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After being properly advertised, a Budget Hearing was held on the above date for the proposed 2012 budget of \$ 1,285,120.76 which includes an increase of real estate tax from 3.1 mils to 3.4 and a fire tax of .7 mils. Carl Wert asked if the prior year tax was the same as delinquent taxes. The delinquent taxes are the ones turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau and prior years are 2011 taxes paid in the beginning of 2012. He also asked about two secretary salaries. Dale Eisenhofer said the retiring secretary will be paid for accumulated vacation days. There being no further comments, the Budget Hearing was closed.

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Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Jane Hoffman, Brad Grauel, Kerry Hoffman, Bailey Jones, Shirley Stuebner and Mike DeFeo. President Kerry Hoffman presided. Also present were Mayor/Engineer Gary Kraft, Police Chief Richard Leisey, Sr., Deputy Chief Alan Detwiler and Solicitor John Hoffert.

A motion to approve the November 9, 2011 minutes was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Ann Witmoyer, 55 Walnut Street, asked Council when the leaves and braches would be picked up. Brad Grauel said he would check with the street department about picking them up.

ENGINEER – Gary Kraft completed the administrative order from EPA and provided the Joint Municipal Authority with the appropriate information to compile the EPA report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Kerry Hoffman explained to Council that it was not the District Justice's fault that nothing more was being done to the owner of 15 E. Wyomissing. Ave. Kraft Code Services offered an extension to complete the required work.

POLICE CHIEF – gave his report.

FIRE CHIEF – gave his report.

SOLICITOR Hoffert read the following ordinances to be adopted later in the meeting:

- Ordinance #790 - setting rates for sewage collection and treatment
- Ordinance #791 - \$ 5.00 per capita tax
- Ordinance #792 – reaffirming the 1% EIT tax
- Ordinance #793 – reaffirming the \$10.00 occupation tax
- Ordinance #794 – reaffirming the 1% real estate tax transfer
- Ordinance #795 – reaffirming the \$52.00 LST tax

- Ordinance #795 – setting the real estate tax for general purposes at 3.40 mills and the fire tax at .7 mills for a total of 4.10 mills
- Ordinance # 797 establishing trash rates at \$145.00 for a single person and \$240.00 for two or more people

PRESIDENT – Bob Gibilisco will continue to be Mohnton’s webmaster until further notice.

The invoice for the Cohen Law Group will be deferred from payment until Solicitor Hoffert review the contract.

MAYOR – A motion to authorize Solicitor Hoffert to prepare an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

Mayor Kraft received a letter from Larry White asking for permission to pay the \$4.90 for per capita tax for him and his wife because they did not receive the tax notice due to an incorrect mailing address.

A motion to permit Laurence and Joan White to pay \$ 4.90 each for the Borough’s portion of the per capita tax was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Mayor Kraft reported that the first screening for part time police will be the written test. Attorney Klonis felt the testing should go through the Civil Service Committee. Also, Council will need to appoint a new member to the Committee.

A motion to proceed with the written test for part time police was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – An executive session was held from 7:55 to 8:05 PM.

A motion to adopt the 2012 budget of \$1,285.120.76 was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman.

A motion to adopt all ordinances previously read was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and daily passed by Council.

BUILDING & ZONING & FIRE & WATER – None.

RECREATION – None.

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GRANTS, ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Bailey Jones will file for the grant reimbursement for the leaf box. The Borough will be reimbursed 35% of the cost.

LIGHT & HIGHWAY – Brad Grauel reported that Brubacher will be here on Friday to chip the branches. The mulch will be piled at the playground and will be free to anyone who wants it.

Kutz will remount the frame on the truck for about \$1200.00.

HEALTH & SANITATION – A motion to advertise the new recycling ordinance was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise to amend the rental inspection ordinance was made by Mike DeFeo, seconded by Shirley Stuebner and duly passed by Council.

Solicitor Hoffert sent a letter to Larry Segal to give him to January 1, 2012 to bring his trash payments up to date or he will be taken to the District Justice.

POLICE & PERSONNEL – Shirley Stuebner thanked Council for all their help when plowing snow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to authorize payment for all bills, except the Cohen Law Group bill was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM was made by Brad Grauel, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. DeLoretta
Secretary