

April 13, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of April 13, 2022

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Jon Davis who resided. Present were: Mayor Eric Burgis, Gary Hafer, Jason Kercher, Brian Simmon, Kerry Hoffman, Daniel McDevitt, Alicia Bressler, solicitor Jason Ulrich, and Veronica Henry.

Public comment was opened with Jason Ulrich giving an update on the Fern and Main Streets issue. Initial statements were made from residents regarding water run off issues, crumbling retaining walls and road problems. Jason Ulrich addressed the issues and stated that structural engineers would need to be involved to determine necessary repairs.

Another resident provided pictures concerning the deterioration of roadway and property from a neighbors pool water dumping. Jon Davis advised her to make a complaint through Technicon for follow-up.

Romeo Pizza asked for an additional 15 minute parking sign to be placed in front of his business (only one is present now). The water run-off over the curb was also an issue. Jason Kercher is looking into a resolution.

A motion to appoint Jennifer Van Dyke as signature authority on intermunicipal agreements by Jason Kercher, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

The Reed Street trench restoration was updated by Jon Davis, who addressed storm water issues. Jason Ulrich addressed the significant cost of replacing the corrugated pipe which is deteriorating and the terra cotta pipe crumbling. The study is ongoing.

Jon Davis reported on the out of code residences in the borough indicating that code enforcement is addressing these issues.

Eric Burgis presented the Chief of Police report (attached)

The Fire chief report was given by Josh Keller (attached)

Solicitor Jason Ulrich proposed 2 ordinances which were reviewed by council. The first ordinance was to amend the refuse collection and disposal fees and imposition of rates based on the approved amounts given by previous council. A motion to accept the amended ordinance was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote,

The second ordinance authorizing the borough of Mohnton to join with other participating municipalities to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to utilize the Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals in cooperation with the County of Berks and amending the Borough's code of Ordinances to reflect the same. The motion was made by Gary Hafer to accept the ordinance and modification, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried unanimously by vote.

The proposed cost estimate agreement for Cumru was discussed and a motion was made by Dan McDevitt to authorize Jon Davis, Council President, to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote unanimously.

Council President, Jon Davis discussed the trash account deficit for the year. To conserve funds, a motion was made by Alicia Bressler to move the trash billing to the County to combine with Tax and Fire in the Spring at no charge to the Borough, the motion was seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve \$1.50 per trash bill to be paid to the tax collector for processing was made by Dan McDevitt and seconded by Gary Hafer. The vote carried with one council member abstaining,

A motion to approve the budgeted \$3000 per year payable to the tax collector was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote with one council member abstaining.

A motion was made by Dan McDevitt to appoint Kim Raker Grossman as Civil Service Commission alternate, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion to approve the revised rules and regulations for Civil Service Commission was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Gary Kraft and carried by vote.

Treasure's report was given listing all bills, profit and loss, and status of accounts.

An update on the ongoing budget with Paul Jansen was stated. The final budget should be available soon.

A presentation to change the payroll provider for a savings monthly of at least \$250. The cost of the program is \$600 and the annual savings are anticipated to be \$1800 per annum.

A motion to approve Veronica Henry as payroll provider was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Jason Kerchner, carried by vote with one nay.

A motion to pay bills was make by Brian Simmon, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote.

A motion was made by Dan McDevitt to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried unanimously by vote.

A presentation was made regarding cyber insurance by Dan McDevitt. The need for further research was decided with Bonnie Betz volunteering to do so.

A Traffic Study to be paid with grant money with no matching funds required was brought to the table by Dan McDevitt. The study would track speeds and usage of vehicles within the borough. Dan McDevitt agreed to spearhead the study, At the suggestion of the President the discussion was tabled until further information is available. A motion was made by Jason Kercher to table the discussion, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

Personnel and Public Safety report

The police contract to be discussed in Executive session

Buildings, grounds & Zoning report

A BCO needs to be appointed

Recreation Programs report given

Ordinance

Grants, Community Relations and Inter Government Cooperation report

In a holding state due to transition

Street and lights report

Jason Kercher discussed the need for increase in 30 day rate of dumpsters from \$5 to \$25. A motion was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon. and was carried by vote.

The Wolfe Steet structure collapse to be investigated as to the responsibility of Mohnton.

Health, Sanitation water, sewer report

New recycling containers set a distribution date w/ letter to residents.]

A motion to pay the bills was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried,

Council President, Jon Davis discussed the trash account deficit for the year. To conserve funds, a motion was made by Gary Hafer to give the County the task of sending out trash bills with tax bills at no charge to the borough, The motion was seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Jason Kercher to amend the current agenda to reflect the accepted minutes of the March 9, 2022, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote

A motion to accept all reports was made by Alicia Bressler seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by vote

A motion to adjourn for the executive session was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote. Adjourned at 8:40 PM for Executive Session.

Executive Session Action Items

A motion to accept the Police contract was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion to increase Shean Yocum's rate of pay from \$20 hour to \$25 an hour was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by vote.

A motion to submit a recovery amount to share the expense of 47 Reed Street basement clean up was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM