

MONACA BOROUGH
Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 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. McLaughlin-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Blanarik- present
(vacant)	Mr. Michel- present
Mr. LaPearle- absent	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present

Others Present

Mayor Short-**absent**; David L. Kramer, Jr.

Visitors: None

List of Attendees: None

Manager's Update: Mr. Kramer gave the following updates. 1.) KSA Meeting- he reported nothing new on this per the phone meeting last Friday and will keep council posted upon anything new that comes his way regarding the RCAP. 2.) Penn Dot Meeting update-he met with them last week regarding 17th Street improvement project. There will be a public meeting dry run-on October 13th that he was invited too. Then the live public meeting will be broken up into 2 sections on October twentieth. From 4:30-5:30pm Penn Dot and council will be able to speak and then the 2nd half of the meeting will be geared towards the public until about six thirty in the evening. He will share the October 13th invite to everyone tonight. 3.) Waterline Project- still in the process of cleaning. Mr. Kramer explained the cleaning process. He also noted FerPal reps commented and said the pipes are thick and corroded, they've never seen it in 14 years they've been doing this, but they are making progress. They are between 15th-12th Streets. They are moving along, just not as fast as they think. 4.) Beaver County ARPA Infrastructure Application- as of last week the county is releasing some of the funds to municipalities to apply for some grants, mainly for water, sewer, stormwater and the like. Mr. Kramer reported once he received the application on Thursday, he filled it out and finished up that day, but of course didn't want to submit without discussing it with council. We must provide 20% of the requested project. The application is for the waterline project. He requested 2 million dollars. Hoping this will be replace the HUD monies lost. First week in November they should hear back. 5.) Caterpillar Contract is ready to sign for backhoe. 6.) Tomorrow he will be attending Beaver County COG event at CJ Mangin. This is the fire service workshop from 8:30-11:30am. Hard for Volunteers to sit in being its during the day so he will sit in and relay what takes place in the meeting. 7.) Lastly, they did get 2nd bid on South Elm for sewer replacement job. This will be worked on soon, which is about 200 foot of pipe.

Council briefly discussed South Elm sewer job.

VP Shotter gave a word of caution for those attending COG meeting tomorrow. He stated some of the speakers will be Union members who are paid fire fighters. Some of their solutions may not align with what Monaca is doing with the merger and to keep that in mind.

New Business/Items to Discuss:

1. Comcast Renewal Agreement. Pres. Booher explained they had already talked to Brittany who will ask the local municipalities what their rates are to compare with Monaca Boroughs.
2. Well #16 proposal from Ohio Drilling Co. Mr. Kramer explained that Jared had told him well 16 is starting to lose water. They must go through the same process they did with well 15 last year. It got out of the rotation. Sixteen is due and Ohio Drilling was notified to perform the cleaning.
3. Insurance Renewal- Mr. Kramer announced the insurance renewal per Yorke Agency Representative Scott Adamson said it will increase by about \$10,000. There are some vehicle claims that are still pending last year that carried over to this year. He did mention though, per the workers comp price, he proposed the borough has a chance to get a 5% discount by setting up a Safety committee and have Safety meetings per month, which must be documented and recorded. This would be \$4,500 per year, which is worth doing. Scott will send him over the paperwork to start doing this, which should knock down the Workers Comp. price. Once claims go through on the

insurance our premium may go down too. Mr. Wilson asked a question regarding departments and their regular safety training/courses throughout the year. He specified the borough should dictate these classes are completed by each department. Mr. Kramer agreed but wasn't sure of the percentage of employees who had to participate. VP Shotter suggested with the rates going up year after year, maybe not next year but the year after shop with two different insurance people to compare rates and see what Scott can offer. Lastly, Mr. Kramer said they will get working on the 2022 Budget. He did receive reports from some department heads already, still need a few more and will get the Budget meeting advertised.

President Booher went around the room for council's comments/concerns on old or new business.

-Mrs. Majors inquired about having a fundraiser cookie table at the Hometown Christmas event. She specified she would need cookies and appreciate cookie donations if council could ask family to do so and let her know.

-Mr. Wilson inquired about Mr. Kugels curb when it rains and if road dept could look at it. He also thanked Nick and Dave for fixing the issue on Linden Street. He then asked Mr. Kramer to send water rates that Widmer had sent for the coming year. Mr. Kramer will resend to him and to council to review for 2022.

Announcements: Mr. McLaughlin 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

Executive Session: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary