

# MOHNTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF March 9 2022

The Mohnton Borough Council meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

**Previous Minutes:** Roll was called, the Pledge was given and the previous minutes for the February 9, 2022 meeting and the February 18, 2022 Emergency meeting were approved. The motion was made by Kerry to approve the minutes and seconded by Brian. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Comments:**

A. Marco Cipola from Church St, spoke regarding a utility cut on Wyomissing Avenue and he talked to UGI and PennDot about the same.

B. Brian Angelo who is a part of MAYBA, would like to install a sign for the baseball fields, this will tentatively be completed for April 23. The sign is not ordered yet because the electric lines have not been finalized and need approval. The sign will be used five to seven days a week. Motion made by Gary to approve the installation conditioned on Solicitor/Engineering approval, as well as a new MAYBA Agreement; seconded by Dan. Motion carried 7-0.

**Engineer Report:** The utility project is ongoing on Reed Street; it appears that all pipes need to be replaced. The engineer met with the Wyomissing MS-4 Division. The Chapter 94 reports are continuous. Flood plain report is also ongoing, Kraft Codes would have completed as needed.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** The council discussed a rooster on O'Neil Street.

**Police Chief and Report:** There were 84 calls, 2 accidents, and 3 arrests to report with 255 hours down.

**Fire Chief:** A report was provided by the Fire Chief.

**Solicitor:** There is an updated Resolution on fees and a discussion on trash fees was held as well as updated code enforcement items from the prior solicitor. Next month a new Ordinance will be needed to address the trash issues. Agreement from Cumru Township was received this morning from Solicitor Setley from Cumru.

**Council President's Report:** The Reed Street project was discussed regarding the status of the project since February 18. Progress has been made, awaiting finalization of the Change Order.

**Mayor's Report:** An update on the hiring of a police officer is on-going; notices are posted on the borough website. Chief of Police Association website, and in the Reading Eagle. Also in regards to the officers' new cell phones will be implemented using First Net; this should save the Borough about \$300 a year. Motion was made by Dan to approve and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried 7-0. Lastly, the council discussed the cancellation of a prior security camera service, but no vote was necessary.

### **Committee Reports:** Finance & Administration

A. Motion was made by John to move to medical and vision insurance for all of the Borough's employees, benefits are being reimbursed currently, this new insurance will eliminate that. Jason seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0.

B. The Borough is interested in selling the Street Sweeper however there is nothing in place for \$240,000 so a bid for \$200,000 will be on reserve subject to Borough Code sale procedures. Motion made by Dan to approve and seconded by John. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Motion made by Dan to add Veronica Henry to the Police accounts and administer the audit; seconded by John. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Motion made by Gary to pay the outstanding bills; seconded by Brian. Motion carried 7-0.

**Personnel & Public Safety Report:** The Police Union negotiations have been continuous but are close to completion.

**Buildings, Grounds & Zoning Report:**

A. Motion was made by Dan to retain IT/Cyber Security Consulting Solutions for FY21-004; motion seconded by Brian. Motion carried 7-0.

B. The council discussed that on Friday, March 25 at 8:00 AM the council and street crew will begin a cleanup of the pavilion and park.

**Recreation Programs Report:**

A. Motion was by Dan to approve the 2022 Rental fees; seconded by Alicia. Motion carried 7-0.

B. The next motion was made by Kerry to approve the permit for the Lion's Club Music Fest on September 10 with the exception to serve adult beverages under section 104 of the Ordinance; seconded by Gary. Motion carried 7-0.

C. The Science Explorers will no longer need the park and buildings.

D. The Friday Night Bingo status update was discussed with Tammy at Fire and VFW to see if they would be willing to hold it.

E. Park cleanup is proposed for Earth Day, April 22.

F. Lastly for the Recreation Programs Report is the motion to amend the agenda to move hiring part time park help until after the executive session. Motion made by Brian and seconded by Dan. Motion carried 7-0.

**Grants, Community Relations, Inter Government Cooperation Report:**

A. DCNR has some available funds for park recreation and Kerry will attempt to get the no-matching grants approved.

B. ARP has allocated 81 Million to the County and local Municipalities. Borough will inquire about getting some of these funds.

**Street & Light Report:**

A. The council discussed the pricing for new stop signs to be installed at the recommendation of the police at locations where two streets intersect with no stop signs presently. The cost for signs will be approximately \$1,500. The borough already owns about 25 poles; it is

approximately \$58 per pole for additional poles. Motion made by Jason to approve, but contingent on the best pricing for 32 new signs; seconded by Gary. Motion carried 6-1, Kerry voted no. Kerry indicated he believed the costs would be higher and would have preferred a more detailed estimate prior to approval.

**Health, Sanitation, Water, Sewer Report:** A discussion was held regarding the distribution of the recycling containers. Alicia instructed the solicitor to continue attempting to contact AJ Blosenski regarding their contractual obligation to distribute the bins.

**Motion to Accept Reports:** Motion made by Brian to accept all reports, seconded by Alicia. Motion carried 7-0.

**Old Business:** The Mohnton Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30, 2022.

**New Business:** The council discussed turning the old skating rink into a dog park.

**Executive Session:** Marty Warner will be offered a position as a part-time employee of the Borough at \$20 per hour. Motion made by Dan to approve the offer of employment, seconded by Gary. Motion carried 7-0.

Next business meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**, next workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

Motion made by Dan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian, unanimously carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes transcribed by Attorney Jason Ulrich's assistant Nicole Wehr on March 11, 2022.