

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the March 25, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that TIME has requested permission to hold the "Music in the Park" events at the Dorothy Hermani Park at Front and Center Street. They also asked permission to barricade Center Street from Front Street to Elm Street during the events. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved this request from the TIME Group.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that he has received a resignation from an Operator #2 in the Public Works Department, effective Friday April 10, 2015. He will be posting an advertisement to fill the position.

Mr. Beck stated that he has received quotes to furnish and install emergency generators, one at the Borough Hall at a cost of \$8,592.00 and one at the Police Station, at a cost of \$8,743.00.

He also received a not-to-exceed quote to install occupancy sensors throughout the Police Station in the amount of \$1,811.58. The purpose for the sensors is to cut down on the electrical use. Mr. Beck asked for Council's approval to proceed with these projects.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to purchase the emergency generator for the Borough Hall at a cost of \$8,592.00. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to purchase the emergency generator for the Police Department at a cost of \$8,743.00. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to install occupancy sensors throughout the Police Station at a cost of \$1,811.58.

Mr. Beck informed Council that the King Street Sewer Project is scheduled to restart in early May and be completed by mid June. The remaining work to be completed consists of installation of new sewer pipe on Shakespeare Avenue from Cameron Avenue to Columbia Avenue, restoration of curb, sidewalk, and yards, adjust manhole elevations, and pave the streets in the affected area.

PA Water Company is going to replace the water main on Vine Street from Willow Street to Brown Avenue. The project is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2015 with a two month pipe installation schedule. The repaving of the street will be completed later in the season.

The 2017 Streetscape Project began on April 6, 2015 as scheduled. The contractor chose to begin at the northeast corner of Broadway and Front Street and work on the north side of Broadway to Arch St. then move to the south side of Broadway between Arch St. and Front Street. Although there is no way to complete this project without disrupting the business's in the affected area, Mr. Beck has been contacting business owners and explaining what is happening and also keeping them updated on the schedule. The contractor is also very cognizant of the business owners

concerns. If Council members should receive calls concerning the project, parking issues and or detour routes, please refer the calls to me. Mr. Beck asked Council to remember the Contractor is responsible to control the construction of the project and proceed as they feel is best; also this project is being constructed on state right-of-way and the detour route that is in place is controlled and approved by PennDOT.

Mr. Beck then reported that he has been made aware of another round of Multimodal Transportation Funding. (MTF). This program will be jointly administered through D.C.E.D. and PennDOT under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The guidelines for eligible projects include projects related to streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement and pedestrian safety, including but not limited to sidewalk connections, crosswalks, pedestrian and traffic signals.

The guidelines for eligible expenditures include cost for development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development to include: construction; fixed equipment; preparation of land; 10% of grant may be used for engineering costs; Audit cost not to exceed \$1,000.00; Administrative cost of applicant necessary to administer the grant not to exceed 2% of total grant award;

This is a minimum 30% match grant with a \$100.00 non-refundable filling fee. This grant is available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000.00 or more and with a maximum of \$3,000,000.00. The Front Street, or second phase, of the 2017 Streetscape Project would be compliant with the guidelines of this grant. Although there would be challenges involved with the acquisition of this grant, we have a considerable amount of the preliminary planning, design, engineering, and accurate opinion of probable cost figures in hand which are required for the application. Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to pursue the feasibility of applying for this grant in an amount required to complete the second phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved Mr. Beck's request to pursue the funding as outlined.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman informed Council that the Executive Committee, Mr. Jones, and Attorney Benion had their first meeting tonight to discuss the feasibility of a Main Street Manager. They will be contacting DCED for advice regarding this subject. The committee will continue to meet prior to Council meetings.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer reported that computers will be installed in the cruisers tomorrow. He also commented that he feels the generators in both buildings will be very beneficial to the community in case of a disaster.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer had no report.

Public Comments: Kathy Gessner, Lower Market Street, asked if they will be fixing the pothole on Front Street by the bridge. Mr. Beck stated that this would be taken care of in the very near future. She also asked how the Streetscape Project would affect the Harvest Festival. Mr. Beck responded that this was a condition discussed before the project started and the contractor will work around the Harvest Festival activities.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Lions Club to hold their carnival from May 27 – May 30, 2015.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. President Budman asked council to review the material that was recently handed out regarding the Burning/Recycling issue. He stated that the reality is that Council has to decide whether to continue our current Recycling Program as is for the funding that we receive or are their items that we recycle that we would like to remove and allow to be burned To continue to receive the current funding, Council would have to ban burning in the Borough. Kelly Gessner, Lower Market Street asked if this ban is approved, will she still be allowed to use her fire pit and what will become of all of the burning barrels in town. President Budman responded that she would still be allowed to use the fire pit and that he had no immediate answer regarding the burning barrels. Connie Wallize, Park Avenue, stated that she still refuses to recycle her personal papers and will find a place outside of the Borough to burn them. She also stated that she finds it very interesting that no one has said anything about this conflict before. Mr. Beck responded that because our recycling program has become so much more comprehensive and we recycle so much more than before. Because of all the publicity on this issue, it was questioned. After further discussion regarding this issue Mrs. Meckley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried to re-advertize the most recent burning ordinance for consideration to adopt at the next Council meeting.
- B. The next item for the committee was consideration to change the required rental inspections to tri-annually. President Budman outlined the proposed Ordinance and asked for comments and/or revisions. After extensive discussion regarding each section of this proposed Ordinance, President Budman instructed Mrs. Meckley to incorporate the changes and send to Shelly by April 17<sup>th</sup> so that she can forward it in the next Council mailer.

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, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$65,741.99.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer