

MONACA BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 25th, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Regular 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-present	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-absent	

Others Present

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

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

Visitors: None

Communications: Mr. Kramer announced the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's 2021 conference is virtual this year and will take place June seventh through the ninth. Those who want to attend are to contact Brittany so she can register them.

Minutes- Mr. Blanarik **motioned** to approve virtual & in person Council Meeting minutes of **May 11th, 2021**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Manager Report- Mr. Kramer gave his report. He updated council on Pacific Avenue project. He mentioned Friday, Kim Turnley was in the office for the audit which will be ongoing for a couple weeks as she is coming in and taking boxes home to review. Mr. Kramer said they have yet to receive news about the RCAP yet, maybe end of May. He then announced they should hear about HUD funding by next Wednesday. Due to reaching out to Congressman Lamb's office and Senator Casey's office for help, it has led to a rep from Sen. Casey's office saying they could add Monaca borough onto Senator Casey's appropriations list for money for the streetscape project. Mr. Kramer said he is now in the process of filling out paperwork for federal government funding and to get submission in by midnight this Friday. Next, he announced he and NSO Nick Vorrias took a walk on the main street to count vacant buildings. He was happy to announce there are only nine vacant and the others he are at least being worked on. Monday, the office met with iWorQ via zoom to be introduced to the new online permit database system. He then thanked the Boy Scouts of troop 423 and Kevin Kerr for a job well done with clean up on Cascade hill last Saturday. They did a great job. Tuma's is also scheduled to do tree maintenance on the hill as well. Mr. Kramer announced the borough is also trying to do another town cleanup day in July since the last was so successful and hopefully to get some of the garbage/bulk items out of residents yards and clean up the town. Lastly, he announced the new part time hire William Braun quit due to getting his old job back. They will advertise for this position again. VP Shotter asked Solicitor Urick if they should get him involved with the HUD funding. Solicitor Urick advised them to keep doing what they are doing in working properly through political channels.

Borough Solicitors Report- Solicitor Urick gave his report. He gave an update of the last and final Nahas court hearing he attended that day with NSO Nick Vorrias. He said overall they have to pay a \$50 fine, work has to be completed in 3 months and if not, sanctions should be composed against him with no compromising anymore moving forward.

>Councilman Justin LaPearle left the meeting at 7:32pm

Lastly, Solicitor Urick still has to look over fire Department and Monaca Borough MOU that VP Shotter sent over to him.

New Business:

1. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve COG 2021 Commodity Bid as tabulated and listed in the attachment. Second by Mr. Blararik. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Michel **motioned** to hire Mason Elmer for seasonal Public Works employee at an hourly rate of \$12 per hour pending he passes drug screening and physical. Second by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Wilson **motioned** to hire Tanner Hoenig for seasonal Public Works employee at an hourly rate of \$12 per hour pending he passes drug screening and physical. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Kramer discussed his meeting that week with Ed and Colleen Keller. They met at Jackson Avenue property to determine sewer/water tap in areas/cost. Mr. Kramer elaborated their concerns, council discussed. VP Shotter **motioned** to accept highest bid for Jackson Avenue property in the amount of \$22,500.00 to Edward Keller. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
5. VP Shotter **motioned** to hire Part Time police officer Robert Potts. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Blararik **motioned** to approve Mayor Short and the Monaca CDC to look into Food Truck Thursdays, beginning in July. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Councilman McLaughlin read the following announcements: **May 31st**, Borough Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day. **May 31st**, Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Legion beginning at 10:30am. Ceremony to follow at Veterans Park lead by Honorable Mayor Short. Garbage & Recycling collection scheduled for Tues/Wed the week of Memorial Day. **June 7th, 8th & 9th**, PSAB Virtual Conference, 11:45am-5:15pm. **June 11th**—Monaca Friday Concert Series event is back. Live music (featured musicians TBA) to play at Washington Plaza from 6-9pm, sponsored by the Monaca CDC.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, VP Shotter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary