

MOHNTON BOROUGH

GENERAL MEETING

- MINUTES -

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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.

Announcement: Meeting being recorded for accuracy.

Alicia Bressler

In attendance:

Council Members:

Jon Davis Gary Hafer
Daniel McDevitt Kerry Hoffman

Jason Kercher

Brian Simmon

Borough Attendees:

Loretta Imbody, Operations Manager

Jason Ulrich, Solicitor

Jennifer Van Dyke, Engineer (absent)

GUESTS:

State Representative David Zimmerman (Our district) Mr. Zimmerman introduced himself and explained he and his staff are available to serve the community. He offered assistance for various Borough related projects.

Smoker Wealth Management Andrew Smoker representative from Smoker Wealth Management introduced their company, and outlined how their company is available to work with the Borough to develop investment services, and 401K retirement plans for Mohnton Borough employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adolph Styer – Explained issues regarding his properties on South Church Street and Fern Street. Mr. Styer will meet with Council members to discuss possible problem-solving steps.

Mary Wagner – Informed Council that there is a sink hole at her property at Highbrook. Jason Ulrich commented the new Watershed Resolution may possibly assist with this issue. Resolution on the agenda for tonight.

Amy lannelli – Maplewood Avenue (Highbrook). Questioned the sewer system configuration, and sewer payments.

Joel Lutz – Questioned the rental unit definition even if family members occupy the unit and do not pay rent.



ENGINEER REPORT: Jennifer Van Dyke - Absent

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Jennifer Van Dyke - Absent

POLICE REPORT: Eric Burgis gave Police Chief month of January report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report given.

SOLICTOR REPORT: Jason Ulrich

Request a motion: Amend February 8, 2023 Meeting agenda, and to use agenda handed out at meeting.

Motion made by: Jason Kercher **2**nd **by**: Alicia Bressler All unopposed, motion carried Amended Agenda to be posted within 24 hours.

Jason Ulrich reported that a Resolution and Ordinance were drafted for discussion and approval.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON TO ALLOW THE SOLICITOR TO WORK WITH, COORDINATE, AND ENACT ALL RELEVANT PAPERWORK TO EFFECTUATE WYOMISSING CREEK WATERSHED COALITION WORK RELATED TO HIGHBROOK PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON

Motion to accept, made by: Dan McDevitt **2**nd **by:** Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON IMPLEMENTING A RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH DEFINITIONS OF, AND EXEMPTIONS FROM, RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON, ESTABLISHES A RENTAL UNIT REGISTRY, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURES FOR REPAIRS MADE BY THE BOROUGH, INSPECTIONS, AND CERTIFICATION, AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

Motion to accept, made by: Alicia Bressler **2**nd **by:** Jay Kercher All unopposed, motion carried

Note: Jason Ulrich stated, there will be a special needed for the Ordinance Multi-family housing, next business meeting will be the public hearing. Special meeting for adoption, March 15th, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jon Davis

Outlined using new payroll company, ADP instead of doing payroll inhouse.

Motion to accept, made by: Dan McDevitt **2**nd **by:** Gary Hafer All unopposed, motion carried



MAYORS REPORT: Eric Burgis

Civil Service, we have three candidates for full-time police officer.

Motion to appoint: Steve Wagner to Civil Service Commission.

Motion to accept, made by: Jon Davis **2nd by:** Dan McDevitt All unopposed, motion carried

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - Dan McDevitt

Motion to accept: Minutes from last General meeting.

Motion to accept, made by: Jay Kercher **2**nd **by:** Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

Motion to accept: Pay bills.

Motion to accept, made by: Jon Davis **2**nd **by:** Alicia Bressler All unopposed, motion carried

Delinquent Trash Bill Collections Report: Jay Kercher (Constable) commented he is currently serving delinquent trash bills.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Jon Davis

No report

RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: Kerry Hoffman

5k Run Request – Berks County District Attorney Office asking to hold a 5K run at our playground.

National Night Out - Alicia Bressler commented, National Night Out is August 1, 2023. Looking for volunteers for the event.

Motion to pay for N.N.O registration: Spend \$35.00 to register for National Night Out Event.

Motion to accept, made by: Dan McDevitt **2**nd **by:** Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

Yard Sale: - Would like to do two yard sale events, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Held at the park and at resident's homes. No dates set at this time.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: Gary Hafer

Motion to accept: Replacement costs for playground bathrooms - 6 tiolets, 2 faucets, S traps,

Motion to accept, made by: Jay Kercher **2**nd **by:** Dan McDevitt All unopposed, motion carried



Motion to accept: Work to prep and clean, metal roof on large pavilion.

Motion to accept, made by: Kerry Hoffman **2**nd **by:** Jay Kercher All unopposed, motion carried

GRANTS, COMM. RELATIONS, INTER-GOVERNMENT COOPERATION REPORT: Brian Simmon

No report.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: Jay Kercher

Liquid Fuels Money: Plan on how to spend liquid fuels money.

Jay will do an analysis of Borough roads for repairs.

Playground Pavilion finished: Road Crew repairs.

HEALTH, SANITATON, WATER, SEWER REPORT: Alicia Bressler

Late Bills: Residents asking about waiving fees for trash bills not received due to Borough not having the correct address in the database. Looking for decision to waive fees.

Motion to accept all reports:

Motion to accept, made by: Dan McDevitt **2**nd **by:** Alicia Bressler All unopposed, motion carried

Executive Session: Personal, no action item. Adjourned for Executive Session.

There being no other new business, old business, comments or notes from other Council Members nor any other action Items,

Motion to adjourn

Motion to accept made by: Alicia Bressler **2**nd **by:** Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.