

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 23, 2015 Council meeting. Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Broadway phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project is near completion. There are a few minor items on the punch list that the contractor needs to correct or complete before final payment will be made.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that the Golf Course Road Paving Project has been completed. The bid amount for this project was \$229,014.00 and the actual completed cost was \$220,985.82 which represents an \$8028.18 savings to the Borough.

The roads in the Milton Cemetery have been repaired by the Public Works Department. The main entrance road has been repaved and the remaining roadways have been regarded and resurfaced with asphalt millings from the James Street Sewer Project.

A portion of Turbot Avenue has been temporarily repaired on the north side of Broadway. In order to repair it correctly, it would be necessary to cut the full width of the roadway, if we were to do that we would cut through the traffic light control loop and there would not be enough time this season to replace the loop and get amesite to do the repair. In the 2016 construction season the Public Works Department will cut the full roadway width and repair Turbot Avenue. When that is complete, Mr. Beck will have a contractor replace the traffic control loop.

Mr. Beck informed Council that the trees in Lincoln Park have become overgrown, a few of them need to be removed and the remaining trees need to be trimmed. Denscher & Denscher Tree Service will be doing the work and expect to begin in November. He is working with PennDOT to reduce the number of signs located at Lincoln Park and to post a truck route through the business district.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Beck and the Public Works Department for their recent work in removing the trees by the Police Department. Mayor Nelson also reminded everyone that trick-or-treating will be on October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer informed Council that the Department, along with the School District will be holding a "Trail of Treats" on the West Milton Island on October 24, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer had no report.

Public Comments: Kirby Fedder thanked Council for the parking meters. He stated that in May of this year he asked Council to consider not having the free parking for the holidays in the business district as it is just misused. President Budman informed Mr. Fedder to discuss this situation with Mayor Nelson as he has the authority to do this.

At this time, 7:10 p.m., Attorney Benion opened a Conditional Use Hearing for the Northumberland County Schools Federal Credit Union (NCSFCU). NCSFCU is proposing to relocate its current branch from the Center Street location to the intersection of Mahoning Street and Ferry Lane. The land is approximately 1.6 acres and is currently owned by Milt Brothers Properties, LLC. The proposed land use is for a new 4,025 sf branch office containing office space, teller area and two drive-through tellers. It is currently within the Manufacturing zoning district and they are asking for it to be retail establishment use. The presented plans are preliminary site plans. There were no public or council comments; therefore, Attorney Benion closed the hearing at 7:18 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Conditional Use Hearing as presented. Mr. Shearer abstained.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Danville to utilize the Milton Fire Police on Thursday, October 29, 2015 for their Halloween Parade. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Selinsgrove to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 20, 2015. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, Council approved Todd Webb as a trainee driver for the Milton Fire Department.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. Mrs. Meckley reported that the Committee has had meetings regarding the issue to ban smoking at the tot-lots in Borough Parks. Mrs. Meckley and Mr. Farr feel that smoking should be banned from any Borough-owned facility. Mr. Specht believes that there should be a designated place for smokers – away from the tot lots and facilities for people to smoke. President Budman asked individual Council members their opinion on this and the majority of Council agreed with Mrs. Meckley and Mr. Farr. President Budman asked the Committee to come back to Council with a proposal that the majority of the Committee agrees on.
- B. Mrs. Meckley informed Council that her committee will be meeting with a group regarding the Legion Ball Fields the first Wednesday night in November and will report back to Council after the meeting.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Northumberland County to remove snow from County-owned bridges within the Borough limits in the amount of \$1,660.00
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$757,303.83.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer