



**MOHNTON BOROUGH
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 14, 2026 7:00pm

- Public Welcome -

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Jon Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll taken.

Announcement: Meeting being recorded for accuracy.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Jon Davis	Gary Hafer
Lori Kruze <i>absent</i>	Jerry Boughton
Jason Kercher <i>absent/arrive late</i>	Alicia Bressler
Brian Simmon	Eric Burgis, Mayor <i>absent</i>

Borough Attendees:

Loretta Imbody, Operations Manager
 Jason Ulrich, Solicitor
 Matt Rieger, Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Szilli (E.M.C.) – Dave invited Council members to attend the EMC training class on 1/28 *Duties and Responsibilities for elected officials.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: -

ENGINEER REPORT: - Matthew Rieger

1. Borough MS4 & PRP Items

- The MS4 renewal permit was received and reviewed by DEP. DEP issued Mohnton Borough a draft permit on 12/19/25, with notice posted to the PA Bulletin for a 30-day public comment period. After which, DEP will issue the official renewed PAI MS4 Permit to the Borough.
- Isett submitted a proposal to the Wyomissing Creek Watershed Coalition (WCWC) on 1/8/26 to review new locations for potential MS4 BMPs to address the remaining balance of sediment reduction requirements. There are five (5) potential locations in total, all of which are located outside Mohnton Borough, but will benefit the Borough on its joint PRP.
- Isett is in the process of preparing a 6-month MS4 progress update for tasks completed between July 1 and December 30, 2025. The 6 month check will be shared and discussed at our next MS4 meeting at the Borough Office, along with the Borough’s 2026 goals. Isett and the Borough Manager are coordinating potential MS4 meeting dates.
- Berks County MS4 Steering Committee 1st quarter meeting is 1/22/26 at Berks NatureCenter, Reading. A summary of the meeting discussions will be provided to the Borough.

2. Highbrooke Project

- All required easements have been secured.
- The DEP has determined that the project does not qualify for a waiver under Chapter 105, and that a Joint Permit is required due to the anticipated loss of the watercourse near the bottom of the hill.
 - o The WCWC is currently reaching out to elected officials to challenge the requirement of a Joint Permit and avoid extensive project delays due to permitting. Isett has provided a justification memo to the WCWC detailing the extensive project history, public safety concerns, and ongoing erosion issues.
- The Borough, WCWC, and Isett will meet with the USDA on January 21st to discuss the current state of the project.

3. Sport Court Improvements

- Fence installation and paving are complete. SLC Payment Application #3 for work completed through the end of November, including fence, steps, and handrail installations, has been certified and submitted to the Borough.
- SLC performed topsoil and stabilization work in December. The work is unsatisfactory. Isett is working with SLC on addressing the issues.

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- Borough Council may wish to discuss how to address the sloped areas, i.e., installation of low-maintenance plantings or river stone.
- Acrylic surfacing and tennis/pickleball equipment will be installed in the Spring.

4. Fern Street Retaining Wall

- The wall has been constructed. The Road was paved on January 8th while temperatures were above 40 degrees.
- CMS Payment Application #1 for work completed through the end of December, including the old wall demolition and partial new wall construction, has been certified and submitted to the Borough.
- CMS intends to install a fence along the top of the wall this month.

5. Main Street and Fern Street Culvert Replacements

- The 2024 LSA Statewide Grant Application was unfortunately not awarded.
- Isett met with the Borough on 1/7/26 to review alternate grant programs to assist with project funding. The following programs were identified to pursue in 2026.
 - o DCED Flood Mitigation Program - \$500,000 maximum with a 15% match.
 - o DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) - \$3M maximum with no match.
- Isett is preparing an Authorization to proceed with survey and design for the proposed improvements. Design plans based on a topographic survey will bolster chances for grant applications.

6. Grants

PENDING – 2025 DCNR C2P2 Planning Grant – *Announcement expected soon*

Mohnton Memorial Park Master Site Development Plan

Grant Ask: \$32,500 Match: \$32,500 Project Total: \$65,000.00

PENDING – 2025 DCED PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

Northridge Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Grant Ask: \$419,588.00 Match: \$74,192.00 Project Total: \$493,780.00

PENDING – 2025 DCED LSA Category 4

Police Equipment

Grant Ask: \$143,683.00 Match: No match required

PENDING – 2025 DCED LSA Statewide

Project: Church Street Improvements

Grant Ask: \$431,033.85 Match: No match required. Project Total: \$431,033.85

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve the Main Street/Fern Street Culvert Improvements survey fee of \$13800.00 by Barry Isett in pursuant of grant funding.

Motion: Jon Davis 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve the SLC payment application #3 for the Sports Courts. \$49,641.62

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

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve the CMS payment application #1 for the Fern Street wall. \$44,491.00

Motion Alicia Bressler 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

SOLICITOR REPORT: - Jason Ulrich

RESOLUTION: Approve the Fee Schedule.

Motion: Gary Hafer 2nd: Jon Davis all in favor

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to execute a new agreement for the UCC Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals and pay the \$300 annual fee.

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

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Chief, Eric Pistilli

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Report submitted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Jon Davis

No report.

MAYOR REPORT: - Eric Burgis - absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - Jon Davis

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

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

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: - Jerry Boughton

2025 year end report of Civil Service Commission activities to Council:

Discussion: Wording changes to Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to adopt wording changes to the Commission Rules and Regulations.

Motion: Jerry Boughton 2nd: Jason Kercher all in favor

Proposal for Council to task Civil Service Commission to initiate a hiring process.

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to approve Civil Service Commission to initiate a hiring process.

Motion: Jerry Boughton 2nd: Jon Davis Abstained: Jason Kercher

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - Lori Kruse - absent

No report.

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

✓ **MOTION:** Motion to sell the following equipment: Kubota B1550 Tractor, Ariens ST824 snowblower, Honda Push Mower, and 60inch 3 point hitch rear plow on Municibid.

Tabled suggested by Jason Ulrich.

Motion: 2nd:

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

No report.

Motion to accept all reports.

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

Executive Session:

Old Business:

✓ **MOTION: Motion to accept minutes of the 2026 Reorganization Meeting.**

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

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

Motion: Jerry Boughton 2nd: Jason Kercher 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: Alicia Bressler 2nd by: Brian Simmon All unopposed, motion carried

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.