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After being properly advertised, a Public Hearing was held on the above date for the purpose of discussion of the revised EIT ordinance pursuant to the Local Tax Enabling Act. The legal revisions are necessary for enforcement. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

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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., Fire Chief Ryan Swartz and Solicitor John Hoffert.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Michael Hall, 50 W. Fairview Street, said he does not want taxes to go up next year. He suggested having employees contribute more to the health insurance.

Richard Mosser, 12 E. Wyomissing Avenue, told Council there was backhoe damage to his property during the storm. His sewer cap and curb were broken. Brad Grauel responded that he is aware of the damage and it will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Donald Spencer, 165 E. Wyomissing Avenue, asked Council why flags were not displayed for 9/11 and Veteran's Day. He suggested forming a flag committee to oversee replacing flags when they are tattered. Jane Hoffman responded that the POS of A is in charge of replacing flags and they have always been taken down after the fourth of July. Jane will consider leaving the flags up until after Veteran's Day.

David Ficken, 301 Main Street, is trying to sell his house and he asked Engineer Kraft if he would write a letter disclosing plans to repair the storm sewer. Engineer Kraft agreed to write a letter.

ENGINEER KRAFT received three bids for the Main Street storm sewer repair. A motion to accept the low bid of \$8,370.00 from Precision Construction was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

The parking lot is almost completed. The erosion control sock must be removed and the rain garden filled in. A motion to authorize payment of \$3,925.73 to Allgyre Enterprises, but hold the check until the compost sock is removed, was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

POLICE CHIEF gave his report.

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FIRE CHIEF gave his report. Kerry Hoffman thanked the fire company for all their help during the storm.

SOLICITOR – A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 789 levying a tax on earned income and net profits requiring employers to withhold and remit the tax was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

A motion to advertise to amend recycling Ordinance No. 520 was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

PRESIDENT – None.

MAYOR – A motion to authorize an expenditure of \$150.00 to Radio Maintenance for adjustment of the Borough's license for the radios to switch to narrow band was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – A motion to advertise the proposed 2012 budget for \$1,285,120.76, which includes a .3 mil increase, was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Brad Grauel said the increase is due to a \$53,000.00 increase in health insurance.

A motion to advertise to hold the Budget Hearing on December 14, 2011 at 7:15 PM was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

BUILDING & ZONING & FIRE & WATER – None.

RECREATION – Jane Hoffman reported there are many trees down at the playground and dangerous limbs hanging on tops of trees. Mayor Kraft plans to post signs and use caution tape to close portions of the playground where there is danger from the limbs. Solicitor Hoffert offered to pay for the signs.

GRANT S & ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – None.

LIGHT & HIGHWAY – Brad Grauel met with Engineer Kraft and Chief Leisey to go over snow removal operations and communications.

The chipper is being repaired. Residents who are unable to bring their branches to the Borough Hall are being asked to put the limbs at the curb for chipping or pick-up. Brad is thinking of getting a price from a company with a bigger chipper to help with the chipping.

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HEALTH & SANITATION – A motion to award the 2012 TO 2014 recycling contract to Waste Management for an amount of \$95,842.00 for the three years was made by Mike DeFeo seconded by Brad Grauel and duly passed by Council.

The contract amount is \$17,000.00 less that the current contract. Year one is \$30,946.00, year two is \$31,037.00 and year three is \$32,959.00.

POLICE & PERSONNEL – Shirley Stuebner thanked Council and all the volunteers for their help during the storm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

A motion to accept 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 8:00 PM was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. DeLoretta
Secretary