

September 14, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Meeting Minutes of September 14, 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 Simon, Kerry Hoffman, Alicia Bressler, Daniel McDevitt, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Veronica Henry and Borough Engineer Jennifer Van Dyke from Technicon.

Public comment was opened with Dennis Martin of 53 W Wyomissing Ave. regarding storm drainage on the off -street parking used by residents. Marty Werner is to check and report back.

Bonnie Betz of IT/Cyber Security reported on the range extender for wireless and the security of in place. She stated that the wireless use of this feature is for the Borough only and it belongs to the Borough.

Paul Petrie of 187 Woodland Ave questioned why the Borough employees were working on the property that abuts his. (110 Hillcrest) Jon Davis responded that he would check into it. Tim Jones stated that it was his understanding that the owner of the property was going to be billed for the man-hours spent.

Adolph Styer presented his request for a waiver of the delinquent trash fees since the houses - 48 Main St., 114 S. Church St, and 116 S. Church St. - are unoccupied with water turned off and have been so for years He stated that Jennifer Roy told him she would take care of removing the fees. He is going to try and find documentation. Jason Ulrich addressed the issue and stated that he would pull minutes from the last year to see if it was logged.

Bob Werner questioned the pool property and its status. Jason Ulrich indicated that it is listed on the agenda and would be addressed. Dan McDevitt commented on blighted properties and suggested further legal action ensue. Jason Ulrich responded that no ordinance on blighted property currently exists. It was noted that the subdivision would be discussed later in the meeting and the property will be inspected per the Property Maintenance Code soon once the contractor for Reed Street project is fully moved out which should be soon.

John Crossin reported that the Music Fest was a big success and thanked everyone for their participation. October 15 is the Pumpkin parade and he asked for volunteers (5-6)for help with traffic.

Ann Bortz requested "No Trucks" signs be posted at F Skip Zerbe and Werner Streets as well as Summit and Walnut Streets due to truck gouging the streets. Jason Kercher will address the issue. Jason Ulrich stated he would need to add it to the ordinance.

Mary Wagner reported on the sink hole at her property at Madison and Church Street. Maty Werner will address and take pictures to send to Jen Van Dyke.

Kate Stuffleet requested an update on the Highbrook sink hole. Jen Van Dyke reported that the MS 4 survey was completed, and we are moving forward with a conceptual project design to share with the affected landowners. Project start date to be determined but an estimate of late 2023 was given.

Engineer Report

Jennifer Van Dyke submitted her (report attached) indicating the DEP MS4 audit had a favorable outcome.

Code Enforcement

Issues concerning code violations will be discussed in Executive Session.

Police Chief Report

Report given and attached

Fire Chief Report

Report given and attached

Solicitor Report

Jason Ulrich reported that 250 Main Street has been posted with the Notices of Violation and Technicon and his office would work on next enforcement steps once his period to come into compliance ends later this month.

Authorization for the stormwater operations and maintenance agreement for the Goos property to be signed by the Borough once the applicant signs. A motion was made to approve the plan by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Jason Kercher to move forward on Municipal Liens for delinquent trash on those properties that are scheduled for sale. Carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the stop sign ordinance was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Brian Simmon , and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the Swimming Pool Ordinance was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Brian Simmon to adopt the resolution that includes the \$5 duplicate tax fee, carried by vote with Jason Kercher abstaining.

A motion to amend the Trash Resolution to include current billing rates was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Jon Davis and carried unanimously.

A discussion was had regarding the Giannotti subdivision project since no further action has been taken on the part of Vince Giannotti and he has failed to comply with the contingencies as outlined at the time of the extension, a notice will be sent regarding this by the Solicitor- Jason Ulrich.

A motion to adopt MS4 Berks County Conservation District MOUs was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dan McDevitt to have the demand letters for delinquent trash served by the constable, seconded by Jon Davis and carried unanimously.

Council President's Report

A motion to amend July 13, 2022, minutes to reflect corrections on the Chili cook-off was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

President Jon Davis announced the certification of Alicia Bressler and Veronica Henry as Safe Serve Licensees and the purpose to sell food at the park to benefit the Recreation account for the upkeep of the park.

An appointment of a Sanitary Engineer was discussed and Jon Davis will reach out to the company names provided by Jennifer Van Dyke.

Mayor's Report

The need for an Emergency Response Contact remains. Mayor Burgis suggested we use Dave Szilli who agreed to keep the position for one more year. A motion to keep Dave Szilli as the Emergency Response Contact was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried unanimously by vote.

Mayor Burgis reported that there were changes to the civil service rules and regulations (notice of changes attached) A motion to accept the changes was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

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

Finance & Administration Report

Dan McDevitt reported on the cost analysis he is working on to save the Borough money for Insurance and suggested that we research a new agent. He is looking to lower our Workers Compensation costs and is shopping for 3 bids.

The need exists to start shopping trash collectors before our contract runs out next year.

Secretary Report

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

A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Dan McDevitt seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

Treasurer's Report

Financial report with status given and attached.

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

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

The music Fest was a huge success. Thank you to all volunteers was given.

A new power wash machine was purchased for \$5600.00 with monthly payments of \$400.00 until paid.

Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report

Gary Hafer indicated that he is working in conjunction with the Recreation Chair, Kerry Hoffman, to ensure that the needed improvements are made for the safety and welfare of the park and those who use it. Based on the list of needed items listed and attached, a motion to purchase items not to exceed \$2300.00 was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried unanimously.

Recreation Programs Report

Request that each Chairperson have a detailed list of duties within that committee. An outline is underway for the procedures for the park to be placed on the reverse of the permit for each renter. There is a "damage control pricing" sheet being prepared for any damage to the park.

REMINDER: Chili cook-off is October 8, 2022

Kerry Hoffman reported that the safety issues at the park have been addressed and fixed. Painting continues and should be finished before winter. The current maintenance and repairs are on-going with Kerry and Jane Hoffman and Gary Hafer.

Christmas in the Park is being chaired by Candy Kline.

Grants, Community Relations, Inter-government Cooperation Report

Brian Simmon reported that The STMP grant is in progress and is a long process. The ARPA grant was received in the amount of \$158,4545.22 and the recycling grant has been submitted and we are awaiting payment of \$88,308.00.

Street and Lights Report

Re-submission was made to Met Ed for street light outages. The plate on Reed St belongs to Ankowicz and was placed by R & K Excavating. F-Skip Zerbe sink hole update was given and a pothole on Wood St and S Church was reported.

Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report

The community 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.

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

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Action Item: A motion to approve Chief Pistilli's contract subject to pay raises was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by unanimous vote.

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 Brian Simmon, seconded by Kerry Hoffman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.