

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 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. Swartz, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Cyphers, and Mr. Walker. Also in attendance were Mr. Beck, Mayor Nelson, Attorney Benion, Doug Diehl, Sam Shaffer, Officer Zettlemoyer, and Shelly Wood.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 9, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Swartz and Mr. Peterman abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received notification from DCED that the amount of our CDBG Grant for 2014 is \$103,789.00; this is the same amount that we received in 2013.

Upon receipt of the contract from DCED he will forward it to SEDA-COG for review. Upon their review it will be signed by the President of Council. This year's funds are earmarked for reimbursing the Borough's Reserve Account, approximately \$90,000.00, for the skate park equipment and for administrative costs.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that the progress on Center Street continues at an acceptable rate. The final paving should be completed by Friday May 3, 2014.

The King Street Sewer Project has been awarded by MRSA and is scheduled to begin in June of 2014 with a completion date of May 2015.

Mr. Beck informed Council that the Public Works Department has begun the excavation in Fifth Street Park in preparation for the installation of the new playground equipment. They will continue to work in the park the rest of this week; however the week of April 28 through May 2, the Public Works Department will be busy with spring clean up. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the entire department will begin working on the Community Pool in order to have it ready to open on June 5 as scheduled. We will also be using five prisoners for Northumberland County Prison to help with the pool. This year the pool will be completely repainted, the concrete around the outside of the pool will be leveled and repainted, and new lane lines will be painted. Through contributions to the pool in memory of Mike Slease and Mike Butler we have received approximately \$4,000.00 which Mrs. Slease and Mrs. Butler have indicated that they would like to purchase a shade structure to be installed at the pool facility - the Public Works Department will complete this as well. After the pool is completed the Department will resume the work in Fifth Street Park. When the park is completed they will move to Brown Avenue Park and begin the installation of the new equipment that was purchased through a grant and matching funds.

Mr. Beck also informed Council that the overtime in the Police Department for the last pay period increased considerably. This is due to Good Friday and the Easter Holidays, and also during the same period there were nine burglaries solved and a sexual assault handled.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman informed Council that effective Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Walker will no longer be on the Library Board as the Council's representative. President Budman stated that Mr. Specht is taking over this position. President Budman thanked Mr. Walker for his time served on the Library Board.

At this time, 7:08 p.m., President Budman opened a Public Hearing to consider Library Definition changes. Attorney Benion read the proposed definition changes to the ordinance. There were no comments from the public or Council. President Budman closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comments: Connie Walize, Park Avenue resident addressed Council regarding the potholes on Broadway. Mr. Beck informed her that Broadway is a State road and that her concerns would have to be addressed by PennDOT. She also expressed her concerns regarding the recent burglaries and thanked the Police Department for their hard work.

Rob Jones, representing the Milton Library addressed Council to thank Mr. Walker for his representation on the Library Board and to welcome Mr. Specht to the Library Board.

#### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from Representative Lynda Culver to hold a Community Family Fun Expo at Brown Avenue Park on June 5, 2014.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Salvation Army of Milton to hold a Block Party on June 14, 2014 and block off Center Street from Bound Avenue to Elm Street.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from Kingdom Kidz Puppet Ministry to use Brown Avenue Park on September 6, 2014 for a Community Pig Roast.

#### General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the advertisement of an Ordinance pertaining to the Non-Uniformed, Bargaining Employee Pension Plan.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council authorized the advertisement of an Ordinance pertaining to the Library Definition changes.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council appointed Jane Regelman as the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate for the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee (TCC) for the Borough of Milton.

#### 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 \$105,904.77.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m. and entered into an Executive Session regarding personnel issues. Council did not reconvene.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer