

July 10, 2019

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Joe Russ, Mary Gudikunst, Tim Moll, Brad Grauel, Dave Kurczewski, and President Mike DeFeo who presided. Also present was borough solicitor Hoffert & Klonis and Mayor/Engineer Gary Kraft.

The minutes of the June 2019 meetings were approved with a motion made by Dave Kurczewski, seconded by Tim Moll with all voting in favor.

A chainlink fence on Lake Street was damaged by the borough during snow plowing, a price was received from Pro Max Fencing to repair the area in the amount of \$1667.00. A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski to approve ProMax Fencing to make the repairs, seconded by Brad Grauel with all voting to approve.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The residents of 474 and 476 S Wyomissing Ave were present to voice their concerns regarding the sanitary sewer line that runs along the back of their homes. The line has a history of overflowing when there is extremely heavy rains, however no overflows have been observed this year. Gary will take a look at the situation.

Dave Szilli, Emergency Management Coordinator for the borough, gave a report about the damage done from the June 20-21 flooding.

An executive session was held to discuss personnel related issues.

#### ENGINEER

1. Additional stormwater facility repairs are required due to damage that was done during the June rain events. M & A Excavating will be making these repairs within the next two weeks, the repairs needed are to the work that was completed earlier this year by M & A Excavating.
2. Sewer Televising for 2019 has not been scheduled due to the high flows in the lines from the heavy rains.

#### ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

#### POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.
2. There was discussion relating to the police vehicle that was totaled during the June rain event while responding to a call for Shillington Borough.
3. Police coverage for the July 4 holiday was discussed due to firework concerns.
4. There were questions regarding getting a neighboring municipality to help with coverage when we lack police presence.

5. The use of fireworks in the borough stemming from the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was discussed. Not only is the noise a problem but the fire hazard is a much larger concern.
6. The borough should be utilizing their police resources during times of expected heavy need for police.

FIRE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.

PRESIDENT

1. A memorandum of understanding between the borough and school district regarding reporting of issues to the borough and protocol for police responding to any situation at any school in the district was presented to be approved and signed. The matter will be reviewed by the solicitor and police chief with a recommendation for the next meeting.
2. The rental of the room at the borough hall was discussed. It was determined that it will only be rented to borough residents moving forward and a security deposit of \$100 will be required. A motion was made by Tim Moll, seconded by Dave Kurczewski and duly passed by council.

MAYOR

1. Requests for two handicap parking spaces have been received, approval to prepare and advertise was requested. Brad Grauel such motion, seconded by Dave Kurczewski and duly passed by council.
2. The request to approve the Pumpkin Parade for October 19 with all of the same previous guidelines was reviewed. Brad Grauel made a motion to approve with an added stipulation of directing participants to disperse the candy away from the vehicle, seconded by Tim Moll with all voting to approve.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. There was discussion regarding the replacement of the police vehicle that was damaged during the flooding in June. A used vehicle is available in New Jersey, which is already "built" for police use. A borough employee would be willing to go check the vehicle over and purchase along with transporting it back. Brad Grauel made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to procure this vehicle, seconded by Tim Moll with all voting to approve. If this vehicle is not purchased, a special meeting will be called to see how to move forward in another vehicle.

### BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & ZONING

1. A quote was received from Gigliotti Iron Works to repair the railing in front of the borough office and replace the railings on the stage in the amount of \$3,900. A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski, seconded by Brad Grauel to approve with all voting in favor.

### STREETS & LIGHTS

1. A contract with Met Ed to change borough owned street lights to LED was approved after a motion was made by Tim Moll and seconded by Brad Grauel.

### HEALTH, SANITATION, WATER & SEWER

1. Proposals from Charles Blosenski to extend our trash and recycling contracts for one year were tabled until the contract could be reviewed.
2. There is a drainage issue at the Werner Street end of the park causing concern about the standing water in the area of the teeter-totters. The area will be observed by council to determine if there is anything we can do in addition to adding stone to the parking area.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. A letter will be drafted to send to the state representatives' for the area urging them to rescind the current law that allows aerial fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. St John's Lutheran Church thanked the borough for supplying a dumpster for items damaged by the June flooding.
2. Mary Gudikunst referenced an article she read about Marion Township where they have someone driving throughout the borough looking for zoning issues.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and the bills were approved to be paid after a motion was made by Dale Eisenhofer and seconded by Tim Moll.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.