

May 12, 2021

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 Mike Anderson, Tim Moll, Dale Eisenhofer, Mary Gudikunst, Brian Simmon, and President Mike DeFeo who presided. Also present were Zachary Morey from Hoffert & Klonis and Mayor Gary Kraft. Councilman Dave Kurczewski was not present.

A motion was made by Dale Eisenhofer and seconded by Brian Simmon to approve the meeting minutes from April with one correction with all voting in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Hafer spoke about tax rates and the possible direct impact of the borough contracting for police coverage with Cumru Township.

Eric Burgis spoke about police costs, the current budget for police expenses and costs associated with contracting police coverage with Cumru Township.

Daniel McDevitt addressed the contract for street sweeping.

Jon Davis asked questions related to accountability when accidents occur with borough equipment.

Gail Youse inquired into qualifications of snow plow operators and the compensation of such.

ENGINEER

1. A zoning hearing will be scheduled for the application submitted by James Fowler. The property is located on Wyomissing Avenue and the request is add an additional apartment to the current two-unit property.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted by Chief Pistilli.

SOLICITOR

1. Zac Morey submitted legal updates for review by council.

PRESIDENT

1. Mike DeFeo read a statement prepared by him addressing the efficient administration of the borough and the borough offices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & ZONING

1. Mary Gudikunst made a motion to approve the engineer to prepare plans, prepare the bids and advertise to receive the bids for the park project. The motion was seconded by Mike Anderson with all voting in favor.

RECREATION PROGRAMS – Brian Simmon

1. There was discussion regarding the use of the pavilion kitchen.

STREETS & LIGHTS

1. The contract with ACC International has been received, the insurance certificate has not. If the certificate is not received within one week, the contract will go to the next bidder. A motion was made by Tim Moll, seconded by Brian Simmon to approve this with all voting in favor.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. A Motion was made by Mike Anderson to approve hiring John Stuck in the maintenance department, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer. The motion was amended to include the pay rate of \$19.00 per hour and a 40-hour work week. This amendment was made by a motion of Brian Simmon and seconded by Tim Moll. These motions were duly passed by council with no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

There is the possibility of grants becoming available for sidewalk and street light improvements. Monies pertaining to COVID relief have been reviewed and the necessary steps taken to receive this funding when available.

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.