

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 25,, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 11, 2016 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: At the May 11th Council meeting Mr. Beck informed Council that he had met with PennDOT representatives and discussed the possibility of relocating the state mandated signs in front of Lincoln Park in order to enhance the view of the park. He was told they would consider his request, which they did, and the signs have been relocated.

When the 2017 Streetscape Project construction phase began Mrs. Meckley asked if Mr. Beck would contact PennDOT concerning truck traffic turning north onto SR#405 off of SR#254, which he did. PennDOT reviewed the request and implemented a truck route through the business district with Councils' approval. It has come to their attention that two additional signs need to be posted in order allow the restrictions to be enforceable. Council must give permission to have the signs posted. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mr. Beck.

President Budman asked Mr. Beck about the progress with amending the parking ordinance pertaining to Broadway. Mr. Beck responded that he will have amendments to Council within the next couple of months.

Next Mr. Beck stated that he and Doug Diehl met with representatives from UGI Gas Company to discuss their future projects within the Borough. Beginning in September they will be replacing their main lines and service laterals on Poplar Avenue, Park Lane, Wilson Circle, and Link Drive. They will have time to complete the line and lateral installation; however due to the time of year they will not be able to complete the repaving portion of the project. Mr. Beck agreed to work with them in order to keep the trenches at road grade and sealed through the winter. In the spring of 2017, the effected roads will be milled and overlaid curb to curb. This is the same process used on the Center Street Sewer Project.

At a past Council meeting Mr. Beck informed Council that the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania wanted to fund a free Community Day at the Pool. He has contacted them with the cost which they agreed to. The Free Community Swim Day at the pool is scheduled for June 11, 2016 with a rain date is June 18, 2016.

On May 17, 2016 Mr. Beck met with Kevin Mertz from the Standard Journal and Jaci Harner from the Northumberland Conservation District to discuss the sediment control and natural area we have been working on along Limestone Run in the Brown Avenue Sports Complex. Jaci was very pleased with the progress the Borough has made with the project and said it would be featured in the Quarterly Conservation News Bulletin. We have also received the \$5,000.00 Grant check from Con-Agra which helped fund the final phase of the project.

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 was absent from the meeting, therefore, there was no report.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has repainted the pool and the pool deck. The pool filter has been cleaned and new filter aggregates installed. The crew has installed new footers for head stones in the cemeteries and repaired graves and head stones. Mowing is ongoing.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that the Fire Department has had 9 calls since the last meeting and 40 hours of training. The Department assisted the Milton Moose with filling the tanks for their fishing derby. They have 2 new members and currently have 15-20 active members.

Public Comments: There were no public comments. Mr. Swartz addressed Council stating that he has had resident concerns regarding properties in disrepair, specifically a home on Shakespeare and on Broadway between Polar and Queen Street. Mr. Beck responded that Doug Diehl continuously works on these issues throughout the Borough and because some are owned by a bank there is not much the Borough can do. Attorney Benion stated that after 3 warnings, it becomes a misdemeanor and is a court case. Council could enact an ordinance stating that the Borough could enter the properties and rectify the repairs, however, there is no guarantee that the Borough would get reimbursement for the costs and he did not advise this action.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Beck if Doug Diehl is dealing with the brush along the roadways. Mr. Beck responded that Doug has been telling residents to remove the brush when he is aware of a problem.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Selinsgrove to utilize the Milton Fire Police for the Ta Ta Trot Race on July 9, 2016.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Lewisburg to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their triathlon on Saturday, August 13, 2016.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a Residential Handicap Parking Application for 530 Hepburn Street. Mayor Nelson authorized a temporary sign for this.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. 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 \$108,012.52.

Mr. Shearer asked Mr. Beck what the status was of the Multi Modal Grant that he applied for. Mr. Beck stated that he has not heard of any progress on this.

President Budman entertained a motion to appoint Mrs. Meckley as a Voting Delegate at the PSAB Conference. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer