

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 27, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. Shearer abstained.

At this time, 7:02 p.m. Attorney Benion opened a Conditional Use Hearing for an addition to an existing warehouse distribution center for Patton Commercial Real estate. The hearing minutes are available from the stenographer's report. Attorney Benion closed the Conditional Use Hearing at 7:12 p.m. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried through a unanimous roll-call vote, Council approved this Conditional Use Plan.

At this time, 7:13 p.m., Attorney Benion opened a Conditional Use Hearing for an additional structure for H & W Repairs. The hearing minutes are available from the stenographer's report. Attorney Benion closed the hearing at 7:23 p.m. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this Conditional Use Plan.

At 7:24 p.m., the regular Council meeting resumed.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the bid documents have been completed for the Public Works Building Pavement Restoration Project. They currently are being advertised for bid through PennBid and the local newspaper and will be presented at the June 22, 2016 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

Next Mr. Beck informed Council that he has met with PennDOT representatives to discuss the possibility of eliminating some of the signs in front of Lincoln Park and relocating the remaining signs in order to make the park entrance less cluttered and more attractive. PennDOT seemed receptive to the idea and will submit the request for consideration.

Mr. Beck stated that the Borough, PSAB, and other entities have sent in comments to the P.U.C. regarding communication towers to be treated as utility poles within municipalities' right-of-ways. The PUC would give the authority to these cell tower companies to act as the utility company allowing the installations to be done without permits or municipal approval. Mr. Beck expressed his concerns about this as the Borough would have no authority to regulate when, where, or how the towers are placed.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he has two additional matters that he will discuss in the executive session.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that the department has started a new directive for patrol efforts to include foot patrol and parking enforcement in the downtown. President Budman commended this effort and stated that he is very pleased with the direction the Department is going.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has completed street sweeping throughout the Borough. All the water is on at the parks. The Department is in the process of hiring an employee for the vacancy.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Stump reported that the Fire Department performed fire extinguisher training at the CSIU. There have been 4 alarms for May so far.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Watstontown to utilize the Milton Fire Police for the Jes Vic 5K Race on Saturday, June 4, 2016.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton YMCA to use six parking spaces in the municipal parking lot on Bound Avenue on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. to hold a Summer Camp car wash fundraiser.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for Patton Commercial Real Estate contingent upon the following conditions: Storm Water Operations Plan is in place; Post bond for Site Inspector; Receipt of letter from DEP regarding the sewer planning exemption; Receipt of letter from PA Water stating that they will serve the site; Receipt of letter from Light-Heigel regarding storm water comments. .
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for H & W Repairs.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from residents at 349 Vine Street pertaining to location of a proposed driveway as presented.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1205, the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance with amendments which were outlined by Attorney Benion. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.
- E. Research the feasibility of a Main Street Manager.

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 \$75,119.44.

At this time, 8:05 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session pertaining to potential litigation and personnel matters in the Police Department. Council reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council denied the Step 3 Grievance filed by the Milton Police Officers' Association for the same reasons as Step 1 and Step 2 were denied pertaining to the Dreisbach arbitration.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer