

April 11, 2012

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session on the above date. Members present were Dale Eisenhofer, Jane Hoffman, Kerry Hoffman, Shirley Stuebner and Mike DeFeo. President Kerry Hoffman presided. Also present were Engineer and Mayor Gary Kraft, Police Chief Richard Leisey, Sr. and Solicitor Thomas Klonis. Councilman Brad Grauel was not in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March meetings was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

Mike DeFeo made a motion to approve retroactively the advertising for the Street Department opening, seconded by Jane with all approving.

ENGINEER

Gary Kraft discussed the letter received from Pipe Line Services Corp and the conversation he had with them with their request to think about using them again in the future. They were the low bidder for the 2012 project, however the bid was not awarded to their company due to past issues the borough has encountered with their work.

Ordinance #802 – Floodplain Management Ordinance to be effective July 3, 2012 was adopted with a motion made by Jane Hoffman, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer.

A storm inlet had collapsed on Church Street. Gary requested approval to move ahead with this repair to be made by Precision Construction at a cost not to exceed \$4000. This request was passed by council after a motion was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman.

The insurance claim payment for the skatepark should be settled shortly, Gary would like to move ahead with these repairs when the check is received. Jane Hoffman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Shirley Stuebner, and duly passed by council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Monthly report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF – Monthly report submitted.

The part time officers have been working for the borough.

CPR training has been scheduled for the department.

The Tasers the police currently have are outdated. Dick has gotten information to purchase two new Tasers and is requesting approval to purchase them. The total cost is being offset by a donation made by Yeckley Funeral Home and a donation several years ago from Gai-Tronics. The amount the borough will be responsible for is approx.. \$685.00. Shirley made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Mike and duly passed by council.

FIRE CHIEF – Report submitted.

SOLICITOR

The ordinance to restrict truck traffic on Front Street had been prepared and can be advertised for adoption for the May meeting. Jane made a motion to advertise the ordinance, seconded by Dale and duly passed by council.

PRESIDENT

Cohen Law has contacted the borough as to the status of the new franchise agreement with Comcast.

MAYOR

Spring Clean Berks Event is looking for projects and volunteers for the May 5th event. Mohnton Lions Club has requested street closures for the Great Pumpkin Parade. Jane made a motion to authorize closing of requested streets, seconded by Dale with all voting to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Governor Mifflin League has requested a donation. Mike made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Shirley and duly passed by council.

Dale requested that new locks for the fuel tanks be researched. There is a concern about the fuel usage. The fire company will start submitting copies of their fuel logs to the borough.

RECREATION

Jane made a motion to approve purchase of mulch for the playground with a cost of \$1814, and the Recreation Association will donate \$900 towards the cost. Mike seconded the motion and duly passed by council.

Due to vandalism, a slide at the playground was damaged and needs to be replaced. The Recreation Association will donate the funds to purchase the new slide.

GRANTS, ACQUISITIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Joint Purchasing Council met and awarded the bid for yard waste services to Berks Transfer. The bids for line painting were opened today and the gas bidding process has just begun.

Governor Mifflin Coordinating Council peer study group will meet on April 19th.

LIGHT & HIGHWAY

Kerry requested to purchase a gas detector to be paid using funds from the sewer account.

HEALTH & SANITATION

Mike inquired if the dumpster that has been at the park will be removed shortly. It will be removed when it has been filled, the street crew has been putting yard waste in it.

An inquiry was made as to the status of a pump that needs installed in the sewer pit so that the equipment in the pit can be calibrated. The pump will be installed as soon as the detector is purchased. Gary would like to participate when this work is being completed.

POLICE & PERSONNEL

Shirley made a motion to accept the resignation of Brandt, seconded by Dale with all voting in favor. An advertisement was in Sunday's Reading Eagle to fill this opening. The deadline for resumes will be April 20th. The committee will review the resumes received at that point.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County of Berks Emergency Services Agreement is on hold, concerns have been raised by municipal solicitors. It is being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The borough has been forwarding payments for payment of loans for fire apparatus to a fireman who in turn makes the loan payments. A motion was made for the borough to start making the loan payments directly to the banks holding the loans by Mike seconded by Jane and duly passed by council.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to authorize payment of all bills was made by Dale Eisenhofer, seconded by Jane Hoffman and duly passed by Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Roy
Secretary