

October 10, 2012

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Jane Hoffman, Mike DeFeo, Kerry Hoffman, and Shirley Stuebner. President Kerry Hoffman presided. Also present were Engineer and Mayor Gary Kraft, Police Officer Timothy Jones and Solicitor John Hoffert. Councilman Brad Grauel was not present.

The minutes of the September 2012 meetings were approved with a motion made by Shirley Stuebner, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Advertising for the November Business meeting to be held at the St. John's Parish House was approved with a motion made by Shirley Stuebner and seconded by Jane Hoffman with all voting to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mifflin Area Community Library representatives were present to discuss the library programs and funding.

The Director of the Southern Berks EMS spoke to council about their funding and the possibility of the borough considering an Ambulance Tax.

ENGINEER

1. Madison Street pipe repair has been completed other than the site restoration. Mike DeFeo made a motion to pay 90% of the invoice, holding the remainder until site restoration is completed, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by council.
2. The Wyomissing and N. Church Streets inlet repair is underway.
3. The borough is waiting for the 2012 Streetwork project invoice.
4. Wall subdivision plan – John Hoffert prepared a settlement agreement between the borough and the property owners. The agreement outlines that the borough recognizes the plan as recorded, prior to any development the security deposit and improvement guaranteed will be posted, the current active plan will be withdrawn and if after 5 years the lots are not developed, the owners will either come back to the council or the agreement is void. This agreement was approved with a motion made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Mike DeFeo and duly approved by council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.

FIRE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.

SOLICITOR

1. The Western Berks Refuse Authority is seeking to revive the authority. Jane Hoffman made a motion to approve execute the intent to revive the authority, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by council.

2. John Hoffert reviewed changes to Section 2701, Article 27 of the Borough Code and how it pertains to the council versus the Recreation Association. To comply with this change, all funds must be received and expensed by the borough as it pertains to the recreational areas. After discussion Mike DeFeo made a motion to have the Borough Treasurer handle the reservations and funds for the pavilion. After input from the solicitor, Mike DeFeo said "I just want to make it clear that it is the reservations for the pavilion and the recreation charges both". There continued to be discussion, at the suggestion of the solicitor the motion was amended to include the sections of the Borough Code that pertain to this discussion, Article 27, Section 2701, Subsection b of Act 43 of 2012. Dale Eisenhofer seconded the motion. After additional discussion, all council members voted in favor of the motion.
3. A motion was made by Shirley Stuebner to approve advertising of two ordinances pertaining to handicap parking, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by council.

MAYOR

1. A request to purchase new tires for the Crown Vic at a cost of \$396 was approved with a motion made by Shirley Stuebner, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

1. Dale Eisenhofer made a motion to replace the windows in additional meeting room of the borough hall at an estimated cost of \$2000, seconded by Jane Hoffman with all voting in favor.
2. New equipment has been discussed to be purchased this fiscal year, a tractor & mower for the street department and a gator for the park department. Quotes for new equipment were received and used equipment is also being looked into. Dale Eisenhofer made a motion to purchase the equipment not to exceed \$19,000, \$11,000 for the street department and \$8,000 for the park, seconded by Jane Hoffman with all voting in favor. Brad and Dale will move forward.

BUILDING, ZONING, FIRE & WATER

1. A property located at 70 Reed Street has requested approval of borough council to permit encroachment of the borough right of way by 16 inches of an overhang on a garage. Council members have reviewed the request and approved the encroachment after a motion made by Shirley Stuebner, seconded by Jane Hoffman with duly passed by council.
2. The estimate to have security cameras at the borough hall was \$5400.

GRANTS & ACQUISITIONS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1. Bailey Jones made a motion to agree to participate in the regional website study group and budget funds for 2013 to cover the borough's portion of the website, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by council.

HEALTH & SANITATION

1. July 2013 the current contract with Pioneer Landfill for waste disposal expires.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance #804 to approve entering into a Franchise Agreement with Comcast was approved with a motion made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Mike DeFeo and duly passed by council.

Treasurers report and approval to pay the bills was given after a motion made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman with all voting to approve.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.