

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm**

The Workshop Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time virtually via the Zoom communication application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call**

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

Mr. McLaughlin-present  
Mr. Blanarik- **absent**  
Mr. Michel- present at 7:05pm  
Vice President Shotter- present  
President Booher- present

**Others Present**

Mayor Short-present at 7:10pm; David L. Kramer, Jr.;

**Visitors:** None

**List of Attendees:** Chief David Piuri

**Manager's Update:** Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. He first shared his screen and allowed council to see a video of the inside of the waterlines going through downtown Pennsylvania Avenue after they have been cleaned by FerPal. He mentioned to council those involved with coordinating Hometown Christmas are currently working on getting a parade prior to the event along with food trucks, Gingerbread house decorating contest, bake sale, and more. He then updated council on the Ohio River Trail Council meeting he attended that week. County commissioners were in this meeting, Secretary of the DCED, Penn Dot reps were there and so on. He explained and said it was a good meeting to sit on. Mr. Kramer then reiterated to council the questions Mr. McLaughlin had regarding the Covid relief monies for the county. He explained the email between both, and stressed the money must be at least planned by December 2024 and spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Mr. Kramer said they will need to start discussing plans for this money. He will also send council the email to display questions and answers he gave to Mr. McLaughlin.

**New Business/Items to Discuss:**

1. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to award lowest bidder for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Extension Project to Iron City Construction Inc. in the amount of \$70,674.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Chief Piuri** was in attendance to clarify to council the Police Departments budgetary needs for 2022. He understood in the last budget meeting the police departments abundance of overtime came up and there was a request to possibly hire one full time officer to bring down the overtime. Chief had Mr. Kramer share a spreadsheet to the public & council for a better understanding. This spreadsheet covered Personnel, Schedule, State of Part Time police and lastly his proposal. He went over each and explained they have 9 full-time officers, 2 of which are himself, the Chief and the School Resource Officer, Eugene St. Clair. This brings the roster down to 7 full-time officers. He then explained they have 12 part-time police officers, 10 have full time jobs elsewhere which makes it hard to call any of them in when someone calls off, someone gets sick, etc., hence why they usually must give the overtime to a full-time officer. Chief states the two part-time new hires, Thompson and Potts only work for Monaca but more than likely will have full time jobs elsewhere if they don't hire one of them as full-time officers soon. He explained in further detail their status and asked who would replace them when they leave. Chief showed an excel spreadsheet of the schedule of the police officers within a month's span and explained the difficulty in filling position when one calls off. Overall, he proposed once more to ask council that these are the reasons, he would want another full-time police officer. Mr. Wilson thanked Chief for his time and explanation and where he stands. He is for hiring another Full-time officer, but he wanted to confirm they are not using any officers right now for Housing Authority because they are short staffed, and they do not schedule part-time officers for Housing. Chief Piuri confirmed they do not. Mr. Wilson suggested seeing maybe a more advanced notice of scheduled vacations for the upcoming year to limit overtime. Chief Piuri agreed and that they should have a managerial right to add a policy of that nature. Next, VP Shotter gave his viewpoints. He asked about SRO contract terms. Chief answered accordingly and said this position will continue. VP Shotter said if this position would discontinue, they need to be aware the full-time officer they hire would be let go. Chief is

aware that anything could happen. VP Shotter also did the math and confirmed over the last 3-4 years the cost of Police department has increased to twenty percent, which they do make up twenty-five percent of the borough's budget. He said at a later time, the collective bargaining agreement will need revisited per this reason. He pointed out Article 9.6 in the contract which states the Police Chief will not be included as an officer on duty. He reiterated it may be time to revisit this and reopen the contract to consider Chief as on-duty officer for scheduling purposes. He gave other suggestions as well. Pres. Booher suggested he and Borough manager and VP Shotter need to sit down and talk about this. VP Shotter gave closing statement about overall future of the borough's budget and to come up with a creative solution to fix the issues now rather than later. Chief Piuri also agreed this matter will need to be discussed for long term, but they need to come up with a solution now for the upcoming year. Council and Chief discussed further. Pres. Booher thanked Chief for his time.

3. Pres. Booher reiterated there will not be any discussion on the proposed 2022 budget due to it not being advertised for this meeting and it will be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting, once again at 6 o'clock. Mr. Kramer shared his screen for all to view of the budget and gave a brief explanation on the changes to be discussed next meeting. Mr. Kramer said all of council will get a hard copy of the budget prior to the upcoming meeting.
4. President Booher brought up 9<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer separation. He said 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets need repaired as well. He explained 9<sup>th</sup> street is a disaster and per the engineers, will need to get out for bid and work done before Streetscape can begin. They are asking for council to motion to allow to proceed with the work, which will be put on next meeting for approval.

**President Booher went around the room for comments/concerns for old or new business.**

-There were no comments.

**Announcements:** Mr. Kramer read the announcements. Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Borough office closed in observance of Veterans Day. November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, Borough office closed for Thanksgiving. Sat. December 4<sup>th</sup>, Monaca Hometown Christmas- Washington Plaza, 2pm-5:30pm. Details can be found on borough website & Monaca Now App.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary