

July 14, 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. Solicitor Zachary Morey from Hoffert & Klonis, Dave Kurczewski was not in attendance

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Burgis spoke about police costs, the current budget for police expenses and costs associated with contracting police coverage with Cumru Township. He feels the council should be moving forward in hiring additional police officers.

Jon Davis requested that Borough Council table all decisions regarding the police department until 2022. Isn't sure why his comment from the previous meeting is in the minutes.

Daniel McDevitt commented on the police discussion and the possibility of entering into an agreement with Cumru Police Department.

Evelyne Tinkle spoke about her desire to "save the police". Feels hiring part time officers would be beneficial. Mike DeFeo responded about the issues that have arisen in the past with relying on part time officers to fill in for coverage.

Mary Wagner commented on her support of the police department and the thought of a tax increase no matter what is decided about the police department. Tom Klonis responded with an explanation of the civil service hiring procedures.

Jill Koestel described an incident which took place in the borough where police were needed and the state police were covering the borough. Several calls were made to emergency 911, individuals were being beat up. She was interrupted by Daniel McDevitt who was gaveled and then removed from the meeting by the Police Chief. She continued to tell her story and voiced her support of contracting with Cumru for Police Coverage.

Tim Jones spoke about Cumru Township also needing to follow Civil Service hiring regulations. Tom Klonis did reply that the rules could be amended to expedite the process.

Doug Moore commented on 911 calls and the state police.

ENGINEER

1. The 2021 Streetwork Project has begun, a sewer line needed to be relocated on Front Street as part of this project.
2. The Borough has received their MS4 Permit from the DEP after 18 years.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Report submitted.

POLICE CHIEF

1. Report submitted by Chief Pistilli.

FIRE CHIEF

1. Report submitted by Josh Keller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, & ZONING – Mary Gudikunst in Dave Kurczewski absence.

1. Mary Gudikunst made a motion to purchase a storage unit, type to be determined, at a cost not to exceed \$6000. Seconded by Mike Anderson and duly passed by council. Brian Simmon voted opposed.
2. Mary Gudikunst made a motion to purchase new picnic tables at a cost not to exceed \$6000, seconded by Tim Moll and duly passed by council. Brian Simmon voted against the purchase.
3. Mary Gudikunst reported that three prices were received for new flooring in the social room at the borough hall. The low bidder was Boyer's Flooring at a cost of \$10,688.31, Mary made motion to award the flooring replacement to Boyer's, seconded by Dale Eisenhofer and duly passed by council. Brian Simmon voted against the purchase.

RECREATION PROGRAMS – Brian Simmon

1. The summer science program is in the planning stages with a tentative timing of September or October on a Saturday morning.

GRANTS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & INTERGOV COOPERATION – Mike Anderson

1. Mike Anderson discussed a recycling grant that is a possibility to fund new recycling containers for residents in addition to any additional materials that would complement the borough's recycling program. Mike Anderson made a motion for approval to move forward with the application for the grant, seconded by Tim Moll with all voting in favor.

STREETS & LIGHTS – Tim Moll

1. Tim Moll made a motion to purchase an Elgin Regenx Street Sweeper at a cost of \$239,601.12 being funded with funds from COVID relief payments to the borough. The motion was seconded by Mary Gudikunst and all voted in favor of the purchase.

HEALTH, SANITATION, WATER & SEWER – Mary Gudikunst

1. Mary discussed items from her committee: the paving, a gas leak on Cedar Street and the fireworks from the July 4th Holiday.

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.