

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12th, 2021 at 7:01pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors-present	Mr. McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- present @ 7:08pm
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr.-present, Rich Urick, Esq. (**absent**)

Visitors: None

Communications: None

Minutes: Mr. Blanarik **motioned** Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 28th, 2021. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 5th, 2021. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the **Month of September 2021.**

Citations and Parking Tickets: **146**

Criminal Arrests: **21**

Calls for Service: **507**

Total Miles patrolled: **4,709 miles**

He also thanked the Police Department for their effort and quick action locating the missing girl the other day and making sure everything was safe.

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He touched base on phase 2 of the waterline project per the contractors, FerPal. He reported in 16 years of doing this, they commented they have never seen the amount of corrosion that's in the borough's pipes. They are 2 weeks behind and still cleaning the pipes as of now. The Beaver Pool Support letter- he did get in contact with Frank Bovalino. He did research the grants they were looking to apply for. It seems they are applying for recreation and DCNR grants. He sent out letters to vacant properties on Pennsylvania Avenue which went out in September. He only received one response. Moving forward he will need the borough solicitor to take hold of this now since he had very little responses. Next, Mr. Kramer heard from the Insurance Rep regarding the borough's claims throughout the year. They could see a possible increase of 12% in the borough's premium. He did more research and is seeing about an 8.8% increase. Next, he recapped the Penn Dot meeting he had that day which they went over financials regarding the Monaca Gateway project at 17th Street. Utility costs were the big question, so once he has the exact numbers at hand, he will let council know. The project will hopefully begin 2023. Mr. Kramer announced they are taking more applications for the RCAP grant. Monaca does not have to reapply, but this means there will be more in the running. There is no date on when the results will come out. Lastly, he's hoping to get budget done to discuss at the end of this month.

VP Shotter asked if Monaca Borough is going to be applying for same DCNR grant as Beaver in the same round? Mr. Kramer said per the pavilions, yes. VP Shotter suggests not signing support letter since it could mean taking money from the Borough's hands. His next question, he asked Mr. Kramer to reach out to KSA and see how they are allocating all the

funds. Next, he asked regarding a question regarding where to pull the funds for the increase in their premiums. Mr. Kramer answered accordingly. VP added at one point they will have to discuss when would they start cost sharing those increases. Mr. Michel then asked specifics about the borough's insurance. VP Shotter answered accordingly. Mr. LaPearle asked regarding the delay in FerPals' work on Pennsylvania Avenue, he asked if this was something they planned for. Mr. Kramer said they didn't expect it but were prepared for it.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick was absent.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of September 2021.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- Mr. Blanakik asked Mayor Short if they could have extra help by the police department for the "Halloween Drive-By" October 30th at Antoline Park. He updated council that Hometown Christmas is also moving along.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle gave his report. He stated they met and the main news they received over \$2,200 from the most recent Covid Relief fund from the county. They are working more toward digitizing and having more digital access to things such as comic books, movies. The bricks are finally removed from the old Library building to the new.

New Business:

1. Pres. Booher read aloud the Resolution to be passed. VP Shotter **motioned** to adopt Resolution No 7-21. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. President Booher read the following motion out loud: "**Motion** to authorize Monaca Borough Council to sign support letter regarding Beaver Pool rehabilitation project. There were no motions on the floor. Motion failed.
3. Council discussed the Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement for 2022. Mr. Kramer compared the other municipalities in the area and they too have a 10-year contract with 5 percent. He also confirmed Solicitor Urick approved the agreement. VP Shotter asked what if they ask for 6 percent. Mr. LaPearle recalled hearing in the past if they add on the extra percentage, the additional expense would be passed down to the residents. More was discussed. Mr. Blanakik **motioned** to approve Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement for 2022 to 2032. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion passed 7-1, Mr. Michel No.
4. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve **payment #4** to JP Environmental, in the amount of **\$40,095.00** for the WWTP Secondary clarifier replacement project. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to approve **payment #3** to Stefanik's in the amount of **\$303,080.02** for Phase 1 of the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline Replacement Project and Change Order for **\$14,494.08**. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve **payment #1** to FerPal in the amount of **\$246,442.50** for Phase 2 of the Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline Replacement Project. Second by Mr. Blanakik. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve bid from Ohio Drilling in the amount of **\$8,300.00** for maintenance on Well #16. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve bid from Ohio Drilling in the amount of **\$17,500.00** to clean Well #16. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
9. President Booher altered the verbiage to the motion. Mr. McLaughlin **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to prepare the advertisement for Wayne/Taylor Avenue Lot. Second by Mr. Mitchell. VP Shotter asked if the language was going to be reviewed before they advertise it. Mr. Kramer said yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens: Mr. Blanakik thanked the Borough office staff Brittany and Gabby for helping him get his email password updated so he can be back up and running to participate in this meeting.

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcements: Fall Leaf Collection-October 4th through December 6th. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office by appointment only. Thursday, October 28th is Trick-Or-Treat from 6-8pm. Thursday, November 11th Borough Office will be closed for Veterans Day

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:34p.m. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary