

April 13, 2011

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Jane Hoffman, Brad Grauel, Kerry Hoffman, Bailey Jones, Shirley Stuebner and Mike DeFeo. Also present were Engineer Gary Kraft, Police Chief Richard Leisey, Sr., Fire Chief Ryan Swartz and Solicitor John Hoffert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

A motion to appoint Gary Kraft to fill the term of Mayor until December 31, 2011, and to put his name on the ballot in November, was made by Kerry Hoffman, seconded by Mike DeFeo and duly passed by Council.

ENGINEER - A motion to authorize Engineer Kraft to participate in the meeting of the Wyomissing Creek MS4 Group was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

Engineer Kraft will forward a draft of the revised FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance to Solicitor Hoffert for review. Changes in base level elevations will be included in the draft.

A motion to pay Pipe Services Corporation \$8,193.15 for work completed on the sewer project was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

Brad Grauel stated that he is not satisfied with their work. It has taken them too long to complete the work. A motion to review the work next month and if the work is not completed by the May Council meeting, Council will terminate the contract at the end of May was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

St. John's Lutheran Church may possibly submit a subdivision plan to the Borough. Because Gary is a member of that church it would be a conflict of interest for him to review the plan.

A motion to appoint Ryan Rhode from Great Valley Consultants as an alternate engineer to review the plans and to pay him according to their fee schedule, was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

POLICE CHIEF gave his report.

FIRE CHIEF gave his report.

SOLICITOR Hoffert sent a letter to John White advising him that he must install his sewage meter on the outside so it can be read on a timely basis.

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Solicitor Hoffert attended the Borough Convention and said the new Borough Code is ready for adoption. There will be amendments to the civil service requirements and the Borough will have to adopt a new ordinance to add the new regulations.

PRESIDENT Hoffman received a letter from the County Commissioners asking for a donation of \$500.00 for the County swat team. Council will discuss the matter at the next work meeting.

A motion to donate \$100.00 for the Memorial Day parade was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Dick Trostle was on the Mifflin Area Coordinating Committee. Council will need to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

The Borough also needs to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Council agreed to allow Community Days to use the bucket truck.

Mike DeFeo asked Solicitor Hoffert to look at a deficiency found in the tax collector's audit. Taxes were sent to the Tax Claim Bureau in January that were paid, but not posted. The Borough will be charged a 5% commission, which will be approximately a \$484.00 cost to the Borough. The auditors recommended that the Borough request reimbursement directly from Veronica Henry.

Jodi Keller will be a write-in candidate for Tax Collector on the November ballot.

BUILDING & ZONING & FIRE & WATER – Kerry Hoffman reported that payment for the new Borough Hall roof will probably come out of the Capital Acquisition Fund and the Borough will pay back the fund yearly.

After Solicitor Hoffert reviewed the findings of the Tax Collector audit, a motion to authorize Solicitor Hoffert to write a letter to Veronica Henry requesting payment for the amount of the lost income of \$484.00, charged to the Borough by the Tax Claim Bureau, and to further take the matter to the District Justice if payment is not received, was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council

A motion to accept a bid from Manny's Tree Service to remove trees from the Madison Street property at a cost of \$ 1,800.00 and to have the Borough do some mulching, seeding and placing of top soil for about another \$ 2,500.00 was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

RECREATION – None.
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GRANTS, ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Bailey Jones will attend a meeting of the Mifflin Area Coordinating Council.

LIHGT & HIGHWAY – Yard waste pick up was started in April.

Ridge Court to Oak Lane will be closed on April 23, 2001 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM for soap box derby practice.

A quote for a new leaf box came in at \$5,128.00 It is 35% reimbursable from the recycling grant. Council will talk further about the matter at the next workshop.

HEALTH & SANITATION – Mike DeFeo mentioned that it costs the Borough \$250.00 to take the yard dumpster away. He suggested that the Borough should chip as much yard waste as possible.

The VFW contacted Mike about the Borough picking up their trash. After much discussion with the VFW it seemed like they would have more trash than allowed as a residential pick up. Council decided it was commercial property and the Borough would not pick up the trash.

POLICE & PERSONNEL – Shirley reported that the money left over from the 100th anniversary in 2007 is deposited in the Berks County Community Foundation. There is about \$7,939.00. The money will be used for the 125th anniversary. The secretary will now receive the monthly statements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – A motion to advertise for bids for a new roof for the Borough Hall was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to authorize payment of all bills was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. DeLoretta
Secretary