

October 12, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Meeting Minutes of October 12, 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, Daniel McDevitt, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Veronica Henry and Borough Engineer Jennifer Van Dyke from Technicon.

Public comment was opened with Jeff Shanely of PSOA thanking the borough and presenting a flag to President Davis. A request to paint the PSOA meeting room was made with the scope of the work being provided by the contractor prior to beginning of the work.

Joanne Witmoyer commented on grass clippings of neighbor being blown over to her side of the street. This is the second time and Chief Pistilli said he would check into it.

A comment was made on the Helping Harvest distribution center at Summit and Church Streets where visibility is hampered, and congestion occurs. Jon Davis said he will look into it.

Ciera Heiser of 30 Walnut Street commented that 32 Walnut Street smelled awful due to the new owner having so many dogs and not picking up after them. She indicated the yard was full of feces. Jen VanDyke will check ordinances and issue notices as determined.

Jen Waldbiesser requested assistance to calm the noise she is experiencing at her residence at Park Terrace. There has been constant yelling and screaming at all hours. Chief Pistilli will investigate under noise ordinance.

Michael Ryan of USI Insurance gave a presentation with regard to a proposal for our insurance. He detailed the company and the benefits of having the ability to shop around. Many questions were asked and answered. A follow-up appointment with Veronica Henry to review assets and coverage will be scheduled.

**Engineer Report**

Jennifer Van Dyke submitted her (report attached) She indicated that Reed Street has been paved and that 19 Reed Street has been connected. She also noted that there is some missing concrete and macadam, and curbing was not patched with cement.

**Code Enforcement**

Jennifer VanDyke indicated that cleanup violation for 250 Main Street was approaching its 30 -day notice of violation expiration the end of October. At that point a violation and citations will be filed by Jason Ulrich, Esq. Giannotti subdivision is canceled and will also be cited. Conflict of ownership/jurisdiction as to who is responsible for the sinkhole at Maplewood area is being researched.

The Rental Unit Program fees are being reviewed for action at the November Council meeting and owners will be notified of any changes.

The MS4 annual report permit report was given and attached.

The planning commission met in September for approval on the Moorhead subdivision with 3 lots with land swaps, and lot line adjustment which was approved.

A motion to approve the Moorhead Resolution was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

#### **Police Chief Report**

Chief Pistilli reported that the 3 vandals destroying Park property were caught and will face prosecution.

#### **Fire Chief Report**

Nothing to report

#### **Solicitor Report**

Jason Ulrich reported that a resolution to appoint Tomkins Vist as agent of record 2022 – 2023 Selective renewal for Worker's Compensation and insurance quotes was presented. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote.

The solicitor indicated that municipal liens will be placed on 139 S Church Street and 37 Chestnut Street for violation of the Trash Collection Ordinance.

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

The appointment of Sanitation Engineer is still pending. Jon Davis will reach out to the company names provided by Jennifer Van Dyke.

A motion to approve the cost of a P.O. Box for the Tax Collector at a cost not to exceed \$200.00 with reimbursement share to be paid by County was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote with Jason Kercher abstaining.

#### **Mayor's Report**

The need for a security system /camera surveillance at the park was discussed. Mayor Burgis suggested a cost for an 8 -camera system not to exceed \$500.00 to deter vandals. A motion to purchase the system was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried unanimously by vote.

Mayor Burgis also stated that a need exists for a list of doctors to perform the evaluations on Police applicants. Bonnie Betz to provide list to Mayor Burgis.

Bonnie Betz reported that a new Multi -Function Authentication will be tested, evaluated and installed prior to the end of 2022 for the computer systems. She indicated that the monitor in the conference area is now up and running.

### **Finance & Administration Report**

Dan McDevitt reported on the shopping selective renewal and explained the cost analysis to save the Borough money for Insurance. He is seeking to lower our Workers Compensation costs and is shopping for 3 bids. Selective quote is slotted for first meeting in November.

### **Secretary Report**

Veronica Henry provided Minutes of last meeting September 14, 2022, to all council members. A change in the spelling of Brian Simmon's name was made.

A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Veronica Henry gave the financial report with status (attached). She also gave a report on the Yard Sale Income (attached) and copies given to Council members.

Update on Budget was given, and report of delinquent Trash collections was made.

A donation to the Recreation Fund was made by the Lion's club of \$252.00 from the Chili Cook-off.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon 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**

Nothing to report

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

Gary Hafer indicated that painting of the pavilion is coming to an end due to weather.

### **Recreation Programs Report**

The Retail food Application is being handled by Kerry Hoffman with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " drawings being done.

REMINDER: Pumpkin Parade October 15, 2022 There are only 7 volunteers at this point and more are needed.

The current maintenance and repairs are on-going with Kerry and Jane Hoffman and Gary Hafer.

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

Brian Simmon had nothing to report.

### **Street and Lights Report**

Jason Kercher reported that Wolfe's rental is no longer engaging in rental of equipment and an auction will take place in November. A motion to allow the purchase of an ACC National straight blade plow with harness and mount, as well as a power concrete drill, and gas powered cement mixer be bid on and purchased for not more than \$4000.00 total was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

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

Alicia Bressler reported that the community yard sale on for September 17, 2022, was a nice turn out for the first year.

A motion to amend the agenda to include the advertising the sale of Lemon Street was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried unanimously by vote.

A motion to approve advertising the sale of Lemon Street with a reserve of \$12500.000 was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

A motion to accept all reports was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried unanimously by vote.

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 Dan McDevitt, seconded by Kerry Hoffman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.