MOHNTON BOROUGH

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2026 7:00pm

- Public Welcome -

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Jason Kercher
Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll taken.
Announcement: Meeting being recorded for accuracy.

In attendance:

Council Members:		**Borough Attendees:**
Lori Kruze - *absent*	Jerry Boughton	Loretta Imbody, Operations Manager/Sec.
Jason Kercher	Michael Derr	Tom Focht – Police Officer
Alicia Bressler	Cathy Przyjemski	Jason Ulrich, Solicitor
Brian Simmon	Mayor - Open Seat	Brad Smith, Engineer
		Terry Naugle, Codes

CALL TO ORDER, and Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting recorded for minute's accuracy.

ROLL CALL: Absent, Lori Kruse.

GUEST:

PUBLIC COMMENT(s):
Steve Wagner – Questions about handicap ramps at curbs.
Buddy Styer – Questions about other municipalities funding the G.M. Library
Discussion - Hydrant flushing in the Borough.
Motions - Where to find listing of all motions that have been passed.
Sherry Reber – questioning how to report faulty streetlight.
CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: ***Terry Naugle,*** *Great Valley Consultants*
Report submitted.
Berks County Conservation District is looking into the report filed that 259 W Wyomissing is dumping materials into the creek.
ENGINEER REPORT: **-** ***Brad Smith,*** *Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.*

1. Borough MS4 & PRP Items
The MS4 annual report was submitted.

2. Highbrooke Project
A meeting was held on July 29, 2026 with USDA representative Sean McElroy.
USDA will need to issue approval prior to the Borough proceeding with the project.
Tree clearing can only be performed between November 15 and March 31.
Isett is working with USDA to prepare the necessary documents for bidding.
Specifications and plans we sent to USDA for approval.
3. 2026 Road Improvements.
The change order for the project needs to be approved.
4. DCNR C2P2 Planning Grant for Park Master Site Plan:
Action Item:
1. A kickoff meeting between Isett and the Borough was held on September 2.
2. A draft survey was prepared and sent to the Borough.
3. A field investigation for ADA compliance for the site and equipment was conducted.
5. Northridge Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation: $419,666 was awarded to rehabilitate sanitary sewer mains, manholes, and laterals in the Northridge neighborhoods. Isett is preparing a proposal for the development of sketches, details, contract administration, and construction support services. Work is anticipated to occur in 2027. The grant expires in 2029.
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6. Grants
LSA Grants
Action Items: Authorization is needed to apply for the following grants:
LSA Statewide, due November 30, 2026 for stormwater culverts or another project. A decision is needed from council.
SUBMITTED LSA Category 4, for police equipment. Announcement pending May 2027.
Grant Ask: $56,954.00 Match: None Project Total: $56,954.00
SUBMITTED – DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation (GTRP) Fund. Announcement pending November 2026.
Front Street Basketball Court
Grant Ask: $69,989.00 Match: $12,351.00 (15%) Project Total: $82,340.00
Action Item: Borough should verify that the grant request was withdrawn.
SUBMITTED – 2026 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund . Announcement pending January 2027.
Main Street and Fern Street Culvert Improvements
Grant Ask: $537,006 Match: No match required Project Total: $767,151
GRANT WAS NOT AWARDED – 2025 DCED LSA Statewide
Project: Church Street Improvements
Grant Ask: $431,033.85 Match: No match required. Project Total: $431,033.85
TOTAL MATCH FOR APPLIED GRANTS - $12,351.00

✔ **MOTION:** Approve change order from Ronnie C. Folk Paving Inc., for additional work reduction for paving. Reduced amount from $96,018.10 to $77,950.94.
Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

SOLICITOR REPORT: - ***Jason Ulrich***
✔ **MOTION:** Legal Fees for Highbrooke Project not to exceed $20,000.
Motion: *Jason Kercher* 2nd: *Brian Simmon all in favor*

✔ **MOTION:** Approve Highbrooke Water and Waste System Grant Agreement for Storm Drainage to finance not more than $105,163.00.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Cathy Przyjemski all in favor

✔ **MOTION:** Approve Borough of Mohnton Purchasing, Bidding & Procurement Policy.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Jerry Boughton all in favor

✔ **MOTION:** Review the August General Meeting LSA Grant application decision for purchase of the Fire Company new Ladder Truck. Vote to approve or deny the August decision.
Vote to follow after the Executive Committee Session.
Motion: 2nd: **Tabled to next meeting.**

RESOLUTION:
✔ **MOTION:** Approve Resolution for the Statewide Local Share Assessment grant resolution to be used for the purchase of a new Fire Company Ladder Truck.
Vote to follow after the Executive Committee Session.
Motion: 2nd: **Tabled to next meeting.**

✔ **MOTION:** Approve the LSA Grant application for the Main Street Stormwater Culverts.
1 million, with a match of $580,849.
Vote to follow after the Executive Committee Session.
Motion: 2nd: **Tabled to next meeting.**

Zoning Project Discussion: 4 Front Street, Distilleria Simonimo LLC Zoning Application.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: ***Tom Focht*** *Report submitted.*

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: *Report submitted.*

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - ***Jason Kercher***
No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT: - ***Cathy Przyjemski***
✔ **MOTION:** Motion to pay bills. Review of Bills to pay.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

✔ **MOTION:** Approve IT/Cyber Security Mohnton Police Department Contract 2027.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Jerry Boughton al in favor

✔ **MOTION:** Approve increased Subdivision and Zoning application fees.
Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Mike Derr all in favor

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: ***- Jerry Boughton***
✔ **MOTION:** Approve transfer of the Artic Air Compressor and SCBA Cascade System to the Volunteer Firemans Relief Assoc. of Friendship Fire Company No. 2
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

✔ **MOTION:** Approve Mohnton Borough Fire Company requests to change internet vendor from Comcast to Starlink.
Motion: Alicia Bressler 2nd: Cathy Przyjemski all in favor

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT: - *Lori Kruse* *- absent*
Bingo event made a profit of $675.00 this summer.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING REPORT: - *Michael Derr*
Pole Building is finished and the Borough saved $3800.00 by the Road Crew doing some of the work.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & INHOUSE CODES: : - *Brian Simmon*
Christmas in the Park – updates.

STREETS AND LIGHTS REPORT: - *Jason Kercher*
Resolution:
✔ **MOTION:** Approve Sewer Specialties revised quote (Main Street) for $95,618.00.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Brian Simmon all in favor

HEALTH, SANITATON, 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: Held.

Old Business:
✔ **MOTION: Motion to accept minutes of last General Meeting.**
Motion: Brian Simmon 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor
New Business:
✔ **MOTION:** Accept resignation of Council position for Jerry Boughton.
Motion: *Cathy Przyjemski* 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor *Jerry Boughton abstained.*
✔ **MOTION:** Nominate new Mohnton Borough Mayor. Jerry Boughton was nominated by Jason Kercher.
Motion: Jason Kercher 2nd: *Cathy Przyjemski all in favor Jerry Boughton abstained.*
✔ **MOTION:** Advertise Council open seat. November Workshop Meeting: Candidates interviews, statement of interest. November General Meeting – selection.
Motion: Mike Derr 2nd: Alicia Bressler all in favor

There being no other new business, old business, comments or notes from other Council Members nor any other action Items,
Motion to Adjourn meeting: 9:42PM
Motion to accept, made by: *Brian Simmon* ***2nd by:*** *Mike Derr All unopposed, motion carried*