



**MOHNTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 7:00 pm

- Public Welcome -

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council Temp. President, Brian Simmon who presided. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll taken.

Announcement: Meeting being recorded for accuracy.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Jon Davis- *absent*
Lori Kruze
Jason Kercher
Brian Simmon

Gary Hafer- *absent*
Kerry Hoffman
Alicia Bressler
Eric Burgis, Mayor

Borough Attendees:

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

GUEST: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Continuing to follow up old property violations as well as new violations.

Identifying properties that will be handled by the Blighted Committee and handled as Vacant Properties.

ENGINEER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

St. John's Lutheran Church Land Development Plan (Building Addition)

Consideration of Waivers

Consideration of Conditional Final Plan Approval

✓ **Motion:**

Motion to approve the waivers requested in the OTM letter dated August 22, 2024.

Alicia Bressler, 2nd: Jason Kercher *all in favor*

Amending the motion to add the financial security waiver is being granted upon the limited scale of the improvement for this project and nature of the entity requesting.

Alicia Bressler, 2nd: Jason Kercher *all in favor*

✓ **Motion:**

Motion to approve for Council to grant conditional final plan approval which is contingent on complying on Technicon's August 21, 2024 technical review letter, as well as submission of development agreements for Solicitor.

Jason Kercher, 2nd: Alicia Bressler *all in favor*

Highbrooke discussion: Update on the pipe coming in from W Madison which is causing a sinkhole, pipe has been videoed. We may be able to saw cut around sink hole, back fill in, repave and review at the end of the winter.

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

✓ **Motion to table** Comcast Agreement to next General meeting.
Alicia Bressler 2nd: Jason Kercher *all in favor*

POLICE REPORT: – Report by Eric Burgis

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report submitted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: - Jon Davis

✓ **Motion to accept Dan Mcdevitt’s resignation per MPC.**
Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Jason Kercher *all in favor*
Lori Kruse, expressed interest in joining the Council.

✓ **Motion to appoint new Council member, Lori Kruse to fill Dan McDevitt’s term.**
Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Jay Kercher *all in favor*

Resolution to appoint new Council member to fill Dan McDevitt’s term.

✓ **Motion to appoint commission to speak to fire companies for regionalization.**
Alicia Bressler 2nd: Brian Simmon *all in favor*

✓ **Motion to table commission to speak to fire companies for regionalization till next General Meeting.**
Jason Kercher 2nd: Kerry Hoffman *all in favor*

Property Tax Exemption for active firefighters. No discussion at this time.

Vote on Parade and parade route.

✓ **Motion to approve** Halloween Parade route.
Jason Kercher 2nd: Alicia Bressler *all in favor*

MAYOR REPORT: - Eric Burgis.

No report.

Executive session

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Brian Simmon

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to pay bills. Review of Bills to pay.
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

✓ **Motion to remove** Dan McDevitt as signer for checks and financial accounts.
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

✓ **Motion to appoint** Jason Kercher as signer for Borough checks and financial accounts.
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Lori Kruse all in favor

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - Jon Davis – absent

No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - Kerry Hoffman

Music Festival - Thank you to the Maintenance Department for set up and tear down.
N. Church Street - bamboo. Patch of bamboo on the street which falls down over the road.
Research to find out who owns the bamboo and who is responsible for the maintenance.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: - Gary Hafer – absent

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

No report.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - Jason Kercher

Handicap Parking Request: 56 W Fairview Street

✓ **Motion to approve new Ordinance for handicap parking request.**
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

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

Building of the Borough Forum. Alicia invited the Council to attend.

Motion to accept all reports.

Motion to accept, made by: Alicia Bressler 2nd by: Kerry Hoffman All unopposed, motion carried

Executive Session: No session.

Old Business:

Motion to accept minutes of last General Meeting.

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

New Business:

Jason Kercher – The state has a program where the Borough can waive the property tax for all active fire fighters. He would like the Council to consider this for the October meeting. Jason will bring in more information for the next meeting.

Eric Burgis – PennWyn Club donated \$1000 for the Police Department.

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: Alicia Bressler 2nd by: Lori Kruse All unopposed, motion carried

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at. 7:15PM