

October 12, 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. President Kerry Hoffman presided. Also present were Mayor/Engineer Gary Kraft, Police Chief Richard Leisey, Sr., Asst. Fire Chief Alan Detwiler and Solicitor John Hoffert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – Angela Wertz, 117 Lisa’s Court asked Council if a basketball court was considered a permanent structure, if a variance was needed to build one and if it was placed on the property according to the Borough building code.

Solicitor Hoffert responded that no variance was needed, it is not a structure and it is totally in the confines of the owner’s property.

Solicitor Hoffert met with the Engineer and Code Enforcement officer on the matter. Mrs. Wertz was advised in writing that nothing prohibits the property owner from having a basketball court and there are no water runoff violations.

Mary Beuchley, Mohnton’s representative to the Mifflin Community Library, gave an update on the library and thanked Council for their support.

At this time, the recycling bids were opened and read aloud. The contract will be awarded next month.

**ENGINEER** Kraft reported that the Wall Rental subdivision was presented to the Planning Commission. It was previously approved, recorded, withdrawn and now resubmitted. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

The Mohnton Knitting Mill plan was reviewed by Great Valley Consultants. The plan allows pieces of the property to be annexed to neighboring properties. There will be no construction on the properties.

A motion to consider two waiver requests related to easements and utility detail was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council. Brad Grauel abstained from voting because he is a member of one of the organizations.

There was a discussion as to whether money should be deposited into an escrow account until evidence verifying recording of the six deeds are presented to the Borough.

A motion to give approval to the plan subject to combining of all deeds for annexation parcels, with out the requirement for escrow to assure the recordings was made by Mike

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DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council. Brad Grauel abstained.

Engineer Kraft said the Planning Committee reorganized. The President is Chuck Davis and the Vice- President is Dave Searfoss.

Engineer Kraft met with three contractors regarding the Main Street storm sewer. A project involving sealing of the joints is estimated to cost between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

A motion to authorize the Engineer to obtain bids for the project was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

The MS4 permit will expire on June 6, 2012. DEP has given permission to extend the permit to March 15, 2013.

A motion to authorize President Hoffman to sign and send the extension request to DEP was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

POLICE CHIEF Leisey asked permission to send Eric Pistilli to tazer school.

A motion to authorize Office Pistilli to attend a seminar to become certified in tazer instruction was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

FIRE CHIEF – gave his report.

SOLICITOR Hoffert reported that ordinance for the EIT tax that will be effective January 1, 2012 must be advertised three times and a public hearing must be held.

A motion to advertise the new EIT ordinance three times and set the public hearing for November 9, 2011 at 7:15 PM was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

PRESIDENT – A motion to adopt the revised non-uniform employee policy, changing the probationary period from 90 days to 60 days and changing eye and dental allowance to a health savings account, was made by Shirley Stuebner, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – The committee is working on the budget.

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**BUILDING & ZONING & FIRE & WATER** – Kerry Hoffman is working on getting a quote to paint the salt shed and a price for a computer system.

**RECREATION** – Jane Hoffman reported that the Halloween parade will be held on October 15. The bathrooms at the playground will be closed on October 30.

Kerry Hoffman had a note from Sandy Reitz about a weed at the playground called porcelain berry which is growing along the creek. Gary Kraft felt the weed could be pulled out if the ground is not exposed.

Sandy Reitz also asked if the fence at the baseball field could be repaired.

**GRANTS, ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS** – Bailey Jones reported that the Citizen's Academy will begin on November 19.

The contracts for the salt and gas have been finalized.

**LIGHT & HIGHWAY** – The new leaf box will be installed next week.

Brad Grauel told Council he has not advertised to sell the old dump truck yet because it may be useful this winter to clear snow from intersections.

**HEALTH & SANITATION** – A motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance amending Ordinance #520 regarding recycling of municipal waste was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Mike DeFeo felt some of the bids for the recycling needed clarification. Solicitor Hoffert reminded Mr. DeFeo that the bids cannot be amended, changed or supplemented. A motion to authorize the Health & Sanitation Committee to review the bids received and to reject and re-advertise for new bids if it seems appropriate was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Brad Grauel and duly passed by Council.

**POLICE & PERSONNEL** – A motion to hire Jennifer Roy October 31, 2011 as assistant to the secretary/treasurer was made by Shirley Stuebner, seconded by Brad Grauel and duly passed by Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. DeLoretta  
Secretary