

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2017

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 25, 2017 Council meeting. Mr. Farr and Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck stated that approximately one year ago Council was presented a plan, which they authorized, to replace the desktop computers in the Police Department with laptops and docks both in the vehicles and on the desks. We have been following the plan and we are at the point where it is necessary to purchase a server, one laptop with docks, required licenses, software, and installation labor. The total not to exceed cost is \$11760.00. This will be the last capitol purchase required for the computer replace plan. When the next desktop computer needs to be replaced all that will need to be purchased is a laptop and a dock which will be approximately \$2,400.00 total. Mr. Beck asked Council to authorize him to proceed with the purchase of the proposed equipment and installation. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized this purchase as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Next, Mr. Beck asked Council to authorize him to negotiate a contract with the YMCA for the operation of the Community Pool for the 2017 season. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved Mr. Beck negotiating the contract.

Mr. Beck informed Council that there is a Flood Mitigation Grant Program available though DCED that has a maximum Grant amount of \$500,000.00 with a 15% (\$75,000.00) match requirement. He asked Council to authorize him to apply for a \$500,000.00 Grant to be utilized to remove the sedimentation from Limestone Run, within the Borough limits. The last time this was undertaken was in 1979 when the banks of Limestone Run were straighten and the box culvert was installed under Arch Street and Front Street. The sedimentation has been a deficiency noted annually in both the DEP and Army Corp of Engineer inspections of the Borough Flood Protection program for the last 15 years. Mr. Beck also asked Council's permission to authorize me to advertise for RFP's for a not to exceed cost for Engineering Services for this project. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to apply for the Grant and advertise for the RFP's as outlined.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Department has had a lot of issues with Children and Youth and there are new procedures on how to handle investigations that will be very helpful. He also stated that as a result of a recent management staff meeting, the Department will be actively enforcing the snow removal regulations. Anyone that plows or shovels snow back onto the street after it is plowed with receive a \$25.00 fine. He will also be giving Doug Diehl a radio so that he can notify them when on a call if necessary.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer was absent.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that each year the Department receives a grant from the Fire Commissioners' Office. This year they received the full amount of \$15,000. Joe informed Council that it is because of the additional certified fire fighters. There have been 14 calls since the last meeting. He thanked everyone that attended the banquet this year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request to place a historical marker on Lincoln Park reserving the right to select the exact location of the marker. This is no cost to the Borough.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a waiver request from the Milton Railway Services.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the Land Development Plan from Milton Railway Services.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the maintenance and improvements guarantee agreements for Milton Railway Services.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. 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 \$104,229.71.

President Budman reminded Council of the Bicentennial Banquet on February 25, 2017 and the RSVP date is February 17, 2017.

Mrs. Meckley thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her recent medical emergency.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Fawess and carried, Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer