

May 11, 2022

MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of May 11, 2022

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Jon Davis who presided. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll taken. Present were: Mayor Eric Burgis, Gary Hafer, Jason Kercher, Brian Simmon, Kerry Hoffman, Daniel McDevitt, Alicia Bressler, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Veronica Henry and guest Jennifer Van Dyke from Technicon,

Public comment was opened with Mr. Shanely from POSOA Committee giving an update on the upcoming Memorial Day parade and permits necessary for road closures.

Doug Moore addressed the hours of operation for the Gionnatiti project, It is believed to be 7 AM Jennifer Van Dyke will check. Road closed signs need to be turned around when the road is open.

Kevin Yarnell stated that he has interest in purchasing the property at Peach and Lemon but there is a water connection issue with the pipes being only one inch in diameter. Shillington deferred comment to Mohnton Borough. Mr. Yarnell was informed that he needs to contact Wyomissing Valley Water authority since they are the Installation authority.

Daniel Hinke of 234 N. Church Street is requesting relief from the bill in the amount of \$329.10 due to a water leak which did not run into the sewer. Alicia Bressler commented on the matter and offered to review the ordinance,

A motion was made by Jason Kercher to hold the request pursuant to the ordinance, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

Roger Lehman of MAYBA requested an estimate on backstop netting or a possible patch. Further discussion is needed

Vinnie Gianotti has documents to be reviewed by Jennifer Van Dyke that have been submitted. He asked for an additional 30- day extension. Documents were submitted to Jennifer Van Dyke for review. A motion was made by Gary Hafer, seconded by Alicia Bressler. On advice of counsel, Jason Ulrich, the motion was withdrawn and a new motion was made by Alicia Bressler, to grant the 30 -day extension with stipulations to be enforced by ordinance. The motion was seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote of 5 yay to 2 Nay (Jon Davis and Kerry Hoffman).

**Engineer Report**

14 current laterals, 18 properties involved. Jennifer Van Dyke said an investigation at a cost of not more than \$4500 with sewer specialties to photo scope with televising to add to change up to 4 laterals. Motion was made by Brian Simmon to accomplish this and seconded by Jason Kercher, carried by vote.

The issue of the deteriorating retaining wall at 113 Main St along the stream Culvert Evaluation and Repair Recommendation was discussed. (Explanation attached) A motion was made by Brian Simmon to

proceed with the structural analysis of the stream channel/culvert in the vicinity of 113 Main St. not to exceed \$3800. It was seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report**

Report given and attached

### **Police Chief Report**

Report given and attached

### **Fire Chief Report**

Report given and attached

### **Solicitor Report**

A motion was made by Jason Kercher to approve Ordinance 2022-004 – an ordinance amending Ordinance 740 (Mohnton Schuylkill River Storm Water Management) allowing for small projects and certain activities (less than 5000 feet) without plan submissions. Motion was seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote.

### **Council President's Report**

The tax collector needs a remote deposit machine for deposits at a cost of \$600 per annum rental. A motion was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote with Jason Kercher abstaining.

A discussion on a loan to bid out a front-end loader from Plasterer at a cost of \$90,900 using Capital Acquisition monies for down payment and a balance of \$30,000 to be financed was had. According to Jane Meeks, Recycling grant money forthcoming in the range of \$6-7K will be recouped in FY 23.

A motion to finance the balance at a rate of 3,58 % was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Dan McDevitt and carried by vote with one nay. A letter to Plasterer and application to ENB to ensue.

The purchase of a new copier at a cost of \$6700 was discussed. The lease option was also discussed with a difference of only \$`15 per month increase in service and toner per month, a motion to Lease the copier at \$125 per month for 60 months as made by Alicia Bressler and seconded by Kerry Hoffman. Motion carried by vote.

A motion to approve the sale of the street sweeper at \$220,000 was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion to sell the old international tractor and the old towable air compressor IAW (in accordance with) 8 PA SCA 1202.2b addressing personal property to be advertised in the Reading Eagle was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

Review of the R&F quote estimate \$13K - \$15 K to replace storm drain and sink hole at playground. A motion to bid CMS/R&F was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Gary Hafer and carried by vote.

## **Mayor's Report**

A motion to appoint Kozloff and Stoudt as the new solicitor for the Civil Service Commission was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

Bonnie Betz, Chairperson of Civil Service Commission, reported there were 5 Police Officer candidates, 4 of which passed the application phase and 1 was rejected, Next will be the written exam. The update included description of the need for a new solicitor to work with the new committee members for a fresh start.

A motion to purchase 4 new vests at a cost of not more than \$4540 for the Police to replace the outdated ones was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A motion was made by Gary Hafer to hire Tom Focht as Part time Police Officer, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

Mayor Burgis reported that in only 4 months in office, the new administration has reduced the number of calls to state police from 374 per month in 2021 to 272 per month in 2022. This is a 27% decrease over 2021.

Maor Burgis reminded all of us that it is National Police Week and thanked all of our officers.

## **Secretary Report**

Minutes of last meeting April 13, 2022 given to all council members.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Financial report with status given and attached.

Update on Budget was given

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried by vote.

A list of bills to pay was given and attached.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote,

## **Finance & Administration Report**

Nothing to report

## **Personnel and Public Safety Report**

Nothing to report

## **Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report**

A motion to hire Powell Pest Control (new pest control company) due to the lack of indoor coverage and cost of the previous company was made by Jason Kercher, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

### **Recreation Programs Report**

A discussion was held regarding hiring an individual to work weekends at the park to open, close and clean for Rentals for a period of approximately 10 hours total for both days at a cost of \$15 per hour.

A motion was made by Dan McDevitt, seconded by Kerry Hoffman to pursue advertising for the position, Motion was carried by vote.

Brian Simmon gave a positive update on the painting that Kerry Hoffman had been carrying out.

Dan McDevitt made a motion to provide \$100 sponsorship at the upcoming Greater Governor Mifflin League (GMML) Community Days, it was seconded by Jason Kercher and carried by vote of 5 yay to 2 nays.

Brian Simmon discussed the need for "NO PARKING" signs at the park entrance because of foot traffic and safety concerns. The request was tabled until such time as the ordinance can be researched.

It was decided that an invoice should go out to MAYBA by general discussion of council.

### **Grants, Community Relations, Inter-government Cooperation Report**

Nothing to report

### **Street and Lights Report**

Daniels-Wolfe Street property, Land owner is in contract with R&F to repair landslide in retention pond on property.

### **Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report**

Recycling container deliveries will begin Thursday, May 12, 2022 and continue until Friday, May 13, 2022 if necessary. We will be utilizing Blosenski truck and crew as well as our own road crew beginning at 7AM.

Alicia Bressler brought up the idea of a community yard sale at the park. The cost would be \$15 per stand. The fire company could sell BBQ with a tentative date of September 17, 2022. Contact Alicia for further information or to help.

A motion to approve all committee reports was made by Brian Simmon, seconded by Alicia Bressler and carried by vote.

There being no other new business, old business, Executive Session, Comments or Notes from other Council Members nor any Action Items, a Motion to adjourn was made by Alicia Bressler, seconded by Brian Simmon and carried unanimously.