

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2017

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 8, 2017 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck stated that at the October 11, 2017 Council meeting, he informed Council that he was in the process of negotiating new ambulatory contracts with Evangelical Hospital, White Deer Fire Department, Warrior Run Area Fire Department, and Milton Fire Department. He informed Council that we have reached tentative agreements on new contracts between the various entities. The contracts affecting the Milton Fire Department are as follows:

The current Contract between Evangelical Hospital and Milton Borough, for the ALS and MICU would remain the same.

There will be a Contract between Evangelical Hospital, Warrior Run Fire Department, and Milton Fire Department that will explain the terms and conditions under which Warrior Run and Milton would furnish a transportation ambulance to be stationed at Evangelical Hospital. The agreement will also include terms and responsibilities pertaining to the maintenance, insurance, fuel, auxiliary equipment, and staffing of the ambulance. The cost of the ambulance will be approximately \$170,000.00 to \$190,000.00 which would be shared between Warrior Run and Milton. Milton's portion, \$85,000.00/\$95,000.00, would be paid out of the Milton Fire Department Capitol Equipment account which is funded through the current ambulatory contract between Evangelical and Milton. The transportation ambulance will generate approximately \$8,700.00 per month which would be shared between Warrior Run and Milton. Milton's portion would be approximately \$4,350.00 per month. The financial aspect of this contract would be; \$90,000.00 (average cost) initial cost of the ambulance, \$4,350.00 received each month x 21 month= \$91,350.00 which would be the return of the original funds. The estimated life expectancy of the transport ambulance is 5 years which would mean Warrior Run and Milton would have to replace the ambulance. The financial aspect of this would be; It would take 21 months to recoup the original funds and the ambulance would need to be replaced in 5 years (60 Months) Milton would collect \$4,350.00 for the remaining 39 months, after the initial funds were recouped, 39 months x \$4,350.00 = \$169,650.00. Taking inflation into account the approximate cost of the replacement ambulance would be \$100,000.00 which would leave Milton with a net profit of \$69,650.00 in a 5yr. period or \$13,930.00 per year. These figures are based on today's ambulance usage rates, which will surely increase, and ambulance cost.

A contract would also be needed to outline terms and conditions between Warrior Run and Milton pertaining to the initial purchase and future replacement of the Transportation Ambulance, how the funds would be distributed from Evangelical Hospital to Warrior Run and Milton, etc. The draft contract would be submitted to both entities for review.

Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to allow him to move forward with having the contacts drafted for Council's review and the purchasing of the Transport Ambulance. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this request with the understanding that the \$13,930.00 proceeds be deposited into the Milton Fire Department Capital Equipment account.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he will not be in attendance for the December 13, 2017 Council meeting.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman reported that he and Mr. Beck continue to make progress on the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. He also informed Council that he, Mr. Specht, and Mr. Beck met with MePush, Inc., to identify the Borough's technical needs for the future to include better communication abilities with Borough residents.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Department is getting leads on the recent robbery at Fuel On and hope to apprehend a suspect soon.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that leaf pick-up continues and they have been ahead of schedule. All holiday decorations have been put up. The "no parking" signs have been placed for the 90-day parking on Sycamore and Old Orchard.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump was not in attendance.

Public Comments: Michael Mollica, Sycamore Lane addressed Council stating that although the no parking signs have been placed on Sycamore, people are still parking there and he feels that this is making the situation worse. .

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from Milton Cavalcade 2018 to hold their event on June 28, 2018.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council denied a proposal for the Borough to purchase a small piece of property north of the River Bridge as outlined by Attorney Benion.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved Terry J. Derr as a trainee driver for the Milton fire Department.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a recommendation to create Milton Borough's Flood Task Force Committee as outlined by Terri Provost from SEDA-COG.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1215 pertaining to Emergency Street Excavations.
- C. Mr. Walker made a motion not to proceed adopting a Resolution prohibiting gambling within the Borough limits. This motion died due to a lack of second. President Budman did a roll call vote asking Council if they wished to proceed with this Resolution with the following results: Mr. Swartz – yes; Mrs. Meckley – yes; Mr. Keiser – yes, Ms. Fawess – yes; Mr. Cyphers – no; Mr. Shearer – yes; Mr. Budman – yes; Mr. Specht – yes; Mr. Walker – no. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare this Resolution for adoption at the next Council meeting.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the second reading of the 2018 budget as outlined by Mr. Shearer. Mr. Shearer stated that this is again a balanced budget with no tax increase.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance.
- C. 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 \$74,000.89.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer