



**MOHNTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 12, 2023 7:00 pm

- Public Welcome -

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-*absent*

Gary Hafer
Kerry Hoffman
Alicia Bressler
Eric Burgis, Mayor

Borough Attendees:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Martha Tanis/24 Walnut – Commented on alleyway digging of hole by neighbor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: - Jennifer V. Dyke

Review violation properties: Technicon continues to close out old violations and work to reach compliance. New complaints are coming in and being processed.

Curb and Sidewalk Violations: Good response to the violation letters. Permit applications continue to be filed.

250 Main – Property has been vacated, and Technicon can now cite the owner for violations such as junk etc.

ENGINEER REPORT: - Jennifer V. Dyke

Highbrooke MS4 Project Update: Waiting on the easement revisions and the 3rd quote to award a bid. Grant application was submitted to Berks County Conservation District. The grant was denied due to them looking for more water quality BMPS.

Fern Street Bridge Update: Report was submitted to Council, 5-ton weight limit.

MOTION: Create Ordinance for Fern Street Bridge weight limit.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

ATV Ordinance will be ready for next meeting.

POLICE REPORT: – Report given by **James Demsko**

Reports given and discussion: Speed Enforcement, highway safety grants: seat belts checks, car seats, aggressive driving, D.U.I check points. Funding will be pursued.

Police bike: General information on donations, delivery, servicing etc.

Part time Officer Discussion about hiring process.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report given.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT: *Jon Davis*

Social Media Management - One Mohnton Borough Official Spokesperson needed - Answer and respond to questions or posts on social media instead of multiple people involved. Discussion to table for next meeting.

A.J. Blosenski – Jason Ulrich: No municipal contracts are being cancelled, but they are short on staffing so pickups are not going smoothly at this time. Council is pursuing meetings with Blosenski to improve service.

MAYORS REPORT: - *Eric Burgis*

Part time Officer Hire: Discussion.

Police Pension: Dan McDevitt will review the age and service time for retirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - *Dan McDevitt*

Banking: Kim Shrom, Finance Manager, researching changes to banking services, if advantageous for the Borough.

401K option for Borough employees: Discussion.

Solicitation in the Borough: Ordinance is outdated and Council should reevaluate fees charged, and mandate that Solicitors provide a certificate of insurance.

MOTION: To authorize Jason Ulrich to prepare a Resolution to increase Solicitor permit fees (\$50-per person/5 day permit), and update Ordinance to mandate that Solicitors provide a certificate of insurance.

Motion to accept, made by: *Jay Kercher 2nd by: Jon Davis All unopposed, motion carried.*

MOTION: Motion to pay bills.

Motion to accept, made by: *Gary Hafer 2nd by: Jay Kercher Unopposed, Jon Davis, Gary Hafer, Alicia Bressler, Dan McDevitt, opposed, Kerry Hoffman, motion carried.*

Bills need to be provided to Council two days prior to General Meeting.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - *Jon Davis*

Public Works worker injured on the job and will know later in week the extent of injury. Hired Part time worker, assisting with daily duties.

RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - *Kerry Hoffman*

No report.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: - *Gary Hafer*

No report.

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

No report.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - Jason Kercher

No report.

HEALTH, SANITATION, WATER, SEWER REPORT: - Alicia Bressler

Recycling Contract: Recycling contract bid due end of 2023. Bid to ask for a one year contract, following year combine trash & recycling contract. Recycling bid proposal needed from Jason Ulrich for one year.

National Night Out Report: Donations to date: \$3725.00. Looking for volunteers for the event.

Motion to accept all reports.

Motion to accept, made by: Dan McDevitt 2nd by: Kerry Hoffman All unopposed, motion carried

Executive Session – No executive session.

Old business

Pickleball Courts: There is public interest regarding creating Pickle ball courts in the Borough. Renovate the basketball court or the ice pond area. Quotes are being received. Local entities are willing to donate to this sport.

MOTION: Amend agenda to relist Lemon Street property with a minimum bid of \$5000.

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

MOTION: Authoring Jason Ulrich to relist Lemon Street property with a minimum bid of \$5000.

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

Motion to accept minutes of last General Meeting.

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

New Business

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

Motion to Adjourn meeting:

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

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.