



**MOHNTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 13, 2024 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
Lori Kruze	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:

Paul Jansen and Kim Shrom – Presentation, 2025 Budget Proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Governor Mifflin Library – Presentation recapping 2024 events. Storywalk project with Mohnton Borough. Named 2024 Goldstar Library. 450 active Mohnton resident card holders.

Tim Jones – Discussion about handicap parking.

Joe Farina (Cumru resident) – Main Street – Discussion about Mohnton borough/Cumru Twp. not snow plowing or removing leaves.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Continuing to work through complaints. Working on new rentals.

ENGINEER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

E Wyomissing Ave Culvert discussion/possible action. No clear documentation on who owns the culvert. Discussion – Backfill (flowable fill). Contractor at Berks Military Museum quoted \$24557.00. Not necessary to fill it with flowable fill. Will back fill it was.

Highbrooke driveway has been fixed by road crew.

Wyomissing Creek Coalition continues to look to other projects to help meet the borough and surrounding communities for sediment load reductions under the MS4 project.

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

2025 Trash/Recycling Bid Opening.

AJ Blosenski: 3 Year bid: \$1,264,248.00

JP Mascaro: 3 Year bid: \$1,674,384.00

Whitetail Disposal: 3 Year bid: \$1,223,481.00

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to accept the 2025 Trash/Recycling Bid by Whitetail Disposal (3 year contract), under review by Solicitor.

Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

POLICE REPORT: – Report submitted by Jon Davis.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report submitted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: - Jon Davis

No report.

MAYOR REPORT: - Eric Burgis.absent. Conducted by Jon Davis.

Civil Service:

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve the Civil Service 2024 Annual Report.

Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: Gary Hafer all in favor.

Blighted Committee:

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Cheryl Richard to the Blighted Committee for a 3 year term.

Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Stephanie McMullen-Payton to the Blighted Committee for a 1 year term.

Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Dave Searfoss (Planning Commission) to the Blighted Committee to match Planning Commission term.

Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Jason Kercher all in favor.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Joan London (Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys) to the Blighted Committee.

Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - Jon Davis

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to pay bills. Review of Bills to pay.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Jason Kercher all in favor.

✓ **MOTION: Resolution:** Motion for Council to adopt a Resolution to apply for the LSA Statewide Grant for funding up to \$1,000,000.00 to remove and replace the existing culvert system at Main Street, Fern Street, and Reed Street.

Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: Gary Hafer all in favor.

✓ **MOTION:**

Motion to accept the 2022 Audit from Herbein & Co.

Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor.

EMS Tax – Discussion. If approved, a bank account named EMS Fund needs to be approved.

Motion to advertise EMS tax Ordinance at .5 mills.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Jason Kercher all in favor.

✓ **MOTION: To advertise to adjust the Fee ordinance – fee increases:**

Motion: 2nd:

Jason Ulrich stated we need to update the fee resolution, no advertisement necessary.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - Lori Kruse

✓ **MOTION: All Permanent Part time Employees** who work a minimum of 1200 hours per year are eligible to participate in medical coverage under a plan determined by the Borough Council. Permanent Part Time Employees are eligible for coverage after thirty (30) days of their hire date.

The cost of coverage for the employee will be paid by the employee through automatic payroll deduction at 25% of the monthly premium, the balance of premium, for the employee only, to be paid by the Borough.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Jason Kercher **Oppose:** Alicia Bressler, Brian Simmon

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - Kerry Hoffman

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: - Gary Hafer

No report.

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

No report.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - Jason Kercher

ORDINANCE

✓ **Motion to approve Handicap Parking Request:** 17 E Summit Street.

Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: Brian Simmon **Oppose:** Alicia Bressler, Kerry Hoffman, Jon Davis

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

No report.

Motion to accept all reports.

Motion to accept, made by: Kerry Hoffman ***2nd by:*** Brian Simmon ***All in favor, motion carried***

Executive Session:

Old Business:

✓ **MOTION: Motion to accept minutes of last General Meeting.**

Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Brian Simmon ***All in favor, 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: Alicia Bressler ***2nd by:*** Brian Simmon ***All unopposed, motion carried***

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.