

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Virtual Budget & Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm**

The Regular 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	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- <b>absent</b>	

**Others Present**

Dave L. Kramer, Jr., Curt McMillen, Esq. (filling in for Rich Urick)

**>2022 BUDGET MEETING<** The first portion of the meeting was a recap of the 2021 budget presented by Mr. Kramer and discussion on the upcoming 2022 Budget. Mr. Kramer reviewed with council the general, water and sewer funds and the available monies for next year. Much was discussed. Due to requests of changes to be made by council, the budget meeting will continue to the next regular council meeting upon updates by Mr. Kramer. The Budget meeting ending at 6:59pm. The Council workshop meeting followed at 7:00P.M.

**Engineers Report:** Mr. Tony Sadaka of Widmer Engineer gave his report. Tony also gave a quick recap of the bid openings that day at the borough at 2pm for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer project. The tabulations were not completed yet but they did have a low bidder. Pres. Booher stated he would rather wait until they provide council with the tabulation results before making a motion.

**Visitors:** None

**Communications:** None.

**Minutes-** Mr. Blanarik **motioned** approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Manager Report-** Mr. Kramer gave his report. He touched base on the status of the PA Ave Waterline Rehab Project. He quickly explained the recent Boil Water Advisory that happened in the Borough. He stated the reasons, and all ways residents and business were notified with most recent activity as it happened and when advisory was lifted. Jared McKay had sent the final reports to the DEP today, so this is all wrapped up. During the boil water advisory, he brought up the unfortunate tornado that came through Monaca heights that Saturday morning. There was a lot of tree damage. This tornado did some work to Antoline Park, Jackson avenue, Colonial and more in that area. Thankfully no one was injured. He thanked Daryn, Brenden and Tommy for their effort in cleaning up fallen trees and debris. EMA coordinator had received all the damage reports since it was classified as an EF1 tornado which the borough may get some reimbursement for it, such as time worked and of course help for the residents, so they are waiting to see on that. Next on Mr. Kramer's list was Monaca Lofts. MVAH rep Trey Barber called Mr. Kramer that week and said Monaca did not get awarded the credits this round and that it went to a project in Ambridge. He said they will see what they need to improve on and if they want to try again for a third round. Next, he announced the US Senate Appropriations Committee Release letter. This letter states Monaca Streetscape project has cleared \$750,000 which is a good step forward for the Streetscape project. Mr. Kramer said they are still in the running for money so hopefully that will come through too. Penn Dot Virtual Meeting Recap-Mr. Kramer said the meeting was well received. Most questions were mainly are the taxes going to go up from it. He has not received too many calls about this meeting. He said they do

have the questionnaires filled out and, in the office, and they are still waiting on final numbers and final design too for the project. Mr. Kramer had nothing else to report.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick was absent. In his place was Solicitor Curt McMillen. The only item Mr. McMillen touched base on was Wayne/Taylor Avenue lot advertisement that Solicitor Urick was currently working on. He stated Solicitor Urick will have the verbiage for the advertisement completed by next council meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Kramer explained SGA's complete bid package they would like to do for the Streetscape Project extending from the blocks between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Council discussed. Mrs. Majors **motioned** to proceed with SGA's bid package for the Streetscape Project extending from the blocks between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. McMillen briefly explained the timeframe for council to accept Monaca Police Civil Service Test Results and the only reason not to accept was if someone was opposed to the results. Mr. Blarrik **motioned** to accept Monaca Police Civil Service Test Results. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. As discussed earlier in the meeting under the Engineer's report, President Booher reiterated the *motion to award the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Project to low bidder* will wait until tabulations are provided to council by Widmer engineers which they can then give the award preferably by next meeting.

**Citizens:** None

**Announcements:** VP Shotter read the announcements: Fall Leaf Collection-October 4<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office by appointment only. Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is Trick-Or-Treat from 6-8pm. Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Drive-By at Antoline Park entrance where Monaca Recreation will be handing out Treat Bags to children 10 years of age and under from 1-2pm. Election Day Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> / Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Nov. third. Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Borough Office will be closed for Veterans Day

**Executive Session:** VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under personnel at 7:33pm. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Due to being unable to let the Public back into the Zoom meeting, the Executive Session and meeting of **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021** was continued to the next regular meeting of **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Shotter and second by Mr. LaPearle to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary