



**MOHNTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 8, 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	Gary Hafer
Daniel McDevitt	Kerry Hoffman
Jason Kercher	Alicia Bressler
Brian Simmon	Eric Burgis, Mayor - <i>absent</i>

Borough Attendees:

Loretta Imbody, Operations Manager
Jason Ulrich, Solicitor
Jennifer McConnell, Engineer

GUEST: Governor Mifflin Library Representatives – Annual Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherry Reber: Leaf Collection. Asking if Borough would look at having a set schedule.

The reason for no schedule is it would be hard to adjust to weather changes and trees drop leaves at different times.

Barbara O’Neil: - Follow up on the dead trees on Wyomissing Avenue.

The Borough has looked into the area with dead trees. Soil retention must be kept in place. This project is being worked on and work may start in the winter.

- Vacant property has tree in roof, cats are going in and out. Borough will look into this issue.

- Verizon (leaning pole). We have been in contact with Verizon and Comcast to address the problem.

Gauge - Asking about clarity to the ownership of chickens. A new ordinance has been drafted and will advertise to outlaw chickens in the Borough.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Continuing to work through violation complaints. List is reducing.

One property issue, Borough received a letter from owner asking for consideration to his health issue and no employment. Council will determine how to respond.

ENGINEER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Highbrooke MS4 Project Update: Coalition has not heard back regarding the grant. Technicon

continues to get easements in place. 1st step, Borough to execute the stormwater operations and maintenance agreement required by DEP., which the Borough will maintain the improvements. Agreement has been reviewed by Jason Ulrich and the solicitor for the Wyomissing Creek Coalition.

MOTION: Highbrooke MS4 Project Stormwater O&M Agreement

Motion to approve: Jon Davis 2nd: Kerry Hoffman All unopposed, motion carried

MOTION: Highbrooke MS4 Project Temporary Construction Easements and Permanent Stormwater Easements – Authorize Council execution upon owner signature.

Motion to approve: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Jon Davis All unopposed, motion carried

Structural Engineer is working on a proposal for the stormwater hydraulic studies and design of improvements along Fern Street. If the Borough seeks grants, we will have a cost proposal. Will be ready for December General Meeting.

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

Official budget meeting: Scheduled half hour before meeting and will be officially advertised.

Ordinances for review:

1. LERTA Reauthorization Ordinance
2. Local Service Tax Reauthorization Ordinance
3. Earned Income Tax Reauthorization Ordinance
4. Real Property Transfer Tax Reauthorization Ordinance
5. Occupational Tax Reauthorization Ordinance
6. 2024 General Taxation Ordinance (includes fire and general tax)
7. Animal keeping and nuisance Ordinance
8. Restriction of Motorized Vehicles in the Park

POLICE REPORT: – Report given by Chief Eric Pistilli.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: – Report given by Chief Josh Keller.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: - Jon Davis

No report.

MAYOR REPORT: - Eric Burgis - absent.

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - Dan McDevitt

There is a meeting set for Nov. 29th for insurance renewal which is due Jan. 1st.

MOTION:

Appoint Council members to be Trustees of non-uniform and Police Pensions plans.

Motion to appoint: Motion: Dan McDermitt 2nd: Jon Davis All unopposed, motion carried

MOTION: Motion to pay bills.

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

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - Jon Davis

Blighted/Vacant Property Committee: Committee needed to be formed via ordinance.

RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - Kerry Hoffman

No report.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: - Gary Hafer

Pricing for 3 doors at Borough.

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

No report.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - Jason Kercher

Request for new Road Crew truck. Information will be given to Jane Meeks in connection with the recycling grant.

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

No report.

Motion to accept all reports.

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

Executive Session: Personnel

Old Business:

Motion: Motion to approve the sale of John Deere tractor for \$6800.00

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

Motion to accept minutes of last General Meeting.

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

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.