

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Specht, Mr. Farr, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Budman, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Cyphers, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Walker. Also in attendance were Attorney Benion, Mr. Beck, Mayor Nelson, Sam Shaffer, and Shelly Wood.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting. Mr. Keiser, Mr. Cyphers, and Mr. Peterman abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck stated that at the November 13, 2013 Council meeting Council authorized him to submit a Grant application for a \$30,000.00 with a \$50,000.00 match from the Borough. He has been informed that Playworld would award the Borough a Playworld Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 and they will hold the 2013 prices which is a 5% savings, if the Borough provides a \$45,000.00 match. This would mean we could buy \$66,950.00 of playground equipment for \$45,000.00. As he informed Council at the November 13, 2013 meeting, this equipment would be installed in the Brown Ave. Sports Complex. This Grant offer expires on Friday January 17, 2014 and Mr. Beck asked for permission to move forward with the grant. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved this request as outlined.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that due to the weather, progress has slowed on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Playground Project, however a considerable amount of preparation work has been completed and I feel the project will be completed in early spring. We currently have all the playground equipment in storage at the Public Works Department Facility.

Mr. Beck stated that he has been working on the Keystone Community Development Grant application, in the amount of \$500,000.00, and it will be submitted by Tuesday January 14, 2014 to DCED. The deadline for submission is January 14, 2014. This is the Grant that would be utilized to match the \$495,250.00 T.A.P. Grant that we received for the 2017 Streetscape Project.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that he and Sam Shaffer have met with the Architect working on the Public Works Department Building Renovation Project, and reviewed their preliminary plans. He said that they should be meeting with them to review the revised plans within the next week and hopefully we will have a finalized set of plans and an opinion of probable cost for Councils consideration at the January 22, 2014 meeting.

Next, Mr. Beck asked for Councils permission to sell the 1989 bucket truck to the Milton Regional Sewer Authority for the amount of \$4,000.00. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved Mr. Beck's request as outlined.

Mr. Beck reported that he has received a signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with Haven to Home and everything seems to be working fine.

Mr. Beck stated that he has been able to acquire two (2) mesh high capacity recycling roll-off containers from Snyder County, at no charge to the Borough. These roll-offs will be utilized at our drop-off site for plastics, aluminum, and bi-metals. Currently we get twenty (20) free pulls a month and after that we are charged \$50.00 per pull. The extra capacity that they will provide will reduce the number of pulls needed per month which will reduce our cost. They will also provide us flexibility so that when one of our roll-offs become full, we can move the magnetic signs and utilize another one. If we were to purchase these roll-offs the approximate cost would be \$10,000.00.

We have received the tonnage report from Lycoming County Resource Management Services for 2013. The total tonnage for the Borough's curbside and drop-off site for 2013 was 560.63 tons. In 2012 the total tonnage was 360.37. This represents an increase of 210.26 tons or a 60% increase from 2012 to 2013. In 2012, the Borough of Milton recycled 34% of all the tonnage for the entire Northumberland County.

Next Mr. Beck reported that he has been re-appointed to the Northumberland County Act#137 Affordable Housing Board for a two-year term.

At the reorganization meeting on January 6, 2014 Council appointed Mr. Jim Sanders as the Sewer Enforcement Officer. It has come to Mr. Beck's attention that Council also has to appoint an alternate. The alternate that Mr. Beck recommends is Mr. Kenneth Young; he is certified and is willing to accept the position. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council appointed Kenneth Young as the alternate Sewer Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Beck stated that each Council person has a copy of the Proposed Food Vender Ordinance in their packet of information and asked that Council review it and contact Doug Diehl with any questions or concerns you may have as it will be on the January 22, 2014 agenda for consideration of authorization to advertise.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: Mr. Budman had no report.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property – No report.

#### General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council reappointed Linwood Hill to the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a three-year term that will end on December 31, 2016.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adopted Resolution #14-01 authorizing submission of a Keystone Community Development Grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00.

#### Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Investment Reserve, Payroll, Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$314,856.55.

President Budman announced that following adjournment, Council would enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in the Public Works Department. Council will not reconvene.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer