeting Minutes. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave his report. He touched base on 16th Street valve replacement the water department started on Monday and wrapped it up that day around 3:30 which went smoothly. Next, per the borough's engineers for the waterline replacement, the Water Dept has to get into all of Penn Ave properties to check service lines. Then they will move onto 9th Street which will probably be a night job due to location/traffic. Mr. Wilson asked what the game plan is to get into the main street buildings. Mr. Kramer said Brittany has a good list of the main street. She's contacting everyone by phone first. If she comes across any she can't get a hold of, they will get police involved. Tony commented and gave a quick overview of the work that will be done. He said the main street will probably only be without water for a few hours, not the entire day. Council asked Tony questions about the waterline replacement. Mr. Kramer then went over the MS4 inspection report. Next, he touched base on the 12th Street parking lot drawings which Pres. Booher said he was impressed with. Lastly, he updated council on Recycling grant which they are extending for 3 more months and they will pay 90% of a Tow-Behind vehicle if purchased. He gave a brief update of the RCAP grant submittal as well. Mr. Wilson asked more specifics of the RCAP and what they can use it for. Mr. Kramer answered accordingly. Pres. Booher added they have to build something either on Pacific Avenue or Pennsylvania Avenue with the RCAP money. Mayor Short stressed about parking spots for Whiskey Rhythm and the Band room for the 12th street improvements. Tony explained their drawing and specified the parking spots. VP Shotter retraced back to the RCAP in regards to building only on Pacific or Penn Ave, and asked if they are able to amend it if they need to. Mr. Kramer said he needs to double check

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave update of zoning change from PROD to R3 on Atlantic Avenue. He states Mike plans to advertise for a meeting to adopt the ordinance on April 27th. Mike will also send down a version of the proposed amendment. He asked that council review it. They will give a copy to Ed Becker as well. Next, he sent comments regarding the MOU. Pres. Booher said they will discuss this in Executive. Solicitor Urick then spoke of Johnson Avenue and speaking with Dave Halama about vacating the area. He explained and council discussed

which portion will be vacated. Pres. Booher brought up the sewer drain that runs through that street. Solicitor Urick & Tony Sadaka answered accordingly per the storm sewer location. Mr. Wilson asked if this would affect anyone else than Halama. Solicitor said yes, it would affect adjoining hillside that the Mandalakas's own. Mr. Wilson asked if they vacate it, half would go to Halama and half would go to Mandalakas. Solicitor Urick said yes in a sense but that area would need to be surveyed to make sure exactly where each property lines up. He said they need to rely on the survey. Tony commented and agreed with Solicitor Urick. VP Shoter asked if they should make a motion for Solicitor Urick to draw up the necessary documentation for Mr. Kramer's approval and then council can approve it before they take any further action. Solicitor said he will send a memo down to Mr. Kramer and this does not need councilmatic action.

New Business:

1. Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 3-21, Monaca Emergency Operations Plan. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Monaca CDC to host Friday Concert Series at Washington Plaza. Second by Mr. Blanarik. VP Shoter asked if the CDC carried insurance and if so, does the Borough have a copy. Mayor Short said they do, he will get it updated and sent to borough as soon as possible. Solicitor Urick touched base on CDC guidelines regarding outdoor events and covid. Mayor Short advised all that last year they followed CDC requirements and will do so this year as well. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve advertisement for bid on Phase 1 of Waterline project. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to hire part-time Police Officer Mitchell Himes. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mayor Short read the following announcements **April 3rd**, "Drive By" Easter Egg Hunt located at Antoline Park between 1:00pm-2:00pm. **April 5th**, Leaf Collection begins. Residents are to call the borough office to schedule pick up. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office upon appointment during normal business hours. **April 15-30th**, Monaca CDC is proud to present "Arts in Monaca Walk-by Art Exhibit" featuring past and present artists from Monaca. Locations: Along the business district and Monaca Library. **April 24th**, "Children's Story Walk" sponsored by Monaca Library located at George Washington Plaza. Mayor added a big shout out to Mrs. Majors for all her hard work and effort put toward the Art Walk exhibit.

Executive Session: VP Shoter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate and Contractual at 7:58pm. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of **March 23rd, 2021** was continued to the next regular meeting of **April 6th, 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 Shoter and second by Mr. Blanarik to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary