

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 25, 2017

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 11, 2017 Council meeting. Mr. Farr abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has met with the Engineer regarding the Front Street project. We will go to bid this year with an early 2018 bid opening. The project is expected to be complete by June 30, 2018.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer was absent.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that leaf pick-up continues throughout the Borough until the first significant snow fall. The Public Works Crew will be also be doing right-of-way clearing.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump reported that Fire Prevention Week was last week. The Department spoke with over 800 children at 9 different facilities. There will be an open house on Halloween night at the Fire Station. Since the last Council meeting, the Department has responded to 17 calls. Mr. Walker addressed Chief Stump stating that their Facebook page is great and is very informative.

Public Comments: Holly Kyle, a Borough resident, addressed Council stating that she was at a Council meeting in August addressing her concerns about the re-use of the Old Shoe Company. She was very disappointed with the first event held for Halloween saying there were drinking and noise complaints. She asked if anyone could speak to these complaints. President Budman stated that the Chief and Mayor, who are absent, would have to answer these questions. President Budman said that he personally wanted to see the property refurbished for something good and he's not sure that is the case for the community; however, Council cannot change the fact that this was approved. Attorney responded that there are no restrictions to alcohol at the property if it is provided by a caterer. The catering business would be liable for anyone drinking too much alcohol.

David Mumper, Filbert Street, asked what is going on that he received a letter stating that there would be a significant increase to his flood insurance. Doug Diehl responded that it is a program through SEDA-COG reducing costs to residents for their flood elevation certificates.

Phil Martin, Old Orchard, stated that he attended the party Saturday night and the person that was intoxicated was escorted out of the building for their own safety and the safety of others. There was no one served alcohol under 21 – all ID's were checked. He also said that PLCB was in attendance at the event to make sure rules regarding the service of alcohol were being followed. People under 21 were not allowed in the room where alcohol was served. He also said that he was not aware of any noise complaints surrounding the event.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved a Subdivision Plan for Stahlnecker's as outlined by Mr. Deihl. This approval is conditioned on the plans being signed by all parties.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from PA American Water waiving Section 209-16 Subsection F of the Borough's Street Opening Ordinance.
- C. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare language amending Section 209-16, Subsection F of the Borough Street Opening Ordinance
- D. President Budman informed Council that with regard to the no parking on both sides of Sycamore Lane from King Street to Old Orchard, Old Orchard Road from Sycamore Lane to the Borough limit and the south side of Old Orchard Road from Shakespeare Avenue to Sycamore Lane, he received petitions from Sycamore and Old Orchard Road residents opposing this agenda item. Mr. Beck explained that this came to light after meetings with the Chief and the Transportation Director from the school. Mr. Beck was asked to look at the parking situation from a resident. He measured the width of each road and recommended to Council to ban parking due to safety issues. Wayne Shively, Sycamore Lane, told Council that he has lived there for 50 years and there has never been an accident on the street. The only thing you have to do is stop the speeders. He also expressed concerns about holiday visitors having a place to park or for places to park extra cars which families may own. Sheraz Cromley, who operates a beauty shop on Sycamore Lane, told Council that state law requires that she have on-street parking available for her business. Doug Diehl stated that he is not aware of state licensing requirements for beauty shops but indicated that he would discuss this with Ms. Cromley. Mike Mollica addressed Council voicing his opposition to the parking ban. He did not feel that there is a safety issue on Sycamore Lane and felt that the street is wide enough for parking on both sides. Mr. Farr, who is on Council and also drives a school bus, said that Sycamore Lane is congested after school as parents tend to park along the street when picking their children up from the middle and high schools. He stated that there is a tremendous bottleneck and a big safety issue because of it. Yvonne McBryan, Sycamore Lane, informed Council that she looked around the Borough this week and noticed that many streets that are not as wide have parking on both sides of the street. Upon hearing the concerns of the residents, President Budman directed the General Government committee to further review the issue and present a recommendation at the November 8th Council meeting. Mr. Walker asked Officer Gaugler to tell the Police Department about the speeding problem.

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 \$129,767.92.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried, Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer