

September 8, 2021

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session at the Borough Office meeting room.

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

A motion was made by Tim Moll and seconded by Dale Eisenhofer approve the meeting minutes from the August Meeting, all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Dietrich Esq., representing the property owner of 35 W Wyomissing Ave discussed a water runoff problem that is occurring on that property. The water is coming from Chestnut Street at Mohn Street at the rear of the property. Gary Kraft will meet with them at the property site to review the issue.

Ann Bortz brought to council's attention several issues along Walnut Street which Gary Kraft will take a look at.

Lisa Shakespeare of Walnut Street discussed her Notice of Violation. Glenn Bertolet reviewed the pictures with her pointing out the specific problems. She doesn't like that people will use toxic chemicals to control weeds on their properties and feels that the person reporting issues to the borough should worry about their own property.

Val Hafer, talked about weeds and brought up a safety issue that occurred on Wyomissing Ave. A tree fell on wires, not breaking the wires, and her husband, Gary Hafer, spent time calling different companies about the issue. The tree was removed and the street was cleaned up by PennDot.

Daniel McDevitt had an exchange with Mike DeFeo, resulting in yelling back and forth. Mr. McDevitt called for Mike to resign; Mike told Mr. McDevitt to stay away from him.

Jon Davis questioned the police coverage and current gaps in coverage.

Eric Burgis voiced his concerns about borough work sessions being cancelled and his perception of how that pertains to the sunshine law. He also described his interpretation of previous meetings and the Sunshine Law. Zac Morey explained the Sunshine Law to the attendees and reassured all that the council is following the Sunshine Law. Mr. Burgis disagreed with Mr. Morey.

Marco Cipolla told council that some signs in the borough have branches obstructing them and or other signs.

Gary Hafer questioned the weight limits of bridges in the borough, especially since traffic was directed over them while Wyomissing Ave was closed due to the tree issue. The bridges have no weight limits. There was water flooding over Fairview Street during the Ida Hurricane event.

Jason Kercher mentioned that the Borough had a contractor paint stop blocks and cross walks in the borough.

Thomas Jaeger wants to keep the local police department. He also has a concern regarding a right of way behind his home. The borough does not own the right of way and the property owners would need to get legal counsel if they want to open up the right of way.

Heidi Moll voiced her disappointment at the way incoming council have negatively behaved towards sitting council members.

ENGINEER

1. The Giannotti Circle Subdivision has requested a time extension, which was approved after a motion was made by Tim Moll and seconded by Dale Eisenhofer.
2. The Police Chief attended a meeting at Cumru regarding the waterline project and the impact on the borough.
3. The Park Project bids will be opened and ready to be awarded at the October meeting.
4. The Engineer was asked to inspect the retention ponds in the borough for any issues that may have arisen from Hurricane Ida.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted.

PRESIDENT

1. 2022 MMO Uniform Pension - \$65,573
2. 2022 MMO Non-Uniform Pension - \$16,118

MAYOR

1. A motion was made to prepare an ordinance for a handicap parking space request, if merited, and advertise for adoption, by Dale Eisenhofer. The motion was seconded by Mike Anderson with all voting in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. Dale Eisenhofer made a motion to approve the proposal from General Code for Codification of the Ordinances not to exceed \$13,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Anderson and all voted in favor.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

1. Brian Simmon reported that there will not be a Science Day in the park this year.

GRANTS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & INTERGOV COOPERATION – Mike Anderson

1. Mike Anderson talked about the recycling grant which the borough has received in the past and is currently submitting. The previous grants have allowed the borough to purchase most of their equipment at a fraction of the cost but does require substantial time in applying.
2. Mike Anderson made a motion to update the recycling and burning ordinances as outlined by the DEP. The motion was seconded by Tim Moll with all voting to approve.

The Lions Club Halloween Parade is still scheduled.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.