

August 10, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Meeting Minutes of August 10, 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, Kerry Hoffman, Alicia Bressler, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Veronica Henry and guest Jennifer Van Dyke from Technicon. Brian Simmon and Dan McDevitt were absent.

Public comment was opened with Ms. Spatz on 113 Main St flooding issue. Jennifer Van Dyke responded with encouraging a pipe inspection be done this is covered in the Engineering report. The erosion/sink hole issue and another bridge is being looked at by the engineer. A comprehensive evaluation of the situation of new drains to determine effectiveness.

Valerie Hafer presented pictures of the Gionnatti property and described in detail the deterioration of the property. She indicated that this has been an habitual issue which began in 2019. A list of the steps that were taken was listed and suggested that Mr. Gionnatti be present at the next meeting.

Louis Miller complained of 6 months of noise at the corner of Walnut and N. Church Streets until 11:00 or 11:30. He was told to call the police next time this occurs.

Candy Reyes questioned action taken and Jennifer Van Dyke responded that a 90 day letter was sent on 6-13-22 regarding lateral pipes. The time expires on 9-13-22.

Kate Stuffed submitted complaint regarding 10 Maplewood Ave with run off problems. The first repair was made by Kraft and currently our engineer is working with the DEP MS4 PRP Plans coalition looking to design the project to address these issues. Original 2014/2015 designs are needed.

Engineer Report/Code Enforcement

Jennifer Van Dyke submitted her report and indicated that she will email a list of properties to be addressed – occupied or not – for review for action. This includes plighted homes.

A proposal was made to allow for \$5000.00 or less to be approved for evaluation OF Fern St bridge. A DEP audit was scheduled for 8-31.2022

A motion was made by Alicia Bressler to approve the proposal not to exceed \$5000.00, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote. A walk through inspection with Jason, Kerry and Marty is required for curb repair.

Police Chief Report

Report given and attached

Fire Chief Report

Report given and attached

Solicitor Report

Council President's Report

A motion to sell Peach & Lemon Street property through a sealed bid was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried unanimously.

An amendment was made to change the motion to add the \$20,000.00 Reserve to the motion. The amended motion was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried unanimously.

A motion to increase by \$1500.00 annual rate for the tax Collector due to increased volume of business she is conducting was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Alicia Bressler, and carried by vote with Jason Kercher abstaining.

The need to appoint a Sanitary Engineer remains open and Jennifer Van Dyke is to get recommendations.

Mayor's Report

The need for an Emergency Response Contact remains. Mayor Burgis suggested we use the hierarchy and make an operational document.

Finance & Administration Report

Nothing to report

Secretary Report

Minutes of last meeting July 13, 2022 given to all council members.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gary Hafer, 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 Alicia Bressler , 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 Alicia Bressler, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote

Personnel and Public Safety Report

Report on deteriorating curbs and walk-through given under Engineers Report.

Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report

Gary Hafer indicated that he is working in conjunction with the Recreation Chair, Kerry Hoffman, to develop a list of both remedial and preventative maintenance needs.

Recreation Programs Report

Kerry Hoffman submitted his report indicating the need to update certain items at the playground. The current maintenance and repairs are on-going with Kerry and Jane Hoffman.

Grants, Community Relations, Inter-government Cooperation Report

Veronica Henry reported that The STMP grant is in progress and the Keystone Community Program grant is under application.

Street and Lights Report

All the stop signs have been placed. Further investigation into curbs and run-off will continue.

Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report

The community yard sale is progressing. 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 Gary Hafer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.