

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 11, 2015 Council meeting. Mr. Farr and Mr. Budman abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck had no report.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson reported that he received a letter from ACF informing the Borough that there is the potential for approximately 130 people being laid off pending renewal of a contract. Mayor Nelson also stated that the United Way sent him information asking for voluntary donations from employees. He will post this in the office if anyone is interested.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Department continues training and recently finished a Naloxone training making us the first in the area to do so.

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized the Milton Historic Society to organize the Borough's Bi-Centennial celebrations and functions.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to have the Borough's Labor Attorney review the Borough's current Civil Service Rules and Regulations for compliance.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council authorized the Civil Service Board to begin the process to hire a Police Officer.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved vacating an Alley on High Street and authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance.

### General Government and Recreation:

- A. Regarding the request from the MRSA concerning the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Mr. Beck explained that there were three employees in this plan at the Borough under the Act 79 funding. He recommended that the Boroughs Pension administrators review this information and make a recommendation to Council. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to send this information to Thomas Anderson and Associates for review before moving forward.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the 2016 Council Meeting Dates.
- C. The Committee continues to work on the “no smoking” in the Borough park tot-lot areas issue.
- D. The Committee met with representatives from several Little League groups and Legion Ball representatives last week. They will be attending a Council meeting at a future date to discuss the use of the field located by Baugher Elementary. This is now pending receiving further information from Little League.

### Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the second reading of the Budget.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise the 2016 Tax Ordinance.
- C. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized advertisement of the 2016 Budget for public review.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$97,428.36.

President Budman stated that there will be an opening for a Borough representative on the MRSA Board. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council appointed Jeffrey Robol for a 5 year term.

Mr. Specht thanked everyone for their condolences on the recent loss of his mother.

Ronda Bogle from MRSA addressed Council asking them for their consideration with the above mentioned Pension item.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer