

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mr. Farr, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Budman, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Cyphers, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Walker. Also in attendance were Mr. Beck, Mayor Nelson, Mr. Benion, Officer Zettlemoyer, Sam Shaffer. and Danna Moser. Shelly Sandstrom was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the December 10, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Shearer abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Post Office has asked if Council would name the first alley east of Shakespeare Avenue that runs from Columbia Avenue to Wall Street. There are residents on this alley that need addresses assigned to them for proper mail delivery. Mr. Budman assigned this to the General Government Committee. After some discussion, it was decided that this item should be tabled to the Highway Committee.

The 2015 Christmas tree and Brush Pick-up will be the week of January 19, 2015. This gives the residents a little extra time to gather any brush that may not have been picked up during the fall brush pick-up. The next brush pick-up will be in the spring.

Officer Smith accepted a full time police officer position within another police department; therefore she has resigned from the Milton Police Department as a part time police officer and SRO. Dennis Derr has been hired as a part time police officer and is also the new SRO. The department that hired Officer Smith has agreed to reimburse Milton for the gear which was purchased for her when she began employment with the Borough. These funds will be used to offset the cost of purchasing the required gear for Officer Derr.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to negotiate the contract with the YMCA for the operation of the Community Pool for the 2015 season.

Mr. Beck informed Council that as of January 22, 2015, there will be four employees off work within the Public Works Department due to either workmen's comp. or sickness and accident related surgeries. This will leave three union employees and the Public Works Director to handle the normal workload, along with any snow or ice issues that may occur within the department until the other employees return to work.

The King Street Sewer Project is scheduled to be completed May 29, 2015. This includes the milling and paving on all the effected streets.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that the following Councilmembers terms will expire at the end of this year: Mr. Cyphers, Mr. Walker, Mr. Farr, Mr. Jones and Mr. Swartz.

Report of the Mayor: Nothing to Report

Report of the President of Council: Nothing to Report

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the new hires are off of ride along status. They still will be in the Field Training Program for the next 6 months, but overall they are doing great. The Surveillance Camera System installation is two thirds complete and is scheduled to be finished next week.

Chief Zettlemoyer stated that if councilmembers have home for sales in their area to report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer informed Council that there were 292 incidents in 2014 with a total of 2,914 members reporting making the average 10 members per call. A total of 2,261 man hours were used in 2014 saving the Borough approximately 1.1 million dollars by not having a paid fire service.

Public Comments: Sue Williams from the Milton Public Library will be attending council meetings 3 to 4 times a year. If there are any specific issues the Borough would like to know, please let her know.

At 7:15 p.m. Council entered into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues in the Police Department. Council reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, council approved the Union Contract with the Police Department from 01/01/15 – 12/31/15 providing the officers with a \$.50 an hour raise.

General Government and Recreation:

Mrs. Meckley reported that there is progress being made with the violation fees. No progress yet concerning rental inspections but will have something by the end of 1st Quarter, 2015.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, Council approved a proposal to make an offer of \$500.00 in addition to recording fees and closing costs for the property adjacent to Glass Alley.

- B. Due to computer system issues, the bills from the General Fund, Payroll, Community Pool, Reserve and Cemetery accounts will be scheduled next council meeting.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Swartz, Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Danna Moser
Borough Clerk