

November 11, 2020

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date using an electronic forum ZOOM. The meeting information was advertised in the Reading Eagle and on the borough website to allow public participation.

Members participating were Dale Eisenhofer, Mike Anderson, Brian Simmon, Dave Kurczewski and President Mike DeFeo who presided. Also present were Zachary Morey from Hoffert & Klonis and Mayor Gary Kraft. Members Tim Moll and Mary Gudikunst were in attendance sporadically due to issues with the ZOOM format.

A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski and seconded by Brian Simmon to approve the meeting minutes with all voting in favor.

A letter from Vince Giannotti was read requesting a citation for property maintenance be withdrawn. No action was taken.

ENGINEER

1. Woodland Ave retaining wall repair bid results were discussed. Bertolet was the low bidder at \$30,000. A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski to award the bid, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer with all voting in favor.
2. An area on Wyomissing Ave, between MH 31 & 32, has been identified by Sewer Specialties as needing a repair. The estimate to have the area slip lined is \$18,000 and to have it patched would be \$12,000 to \$12,500. A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski to have the area slip lined, seconded by Brian Simmon and duly passed by council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Glenn Kraft was present via Zoom.

1. Report submitted.
2. Several properties with repeat violations were discussed, council was advised that several citations were issued in the past month.

POLICE CHIEF – Eric Pistilli participated to give his report.

1. Report submitted.

SOLICITOR

1. Zac Morey discussed his monthly update.

PRESIDENT

1. Southern Berks Ambulance Association Tower Health, making a new entity of Tower Direct for ambulance service to the borough. This merger facilitates a new contract to be approved by council. Dave Kurczewski made a motion to approve the contract and have Mike DeFeo execute the contract, seconded by Brian Simmon with all voting in favor.
2. Attorney John Stott has been hired for labor related issues, after a motion was made by Dave Kurczewski and seconded by Dale Eisenhofer. All councilmembers voted in favor of hiring this attorney.
3. The Budget Hearing for the 2021 budget has been set for December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. The 2021 Budget in the amount of \$1,647,187 for the General Fund will have no tax increase. Advertising this budget for adoption was approved after a motion was made Dale Eisenhofer and seconded by Dave Kurczewski.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Safety improvements to the borough office access were discussed.

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 Dave Kurczewski.

Resident Fran McKnight discussed the traffic situation along Madison Street. Following her participation at the October meeting voicing her same concerns, the speed sign was located in her section of the street and a police officer did a speed check in her area. She is asked that more be done to try and slow the drivers that use Madison Street as a short cut through the borough. The police have been advised of the request.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.