

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2014

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 22, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received the Liquid Fuels Audit for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. There were no findings and/or corrective actions recommended.

Next, he informed Council that the sewer main has been installed on the King Street Sewer Project and there are 25 laterals remaining to be connected, which are scheduled to be completed by next Monday, November 17, 2014. The paving crew is scheduled to begin trench restoration on Tuesday November 18, 2014 with a completion date of Friday, November 21, 2014. The contractor will remobilize in the spring of 2015 and complete the sidewalk, curbing, retiring old manholes, repair any trench settlement, mill and overlay the effected streets.

Earlier this year Council authorized Mr. Beck to apply for a second T.A.P. grant for the 2017 Streetscape project, which he did. The Grant was to extend the streetscape project on Front Street from Walnut St. to Mahoning St. Mr. Beck was informed on Monday that our project was not funded. We have secured a TAP Grant in the amount of \$495,250.00 and a DCED Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the 2017 Streetscape Project which will begin at the railroad tracks on Broadway and extend to Front St. This phase of the project will be let for bid on January 15, 2015. Although not receiving funding for the Front St. phase of the project is a setback, the two grants that we have secured will be utilized to proceed as far as possible with the project and he will continue to look for other avenues of funding needed to bring it to completion.

Next, Mr. Beck asked Council to consider authorizing the purchase of a video system for the Police Station that would give video coverage to both the exterior and interior of the Police Station. The equipment price is \$3,194.00; the installation price is \$1,743.00; for a total cost of \$4,937.00. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved this purchase as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that there were no issues on Halloween. He reported that there have been several incidents involving heroin. He also reported that Officer Daniel Zettlemoyer has recently completed training on spike strips which will be beneficial to the Borough and he is now qualified to train the other officers.

Report of the Fire Chief: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has had 165 calls this year to date. Mr. Shaffer also reported that the Fire Department has recently received the results of the ISO insurance evaluation and that we have dropped to a Class 3 which will potentially lower fire insurance rates for the residents. Only 2,410 Fire Departments out of 49,009 received this rating.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved hiring two new police officers with a one-year probationary period. These officers are Joshua Dreisbach and Bradley Gaugler.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Resolution 14-09 reducing Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2015.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Fair Housing Resolution 14-10 for the 2014 CDBG application.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council appointed William Barr as a Borough representative to the Milton Regional Sewer Authority Board. This will be a five-year term.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the first reading of the Budget as outlined by Mr. Shearer. This is a balanced budget with no tax increase.
- B. 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 \$107,142.16.

Mr. Specht asked if Council approving the first reading of the budget meant that there would be no consideration to increasing our contribution to the library. This item was tabled to the Finance Committee for further review prior to the final reading and adoption of the budget.

President Budman stated that Council would adjourn and enter into an Executive Session pertaining to personnel issues in the Police Department.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr, Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

