

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 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, Sam Shaffer, Officer Zettlemoyer, and Shelly Wood.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 23, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Swartz and Mr. Peterman abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that approximately a year and a half ago Senior Girl Scout Troop #461 attended a Council meeting and asked Council's permission to make improvements to Fifth Street Park in order to qualify for their Silver Award. Council granted permission and the girls began to raise funds for the project. They were able to raise \$600.00, but they were unable to acquire the equipment or enough money to proceed, so the project came to a standstill. Several months later Mr. Beck was contacted by Jessica Reiner, from Playworld, and she asked if the Borough would be interested in enough playground equipment to renovate Fifth Street Park. Mr. Beck informed her that we would definitely be interested in the equipment. He then contacted Mrs. Hauck, (the Den mother) and told her about the equipment offer. She was very happy with the news and said the girls would be very interested in participating in the park renovation, even though the time-frame for them to get credit toward their Silver Award had past. Mr. Beck wrote a letter to the Girl Scout Headquarters explaining what had transpired and that, through no fault of their own, they were no longer eligible for the Silver Award and he asked if the Girl Scout Council would consider giving the girls recognition for their efforts. Mrs. Hauck has informed him that the Senior Girl Scout Troop #461 has received their Silver Award and they will be involved with the park renovations and the \$600.00 that they raised will be spent on materials for the park.

The Milton Fire Department has asked Mr. Beck if Council would consider giving the department a Three Year (3 year) Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) mortgage to be used for the purchase of the property at 205 Ridge Avenue. The funds would be taken out of the Fire Department Capitol Equipment Fund. Currently there is a balance of \$145,392.99 in the fund.

Several months ago Council authorized Mr. Beck to apply for a second Transportation Alternatives Grant in the amount of \$490,000.00. The application has been submitted and has successfully made it through the preliminary review committee. He has received notification that he and Steve Beattie are scheduled to present an oral presentation to the final review committee on Friday May 30, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. This is a competitive grant and there are four other municipalities that will be presenting to the Committee on that day.

June 30, 2014 is the expiration date for the \$60,000.00 Close-out Grant for T.I.M.E. Once the audit is completed, the Borough will no longer have any active grants pertaining to T.I.M.E.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that he has received a letter from PennDOT stating that the Borough qualifies for a 2013/2014 severe winter reimbursement in the amount of \$7,338.13. This is in addition to the winter maintenance contract in the amount of \$18,950.29 for winter maintenance on State-owned roads within the Borough limits.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he has signed the contract with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association pertaining to filling the Chief of Police position. He sent them a copy of the job description along with a brief description of the Borough, and he has a meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with their representative, Mr. Blackburn.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that he e-mailed the information pertaining to the police contract negotiations to the Labor Attorney for review and as soon as he receives her response he will schedule a meeting with the MPOA to begin negotiations.

He has also met with the Teamsters' representative and exchanged our initial requests for each other to consider. The first negotiation meeting with them is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Although Center Street paving has been paved it is not completed. Mr. Beck stated that he has some concerns with the workmanship and after the MRSA meeting tomorrow morning, he will be walking the project with the engineer to discuss the issues and the corrective action needed to address them.

Mobilization for the King Street Sewer Project is scheduled for the middle of June. This project has a substantial completion date of mid-February 2015. The paving portion of this project will not be completed until the spring of 2015.

The MRSA Plant upgrade Project is at 84% of the contract time and 74.5% of the bid price has been paid.

The renovation project on the public works building is being completed on schedule and has a scheduled completion date in mid June.

The Public Works Department has been working on the Community Pool in order to have it completely repainted and ready to open on June 5<sup>th</sup>. As long as the weather cooperates, there should be no problems.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

At this time, 7:15 p.m., President Budman opened a Public Hearing regarding the 2014 CDBG application. Glenda Ruch from SEDA-COG gave an update on the proposed budget. The estimated budget at this time is \$103,000. It will be sometime later this year when they know the actual allocation. Council agreed to use this year's allocation toward the municipal lot and the skate park at Brown Avenue Park. At 7:32 p.m., President Budman reconvened to the regular Council meeting.

Public Comments: Officer Curt Zettlemoyer reported that the department has received complaints from residents about vehicles speeding on Center Street since it has been repaved. As a result of the complaints, officers have been conducting enforcement efforts on Center Street and will continue to do so. In addition, he reported that the Department has received funding from Buckle Up PA and will be conducting additional traffic enforcement efforts in the Borough through the end of the first week of June..

#### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Area High School District to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homecoming 5K Run as part of the 2014 Homecoming events.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the YMCA to hold the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Fling and One Mile Walk/Run.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Watsontown Police Department to utilize the Milton Fire Police for traffic control at the annual Jes Vic charity race on June 7, 2014 pending receipt of the request on Municipal letterhead.

### General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1189 pertaining to the Non-Uniformed, Bargaining Employee Pension Plan.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1190 pertaining to the Library Definition changes.

### Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized the Borough manager to sell the 2001 Van as outlined by Mr. Beck.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Peterman and carried, Council approved giving the Fire Department a 3-year \$50,000 mortgage, with no interest, to be used to purchase the property at 184 Ridge Avenue.
- C. 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 \$134,125.37.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m. and entered into an Executive Session regarding personnel issues. Council did not reconvene.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer