

December 14, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Meeting Minutes of December 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 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 Caitlin Calvaresi from Thompkins-Vist Insurance with thanks for choosing their company.

Norma Alicia presented her request for a discount on her trash bill.

Bob Lewis, discussed the easement at his back alley which is a noise nuisance. .

Shelly Wolcott presented statements with regard to the rubbish and rotting wood on the property and ensured council that the wood is being used for heating and a structure for the wood is being erected.

Engineer Report

Jennifer Van Dyke submitted her report (attached)

Code Enforcement

Jennifer VanDyke submitted her report (attached)

Police Chief Report

Chief Pistilli gave his report (attached) Police applications due January 6, 2023

Fire Chief Report

Report attached.

Solicitor Report

Jason Ulrich reported that Ordinances (attached) were drafted and were up for discussion and approval. See attached Ordinances.

- Ordinance 949, reauthorizing EIT credit
- Ordinance 950 setting tax rate 6.1999 mils for 2023
- Ordinance 951 Reauthorizing the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act
- Ordinance 952 Reauthorizing the LST for 2023
- Ordinance 953 Reauthorizing the Occupational Assessment Tax for 2023
- Ordinance 954 Reauthorizing the Sewer Collection rates for 2023

- Ordinance 955 Reauthorizing the Realty Transfer Tax rate of One Percent (1%)
- Ordinance 956 amending Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow police officers to enforce the Zoning Ordinance
- Resolution 2022-8 Approving Act 57 waivers for tax collection (required by state law)
- Resolution 2022-9 Approving the 2023 proposed budget
- Resolution 2022-10 Approving Fee Schedule for 2023
- Resolution 2022-11 Approving Trash Fees for 2023
- Resolution 2022-12 Approving Technicon Inspection Fees for 2023

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 949 was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 950 was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Daniel McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 951 was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Jason Kercher, and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 952 was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Alicia Bressler, and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 953 was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 954 was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Daniel McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 955 was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Resolution No .22- 8 was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 22-9 was made by Daniel McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 22-10 was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11 was made by Daniel McDevitt, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 22-12 was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 957 amending Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow conversions to multifamily units as a conditional use only in the R2 district as a Conditional Use was tabled until next year.

Council President's Report

The sewer deposits delinquency was discussed and a possible meeting will be scheduled with Shillington.

Mayor's Report

A motion was made by Daniel McDevitt to accept two resignations from civil service – Kim Raker-Grossman and Donna Sarzynski, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion was made by Daniel McDevitt to appoint Rick Favinger to Civil Service, seconded by Alicia Bressler and motion was carried by unanimous vote.

An alternate is still needed.

Finance & Administration Report

Daniel McDevitt reported on the insurance renewal with Thompkins-Vist for property and casualty as well as Health realizing significant savings of about \$19000.00. Flood quote for properties and park structures at \$1800 per year at replacement cost value.

A motion to approve Thompkins-Vist as the carrier was made by Daniel McDevitt, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve Flood insurance through Thompkins-Vist was made by Daniel McDevitt, seconded by Jason Kercher, and carried by unanimous vote.

Secretary Report

Veronica Henry provided Minutes of last meeting November 9, 2022 (attached) to all council members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Alicia Bressler, and carried by vote.

Treasurer's Report

Veronica Henry gave the financial report with status (attached). The report on delinquent Trash collections was made.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Gary Hafer, 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

Jason Kercher reported that the trucks were chained and ready

Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report

No report

Recreation Programs Report

Kerry Hoffman discussed park rental program and changes.

A motion to accept the changes was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Jon Davis, and carried by vote.

A motion to approve the changes to the seasonal operation hours to reflect actual hours of operation was made by Jon Davis, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote.

Grants, Community Relations, Inter-government Cooperation Report

Brian Simmon reported that he had a discussion with Mr. Klee from Shillington regarding the delinquent payment due Mohnton.

Street and Lights Report

Jason Kercher reported that no argument can be made with Met-Ed concerning the lights not working properly. Met-Ed will attend to the matter in their time.

Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report

Alicia Bressler reported on the need to clarify who is living in rental properties, ie. Family members.

Jason Ulrich and Jennifer Van Dyke will discuss further and determine if an ordinance is necessary and provide a report in January.

A discussion on vacant properties and disrepair was had.

A motion to draft/revise an ordinance for this purpose with Jason Ulrich and Jennifer Van Dyke was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote.

Members of council discussed with the public that the need for a trash bill increase was two-fold. First the prior council was not collecting enough money to cover the costs of trash service each year and second the trash disposal costs all increased for 2023. The \$100 increase is expected to balance cost versus income for this pass-through expense in the budget, per the work done by Paul Jansen at CELG who was supplied by Berks County to assist Mohnton in balancing it's budget. It was also noted that the Borough of Mohnton is not raising property taxes in 2023.

The discussion on the trash increase resulted in a motion to accept the new trash fees being made by Jon Davis, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Adjourned for Executive Session.

Action items from Executive Session:

Motion to approve Bonnie Betz, of IT Cyber Security contract for 2023 was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Kerry Hoffman, and carried by unanimous vote.

There being no other new business, old business, comments or Notes from other Council Members nor any other Action Items, a Motion to adjourn was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Kerry Hoffman, and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.