

June 9, 2021

Mohnton Borough Council met in regular session at the Borough Office meeting room. Members participating were Mike Anderson, Tim Moll, Mary Gudikunst, Dave Kurczewski, Brian Simmon, and President Mike DeFeo who presided. Also, present was Mayor Gary Kraft. Solicitor Zachary Morey from Hoffert & Klonis, Mary Gudikunst and Dale Eisenhofer were not in attendance

A motion was made by Mike Anderson and seconded by Tim Moll approve the meeting minutes from May with one correction, all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel McDevitt addressed the contract for street sweeping. He voiced his dislike for his perception of the way the project was handled by the borough. Dave Kurczewski addressed his comments.

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

Jon Davis requested that Borough Council table all decisions regarding the police department until 2022. He feels that the primary election results show that the residents that voted are not in favor of moving police coverage to Cumru. Mayor Gary Kraft asked Mr. Davis what his vision of a new police department would look like. This was followed by discussion regarding the police with many attendees interrupting. Veronica Henry commented on the police discussion, and suggested that a referendum be on the ballot for the decision.

Mary Wagner commented on water issues at the Highbrooke Townhouses and brought to the boroughs attention that some sinkholes have started to form near her property. Kraft Engineering will look into the sinkhole problem.

Doug Moore requested that Wood Street be included in the street project this year.

Holly Miller spoke about the current police department and her feelings of moving to Cumru Township for police coverage.

Lisa Shakespeare also spoke about the police coverage discussion. She also addressed her concerns regarding the perception that parts of the borough have been deteriorating, with many properties becoming rentals.

This was the end of the participants comments that signed in requesting to address council.

Attendees continued to address council by shouting out and interrupting councilmembers.

President, Mike DeFeo directed the police to remove Marco Cipolla who was yelling directly at him.

ENGINEER

1. The Woodland Ave/Wyomissing Creek project is complete.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.
2. There were several rental inspections that were put on hold due to the COVID restrictions, it was decided that those inspections should now move forward.

POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted by Chief Pistilli.

PRESIDENT

1. The No Parking Ordinance update was discussed. Mike Anderson made a motion to approve preparing and advertising the ordinance for adoption, seconded by Brian Simmon and duly passed by council.
2. The An Ordinance is required to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals in Berks County. Mike Anderson made a motion to approve preparing and advertising the ordinance, the motion was seconded by Tim Moll with all voting to approve.

MAYOR

1. A motion was made by Dave Kurczewski to approve the request by the Lions Club to have the 2021 Pumpkin Parade. The motion was seconded by Mike Anderson and duly passed by council.
2. A handicap parking space has been requested, a motion was made by Dave Kurczewski, seconded by Tim Moll to prepare and advertise for adoption. The motion was duly passed by council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. Mike Anderson made a motion to pay off the loan on the 2016 HME Pumper Truck in the amount of \$241,970.84. Dave Kurczewski seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

RECREATION PROGRAMS – Brian Simmon

1. There was discussion regarding renting out the pavilions. Brian Simmon made a motion to start renting them out for the rest of the season. There was no second, the motion died.
2. Brian added that he would volunteer his time to maintain the pavilions during rentals.
3. Brian Simmon made a motion to have the water turned off at the park. No second, motion dies.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.