

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mr. Budman, Mr. Cyphers, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Jones, 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. Mrs. Meckley was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 24, 2015 Council meeting. Mr. Jones abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that next week will be the last week for leaf pick-up.

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 the Department completed their laser training this week.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer reported that a total of 27 firefighters are now certified. He also stated that as of December 31, 2015 he will no longer be the Chief. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to send a letter of thanks to Chief Shaffer for his time served as Fire Chief.

Public Comments: John Meckley was present and addressed Council on behalf of the Milton Historic Society. They are beginning preparations and organization for the Bi-Centennial. Mr. Meckley outlined some of the proposed activities stating the anniversary date is February 26, 2017. The TIME Group, Milton Public Library, and Milton School District will also be involved in the planning.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. The Committee continues to work on the "no smoking" in the Borough park tot-lot areas issue. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Beck stated that the original intent of this was to simply prohibit smoking in the vicinity of the tot-lot areas.
- B. 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 pending receiving further information from Little League.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adopted Resolution 15-10 pertaining to Police Officer contributions to the Police Pension Plan.

- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to enter into a not-to-exceed agreement with HRG, Inc. for the Public Works Facility.
- C. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to enter into agreement for auditing services with Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C. for \$11,950.00.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved the final reading of the 2016 budget as outlined by Mr. Shearer.
- E. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adopted the 2016 Tax Ordinance - #1201.
- F. 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 \$199,585.30.

Mr. Shearer thanked the Finance Committee, President Budman, and Mr. Beck for their work on the budget.

President Budman entertained a motion to cancel the second Council meeting on December 23, 2015. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council cancelled the December 23rd Council meeting.

President Budman thanked Mr. Jones for his time served on Council. He then introduced Cindy Fawess who will be the new representative from the 4th ward.

President Budman reminded Council of the Re-organizational meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:00.

At this time, 7:50 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session regarding personnel issues within the Police Department. Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council denied the Step 3 grievance filed on December 4, 2015 on behalf of Probationary Officer Joshua Dreisbach for the same reasons outlined in Step 1 and Step 2 of the grievance procedures.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council denied a request from the MPOA for a meet and discuss meeting regarding the grievance of Probationary Officer Joshua Dreisbach due to the fact that the grievance has already been filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer