



MOHNTON BOROUGH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2024 6:30 pm

- Public Welcome -

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 PM by Council Vice President, Gary Hafer who presided. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll taken.
Announcement: Meeting being recorded for accuracy.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Jon Davis - <i>absent</i>	Gary Hafer
Lori Kruze	Kerry Hoffman
Jason Kercher <i>absent</i>	Alicia Bressler
Brian Simmon	Eric Burgis, Mayor

Borough Attendees:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Various Business Owners in Mohnton: The Mohnton business owners questioned the Ordinance which requires dumpsters to be contained by fencing.

Buddy Styer – Expressed appreciation to Mohnton Borough Council and staff.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Continuing to work through complaints. Following up on citations. Making sure vacant properties are recorded. Rental unit inspection forms will be sent to landlords when Council determines fees for 2025.

ENGINEER REPORT: - Jennifer McConnell

Highbrook Project Updates: Working through the environmental report for the grant and to get the Highbrooke HOA to sign the necessary easements for the project. Meeting will be January 9th with the Coalition and HOA.

2025 Roadwork: Marty Werner to submit new road bid package request to Technicon.

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

ORDINANCES:

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve LERTA Reauthorization.

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

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve Local Services Tax Reauthorization.

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

- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve Earned Income Tax.
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve Real Property Transfer Tax
Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve Occupational Assessment Tax
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve 2025 Tax Rate
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: *Eric Burgis reported.*

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: *Report submitted.*

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: - *Jon Davis – absent*
No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - *Jon Davis absent, Gary Hafter presented.*

- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to pay bills. Review of Bills to pay.
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve 2025 Budget.
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve payments to Tax Collector, half of pay to be paid out in January, and half in June. Total: \$4600.00.
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve for Tax Collector. A full years’ worth of fees for remote deposit machine and ACH Fees. Total: \$960.00
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve financing for the 2024 Dump Truck. Use funds to pay for Emergency purchase of truck as follows: Costars purchase – no bid needed.
\$19000 GENERAL
\$40 075.00 Sewer
\$40,000 Trash
Motion: Kerry Hoffman 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor
- ✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve EMS tax for 2025. Millage .5
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor

RESOLUTION:

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve \$60K to be transferred from General Fund to the MS4 Fund to cover the Wyomissing Coalition project for the next two years.

Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor

MAYOR REPORT: - Eric Burgis.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to hire Shaun Yocum as a full time Mohnton Police Officer.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to hire Part-time Mohnton Police Officer, Joe Oberholtzer II.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - Lori Kruse

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to accept Union contract for non-uniform full-time employees.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor

PARKS AND 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

902 Municipal Recycling Grant has been approved for 2025.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - Jason Kercher absent

No report.

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

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to accept policy for sewer shut off.

Motion: 2nd:

Motion to table until next General Meeting:

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

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to accept 3 year trash/recycling bid from Whitetail Disposal.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor

Motion to accept all reports.

Motion to accept, made by: Brian Hoffman 2nd by: Alicia Bressler All in favor, motion carried

Executive Session:

Old Business:

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to accept minutes of November 25, Special Meeting.

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

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

Motion: Lori Kruse 2nd: Kerry Hoffman all in favor

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: Kerry Hoffman ***2nd by:*** Lori Kruse *All unopposed, motion carried*

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.