

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2014

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 22, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received the Audit for Liquid Fuels for years January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. There are no findings, and the report is available at the Borough Office for review.

We currently have received all of the Playground equipment from Playworld. This includes the equipment that was donated by Playworld, which will be installed in Fifth Street Park, and also the equipment that was purchased through Playworld via a matching grant. This equipment will be installed throughout the Brown Avenue Sports Complex as soon as weather permits.

The new 2014 F-250 Ford Pickup truck has been delivered to the Public Works Department.

The final design is completed for the renovation of the Public Works Building and Mr. Beck asked for Councils approval to advertise this project out for bid. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved this request.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that he has registered for a seminar on Brownfield Grants that is sponsored by D.E.P. The seminar is on April 10, 2014 at the Williamsport DEP Office.

Mr. Beck stated that it has come to his attention that there may be another round of Transportation Achievement Grants with the application deadline of April 4, 2014. Since this is a very short time span and the application procedure is time consuming, he asked for Councils permission to allow me to look into the feasibility of submitting an application. If the Borough would submit and be successful in being awarded this grant, it would be utilized for the Front Street portion of the 2017 Streetscape Project. This is the same program that we were awarded the \$495,000.00 Grant for the Broadway portion of the 2017 Streetscape. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to proceed with the application as outlined.

Mr. Beck stated that he has also submitted an application to DCED for a \$500,000.00 Keystone Community Development Grant, which if awarded would be utilized for the Front Street portion of the 2017 Streetscape Project.

Mr. Beck reported that he received a report from the Haven to Home organization and in December they received six dogs; 4 were returned to their owner, 1 was adopted, and 1 is in a foster home.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Public Comments: Steve Fetzter from Upper Market Street addressed Council with a complaint. He stated that for many years, the residents in his neighborhood have used snow blowers or shoveled their street and recently one of the residents has plowed the street, providing the neighborhood with adequate snow removal for parking. Mr. Fetzter complained that he has been told by the Borough that no one other than a Borough employee can plow a street due to liability issues. Mr. Beck responded that this is in compliance with section 233.34 of the Traffic Codes.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to hold the Palm Sunday Ham Dinner on April 13th.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a request from T.I.M.E. to hold a Civil War Church Service and Open House events on Sunday, April 27th. George Venios gave a presentation to Council regarding the events that would take place and gave an overview of the James Pollock "In God We Trust" Museum. This approval is contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to write a letter of support for the Governor Pollock Museum. This letter of support does not authorize any form of financial aid or contribution from the Borough.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Area Relay for Life to have the Bark for Life event at Brown Avenue Park on May 17th and waives the ordinance restricting dogs in the park for the event.
- E. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Lions Club to hold the annual carnival from May 28 – May 31 at Brown Avenue Park pending receipt of insurance.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council unanimously voted to remove Officer Daniel Zettelmoyer from probationary status.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a Subdivision Plan for Rolling Ridge as presented by Sweetland Engineering.

Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Investment Reserve, Payroll, Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$152,096.44.

Mr. Shearer commended all of the parties involved in the James Pollock "In God We Trust" museum and thanked everyone for their work on the project.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood
Borough Secretary/Treasurer