

March 14, 2012

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Jane Hoffman, Brad Grauel, Kerry Hoffman, Shirley Stuebner and Mike DeFeo. President Kerry Hoffman presided. Also present were Engineer and Mayor Gary Kraft, Police Chief Richard Leisey, Sr. and Solicitor Thomas Klonis.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February meetings was made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Reitz brought a sample of a welcome packet that will be given to new borough residents by the Women's Club.

She also requested that the American Flags be put out in the borough for the Memorial Day Parade.

ENGINEER

Gary Kraft presented the bid results for the 2012 Sewer Televising Project. Low bidder was Pipe Services, the same company that did the work last year, however the work was not done in a timely manner and the borough elected to have another company do the repairs. Gary asked that Council consider awarding the bid to Tri-State, second lowest bidder. Brad Grauel made a motion to award the bid to Tri-State, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

Gary requested approval for releasing \$24,381 of the YMCA escrow which would allow the borough to continue to hold funds for work that needs to be done on the basin and receive as-build plans. Brad made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

Walls Rental subdivision has requested a 90 day extension. Dale made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by Brad and duly passed by Council.

Gary requested authorization to advertise the Floodplain Management Ordinance for adoption at the April 2012 meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Monthly report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF – Monthly report submitted.

Two new part-time officers will be starting this month, they are Phil Bentz and Marc Oxenford. They will fill in for sick days, vacation and special events.

FIRE CHIEF – Report submitted.

SOLICITOR

Tom Klonis reported that he attended Police Civil Service training.

He discussed the proposed contract with the Animal Rescue League, without this contract the police would handle animal complaints. Brad made a motion to approve the contract and give the Animal Rescue League a donation of \$1000, seconded by Shirley and duly passed by Council.

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Tom is working on the ordinance need to restrict truck traffic on some borough streets, as requested by the Police Chief.

PRESIDENT

A donation to the Memorial Day Parade Committee was requested. Brad made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Report submitted.

BUILDING & ZONING & FIRE & WATER

Specifications and a rough quote will be submitted by a contractor for painting of the salt shed. This quote can be used to determine bidding requirements.

RECREATION

A park Clean-up Day will be held on March 21, 2012 at 8AM.

GRANTS, ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bailey has heard from the DEP regarding the recycling grant, a letter needs to be submitted requesting the leaf box be added to the grant contract.

The borough has participated in the Joint Purchasing Council contract for line painting in 2012.

The Citizens Council will start the 2nd week of April as long as enough participants register.

LIGHT & HIGHWAY – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SANITATION

Recycling reminder letters continue to be sent to borough residents spotted with recyclables put out with their trash.

Mike made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-12 for the formation of the GM Fire Services Committee, seconded by Brad and duly passed by Council.

POLICE & PERSONNEL

Shirley made a motion to hire Thomas Ressler and Glen Hart for Part Time Summer Maintenance positions at the park, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A policy for the use of the Borough's Facebook page is being worked on.

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County of Berks Emergency Services Agreement was reviewed. Representatives of Motorola must visit to talk to the police and fire company about their requirements before the agreement can be executed. A motion was made by Mike to authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute the agreement after the visit from Motorola, seconded by Brad. Tom Klonis voiced his concerns of the Borough approving to move forward with this contract before he has been able to review it. Brad made a motion as above and including approval by the Solicitor seconded by Mike and duly passed by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Brad has been looking into adding 30 flags to the Borough, these flags, poles and brackets have an estimated cost of \$1000. He will be sending a letter to the PS of A to ask them to reimburse the purchase of the materials. He will keep Council updated.

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

Several Boy Scouts were present at the meeting as part of the requirements to earn their Citizenship Badge.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Roy
Secretary