

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 26, 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, Officer Zettlemoyer, and Shelly Wood.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the March 12, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received a copy of the Fireman's Relief Association Compliant Audit Report and it is available for review in the Borough Office. There were no findings and no recommendations.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that the contractor is scheduled to resume work on the Center Street Sewer Project in early April. The substantial completion date for the project is May of 2014.

The King Street Sewer Project is scheduled to begin in June of 2014 and it has a completion date of May 2015.

The construction of the infrastructure in Rolling Ridge phase 2A-A is scheduled to begin on April 7<sup>th</sup> and it is scheduled to be completed on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Last Thursday parking was banned for a period of time on the north side of Broadway from Arch St. to Front St. in order to remove the abandoned traffic control overhead interconnect wires. On Thursday 3/27/14 on the south side of Broadway between Bound Ave. and Elm St. the parking will be banned for a period of time. We will be flushing and televising a storm water pipe that is located under the sidewalk in order to determine if it needs to be relocated.

The above mentioned work is preliminary work for the 2017 Streetscape Project.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson reported that there was a fire today on Park Avenue that was a result of an unattended burning barrel.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman addressed Council stating that Steve Beattie from Larson Design Group asked to have a meeting with Borough representatives to show the plans and educate them on funding sources. President Budman stated that the group he has selected to meet with Steve is the Executive Committee – Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Walker, Mr. Shearer, and Mr. Budman. The meeting will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

At this time, 7:10 p.m., Attorney Benion opened the Conditional Use Public Hearing for Watsonstown Trucking. Council was asked to identify themselves, and Charles Axtman from Axtman Engineering was sworn in to testify. Mr. Axtman stated that Watsonstown Trucking would be adding a 3,400 square foot expansion onto the building to be used as a lounge for truck drivers. The space currently used for this will be converted into office space. This addition will not have any environmental or noise impact. This project has been approved by the Milton Borough Planning Commission and Northumberland County

Planning Commission and meets all of the required criteria. There were no comments or questions from the public or Council. At 7:16 p.m. the Conditional Use Hearing was closed.

#### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Cultural Festival Committee to hold the event on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and use Broadway and Bound Avenue.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Standard Journal to hold the Community Yard Sales on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the Land Development Plan and special exception for Watsontown Trucking as outlined.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council agreed to send a request to the Planning Commission for review regarding the first floor residential occupancy in the Central Business District.

#### Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council awarded a bid to Wilk Contracting in the amount of \$128,490 for the renovation of the Public Works Building Garage.
- B. 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 \$124,341.69.

At this time, 7:24 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session pertaining to personnel matters regarding the Chief of Police. Council re-convened at 8:09 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the Chief of Police job description as presented with two changes; one being that the chief must have at least 12 consecutive years of experience as an officer and one being that the applicant must complete and pass an oral and/or written examination conducted by a panel appointed by the Borough of Milton for such purpose and receive a score of not less than 70% on a 100 point scale.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into an agreement with the PA Chief of Police upon review of the contract by Attorney Benion.

President Budman appointed a Committee to assist in hiring the Chief of Police. This committee will be Mr. Budman, Mr. Farr, and Mr. Walker.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer