



MOHNTON BOROUGH
GENERAL MEETING
March 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.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Jon Davis
Daniel McDevitt
Jason Kercher
Brian Simmon
Gary Hafer
Kerry Hoffman
Alicia Bressler
Eric Burgis, Mayor (*absent*)

Borough Attendees:

Loretta Imbody, Operations Manager
Jason Ulrich, Solicitor
Jennifer Van Dyke, Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brindaliz Marsh – Discussed issues regarding delinquent trash charges. She would like penalties removed due to never receiving a trash bill.

Motion to: Absolve penalties subject to residents who never received a trash bill due to improper addresses in database. Residents may continue a payment plan to pay off their overdue trash bills. If payments default, Council will pursue liens on properties.

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

Jeff Shanely – 63rd Annual Mohnton Memorial Day Parade. Reading Buccaneers will again attend. Looking to invite area mascots.

PennDot – Closing road: Wyomissing Avenue for parade. Brian Simmon will provide a PennDot contact for Jeff. Jeff would also like to reach out to Mayba to see if they want to participate in the parade.

Tracy Crumbliss - Discussed issues regarding delinquent trash charges. She will set a meeting to come in to review her charges.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: Presented by Jason Ulrich.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow only multi-family housing in a particular district by conditional use pursuant to municipality planning code. Ordinance submitted to: Mohnton’s Planning Commission and Berks Planning Commission have received responses from both entities and have no suggested changes.



Ordinance has been available for 14 days and is subject to be voted on March 15, 2023 in a special meeting. If anyone has a comment or make any reference of modification to the Ordinance, that can be heard at this time. The Council cannot take a vote tonight that can only vote on the Ordinance, this is only a public hearing. No Comments.

Request to close meeting – Meeting closed.

ENGINEER REPORT: Jennifer Van Dyke

Council input needed for property violation complaints:

4 Park Road - Council finds clean up satisfactory.

165 Main Street – No clean up occurred, Council, to go to citation.

Dan McDevitt inquired about Mohnton Boroughs Ordinance related to chickens. Jen will follow up.

34 Front Street – No improvement to property. Council, go to citation.

257 N Church - No improvement to property. Council, go to citation.

Broken Sidewalk Complaints: Technicon will mail a general letter to residents requesting repairs to sidewalks.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Jennifer Van Dyke – Absent

MS4 Highbrook Project: Setting up meeting with the affected property owners.

Cumru Township has found a grant with may assist the project.

Motion to: Send a letter of support for the grant application and sign any necessary grant documents related to the Highbrooke MS4 project.

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

POLICE REPORT: Report given by Chief Eric Pistilli.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report given.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Jason Ulrich

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHTNON TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND TAKE ACTIONS REGARDNG THE BOROUGH PENSIONS CURRENTLY WITH TRUIST BANK

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



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON IMPLEMENTING A VACANT PROPERTY ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH DEFINITIONS OF, AND EXEMPTIONS FROM, VACANT PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON, ESTABLISHES A VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRY, AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON APPOINTING THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON POLICE AS ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOROUGH OF MOHTNON CODE OF ORDIANNCES.

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

Jason announces: Special meeting March 15, 2023 for Ordinance for Multi-family that was discussed in public hearing, and a Sewer rate Ordinance. Public should be made aware if they wish to attend.

Mr. Styer – Looking for trash fees to be waived due to properties being vacant.

Mr. Styer had discussion with prior Council regarding these properties.

48 Main Street

114 South Church

116 South Church

Motion to waive fees made by: Brian Simmon 2nd by: Gary Hafer All unopposed, motion carried

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jon Davis

MAYBA Agreement: Mohnton Borough and MAYBA agreement, \$3500/4-year fee for rental at the playground.

MAYORS REPORT: Eric Burgis (absent) *Jason Kercher reporting.*

Bonnie Betz reports for Civil Service:

Full time Police eligibility list, given to Council President from Civil Service. It is certified and approved for the hiring of a full time Police Officer. Authorizes Council to make a conditional offer of employment. Next step for Council, approve the certified applicant on the list. Applicant must take exams and then a formal offer of employment can be made. Council thanks Civil service for their efforts.



Motion to accept:

Civil Service presentation, certified list of full-time Officers.

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

Motion to accept:

Patient First Primary & Urgent Care in Reading to be authorized to conduct physical evaluations of FT officer candidates at a maximum cost of \$129 each.

Edward Michalik, Psy.D. in Shillington to be authorized to conduct psychological evaluations of FT officer candidates at a cost of \$275 each billed directly to the Borough.

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

Motion:

Motion to allow FT candidates to seek reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs associated with medical evaluations requested by the Borough.

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

Motion:

Make a conditional offer of employment to a candidate from the Certified List of Candidates provided by the Civil Service Commission. The conditional offer is subject to medical and psychological evaluations. The candidate can select from Patient 1st or another provider of his/her choosing for the medical evaluation. The Psychological evaluation must be completed with Dr Machalik. The candidate is responsible for completing a release of information form with each physician naming Mohnton Borough to receive evaluation reports.

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

Motion:

Motion to allow Chief Pistilli to spend no more than \$1000 which was donated by Pennwyn Club to be used for the purchase of a refurbished taser which comes with cartridges and 1 year warranty.

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

MCT replacement and Docking stations: *We have most of the money to pay for the 3 MCTs that are being replaced in the Police cars and the County is setting up the order. We have a fund that we can draw from to cover the full order.*



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Dan McDevitt

Motion:

Pay the Bills:

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

Motion:

Appoint Loretta Imbody as interim Treasurer/Secretary and Right to Know Officer for the Borough of Mohnton.

Motion to accept, made by: Gary Hafer 2nd by: Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

Aimee Long, Tax Collector

2023 Tax Procedure changes presented. County taxes will continue to be processed by Aimee Long. School taxes will return to Governor Mifflin School District for processing.

Motion to accept: Minutes from last General meeting.

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

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Jon Davis

No report

RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: Kerry Hoffman

PA Pit Stop: Kerry explained, this dog adoption organization is asking to rent our playground for an Easter Egg Hunt and adoption event on April 3, 2023. Kerry will get more information.

National Night Out Event: Alicia Bressler stated next meeting will be March 22nd at 7pm. Looking for more volunteers.

Yard Sale dates: Alicia Bressler - Dates are, May 13 and September 16.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: Gary Hafer

Roof and bathroom work will proceed when weather is warmer.

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

Jason Ulrich stated he has a contact at Berks County to start working on community block grants.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: Jason Kercher

Resident is suggesting sewer inspections for home purchases.

Jason Kercher presented a list of rental and purchases needed for road improvements



and playground upgrades:

Stump grinder needed for playground - weekly rental.

Top soil quotes.

Streep sweeping: Road crew would like to do the street sweeping instead of using a vendor.

Crew would rent a sweeper/with insurance for a week to sweep and clean storm drains.

Sweeper is available in May.

Mini skid and milling head rental for road repair.

Seal Masters: Rent from Seal Masters to fix road cracks.

Playground Mulch and pea gravel quote approval for playground upgrades.

If needed: Quotes will be voted in next General Meeting.

HEALTH, SANITATION, WATER, SEWER REPORT: Alicia Bressler

Sewer Rate Ordinance will be voted at the next March 15th meeting.

Motion to accept all reports:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel. Adjourned for Executive Session.

Motion:

Tax Facts Contract: Not to renew contract for Tax Facts, independent contractor, for Mohnton Borough.

Offer Tax Facts two additional weeks for transition period to train replacement.

Motion to accept, made by: Gary Hafer ***2nd by:*** Alicia Bressler *After discussion, amend this motion.*

Amend Prior Motion:

Tax Facts Contract: Not to renew contract for Tax Facts, independent contractor, for Mohnton Borough

effective immediately.

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

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: Dan McDevitt ***2nd by:*** Brian Simmon *All unopposed, motion carried*

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.