

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 28, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. Budman abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: At the September 28, 2016 Council meeting Mr. Beck informed Council that he was reviewing the Opinion of Probable Costs (OPC) for the Front Street portion of the 2017 Streetscape Project, and he would inform Council of their options. The options are as follows;

1. The OPC to complete the entire project from Walnut Street to Mahoning Street is \$1,312,244.00. The funding sources would be \$1,312,244.00- \$600,000.00 Grant= \$712,244.00- \$170,065.00 CDBG= \$542,179.00 General Fund Match. This represents a 13% match from CDBG Funds and a 41% match from General Funds for a total match of \$712,244.00 or 54% of the total cost.
2. The OPC to construct the project from Walnut Street to Elm Street is \$1,076,857.00. The funding sources would be \$1,076,857.00- \$600,000.00 Grant= \$476,857.00- \$170,065.00 CDBG= \$306,792.00 General Fund Match. This represents a 16% match from CDBG Funds and a 23% match from General Funds for a total match of \$476,857.00 or 39% of the total cost.
3. The OPC to construct the project from Broadway to Mahoning Street is \$1,010,490.00- \$600,000.00 Grant= \$410,490.00- \$170,065.00 CDBG=\$240,425.00 General Fund Match. This represents a 17% match from CDBG Funds and a 18% match from General Funds for a total match of \$410,490.00 or 35% of the total cost.
4. Not to do the project at all, but that would mean the Borough of Milton would have to turn back the \$600,000.00 Grant money and make it very difficult to receive Grant money in the future.

The \$600,000.00 Multi-Modal Grant requires a minimum match of 30%.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved option 3, authorizing the expenditure of \$240,425.00 from the Milton Borough Reserve account.

Also Mr. Beck has been contacted by a representative for the production of a movie called Buck Run and they are requesting that Council allow them to close the following streets on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 A:M until 1:00 P:M and October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 A:M until 5:00 P:M in order to shoot scenes for the movie;

Pleasant Valley Avenue- Broadway to Hepburn Street, Maple Avenue- Hartzel Lane to Center Street, Willow Street- Mahoning to High Street,

They will be responsible for traffic control.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the request for the listed street closures in order to shoot scenes for the movie Buck Run.

Mr. Beck then requested a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the 2017 Budget at 5:00 p.m. on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The members of the Finance Committee said they would get back to Mr. Beck if they were available on that date and time.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson received a request from Lifting Little Lives to set up a Trunk or Treat station in the Borough Parking Lot for Halloween on October 31, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved the request. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.

Report of the President of Council: Mr. Budman read 10.0 Meet & Discuss section and 4.0 Management Right Section of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Milton and Milton Police Officer Association, explaining the purpose of the Meet & Discuss Committee and Management Rights after which he announces Scott Jones had resigned from the committee and appointed Mr. Beck, Mrs. Sandstrom and Attorney Benion to the Meet & Discuss Committee for Borough of Milton. He also announced that they had the authorization to include any person they felt necessary to discuss any matter brought before the committee.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer wanted to remind Council that The Trail of Treats will be held October 29, 2016 from 4:30 to 6:30 on the Milton Island. Also two officers have been certified in ALICE Training.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the department replaced a curb at Beaver St & Piper Ave, repaired four street signs, installed three new parking signs and responded to 28 PA One Call requests. The crew repaired all roads in the older section of Harmony Cemetery and removed homemade ramps from the skate park. DPW repaired a leak in the ceiling at Police Station, installed new metal roof on the cemetery garage and installed surveillance system at the DPW building. The Paving equipment was also washed, repaired and stored away for the winter.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that this is Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Department had already been to three different places this month and have four more scheduled including the Elementary School with over 500 kids. Since the last Council Meeting the Fire Department responded to 12 emergencies.

Public Comments: Mr. Engleman from 900 N. Front Street addressed Council concerning River Alley that runs behind his home. People are using the alley as a race track. Mr. Engleman would like stop signs to be put in between 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Street on River Alley. Mr. Beck informed Officer Engleman that the PA Transportation Code does not require stop signs at the intersecting street of a three-way

intersection and that the thru street, in this case, would be River Alley which is the roadway that the speeding is occurring on. Mr. Beck informed Mr. Engleman that he would look into this situation.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: Nothing to Report

General Government and Recreation

- A. Consideration to vacate an alley at the Milton YMCA. This item is tabled until the next council meeting
- B. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved request from Knarr's Beverage to purchase property in fourth ward.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved the request for Legion Post 71 to use the Milton Cemetery for a Flag Retirement Ceremony.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the revisions to the CRS Program for Public Information.
- E. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into contract with Northumberland County for snow removal from sidewalks on county bridges within the Borough limits.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$517,532.91.

Mr. Farr asked Mr. Beck if the Borough was still looking into hiring a new officer. Farr noted that the borough never hired an officer to replace Joshua Dreisbach at the end of his first year of service. Farr stated the Police Department has logged \$57,000.00 in overtime. Mr. Beck noted that it's at Council's discretion to hire another officer. However, a good portion of the overtime can be attributed to the fact that one officer was on an extended leave due an illness in their family and Mr. Dreisbach has not worked for the borough since November of 2015, and the overtime also includes holiday pay and any other overtime generated from officer's taking leave time. Mr. Beck stated the cost to hire another officer is greater than the overtime. Mr. Budman said the finance committee would take staffing into consideration when crafting the 2017 budget.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer, Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Danna Moser  
Borough Clerk

