

[July 13 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of July 13, 2022

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Jon Davis who presided. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll taken. Present were: Mayor Eric Burgis, Gary Hafer, Jason Kercher, Brian Simmon, Kerry Hoffman, Alicia Bressler, Dan McDevitt, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Veronica Henry and guest Jennifer Van Dyke from Technicon.

Public comment was opened with Natalie Donaldson presenting for the Mifflin Community Library.

Joseph Schaeffer Addressed the issue of non pick up of Trash on July 2, 2022. Jason Ulrich deemed it a contractual issue and further investigation to follow.

Doug Moore presented the Chili Cook-off and suggested a \$25.00 entry fee. He is anticipating 15 – 20 contestants. There will be cash prizes. No samples to be sold. Generators and camp stoves may be used and hot dogs and burgers may be available for sale. Money raised will go to the Recreation Fund for use in upkeep of the Park. Email: [Realpitbbq@gmail.com](mailto:Realpitbbq@gmail.com).

Marco Cipolla commented on the weeds tree 10 feet above the creek at Main St and Wyomissing Ave.

**Engineer Report/Code Enforcement**

A motion to waive the land development plan requirements for the Goos property for a garage/hair salon building was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote. Reed Street update – wrapping up and should be finished by September. Storm water management system to be separate.

**Police Chief Report**

Report given and attached

**Fire Chief Report**

Report given and attached

**Solicitor Report**

A motion was made to approve a Resolution of the Borough of Mohnton in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to include dispatch fees by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried unanimously by vote.

### **Council President's Report**

A motion to ratify the increase of sewer to 3.20 per cubic foot per Dave Wisser of Municipal Water Authority was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to authorize collection notices be served by the Constable to owner of record if no response to Trash Collection letters by August 30,2022 by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve 1/3 cost of PO Box for tax collector in 2023 was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote of 6 with Jason Kercher abstaining.

The issue regarding the increase to Tax Collector's fees was tabled until next general meeting.

A motion to rescind previous vote to have tax collector collect trash due to collection process in place was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

A motion to hire part time officer pending on background check was made by Jon Davis and seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by unanimous vote.

Civil Service report given and eligible candidates are down to 1.

### **Finance & Administration Report**

A report on the Library Budget was given.

A discussion regarding the need for insurance by each renter was presented by Dan McDevitt. A motion to change the insurance requirement to the renter's homeowner coverage liability or have them pay a fee of \$25 to the Borough for insurance was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by unanimous vote.

### **Secretary Report**

Minutes of last meeting June 8, 2022 given to all council members.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Financial report with status given and attached.

Update on Budget was given

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Kerry Hoffman and carried by vote.

A list of bills to pay was given and attached.

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

### **Personnel and Public Safety Report**

Nothing to report

### **Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report**

A Big thank you was given to the anonymous donor of a new gas grill for the Park.

The Large pavilion and kitchen were cleaned. A preventative maintenance list is being developed.

### **Recreation Programs Report**

Brian Simmon gave a positive update on the playground maintenance carried out by Kerry and Jane Hoffman.

Chili cook-off on October 8, 2022 was discussed. Details to follow. Yoga in the Park is scheduled for Saturdays.

### **Grants, Community Relations, Inter-government Cooperation Report**

Brian Simmon reported that The American Rescue Grant was approved for \$159K and should be disbursed in late July/early August dependent on government schedule.

The Berks county grant was not approved due to lack of funds.

The STMP grant is in progress and preparation is being made to apply for the Keystone Community Program.

### **Street and Lights Report**

Jason Kercher reported that there is a sight issue at the intersection of Madison and North Church Sts, and a discussion regarding placing a mirror there ensued with a motion being made to install a mirror at this location by Gary Hafer and seconded by Brian Simmon, and carried by vote.

A report on the status of the stop signs and Wolfe street was given and signs are being placed.

### **Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report**

The community yard sale and National Night out are progressing. We currently have enough sponsors for NNO to support the event costs.

The yard sale is scheduled for September 17, 2022 8AM to 2 PM with a table fee of \$15 bring your own table. Food is being sold.

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

There being no other new business, old business, Comments or Notes from other Council Members nor any Action Items, a Motion to adjourn was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.