

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
May 27, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 13, 2015 Council meeting. Mr. Walker abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the bid documents for the reconstruction of Golf Course Road have been completed, submitted and approved by PennDOT. Since this project will be paid for with Liquid Fuels Monies, it was a requirement to have it pre-approved by PennDOT. It will be advertised for bid with the bid opening and awarding date of June 24, 2015. In order to be compliant with PennDOT specification #408, this project has a completion date of September 15, 2015. Prior to this project beginning, the Public Works Department will be excavating several areas in the roadway in order to install subsurface drainage which will extend the life of the roadway.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that the 2017 Streetscape Project continues to progress at a satisfactory rate.

The contractor for the James Street Sewer Project has remobilized. They are currently replacing the damaged curbing and sidewalks in the affected area. They are scheduled to begin replacing the sewer main on Shakespeare Avenue from Cameron Avenue to Columbia Avenue in early June. The milling and paving portion of the project is scheduled to begin June 15<sup>th</sup>, and should be completed by July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Beck stated that we have received several phone calls from individuals that purchased slates with their names engraved for Kidstown, requesting they be allowed to have them returned. When we have removed the materials from Kidstown, we will advertise that the slates are available to be picked up at the Recycling Drop-off Site on days that the site is open for recycling.

As Council is aware, Mr. Beck has ordered two shade structures for the Community Pool; however, they have not been delivered to-date. The Public Works Department will install them as soon as they are delivered.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he has received notification from P.U.C. that the installation of the Railroad Crossing Gates at the Center Street Crossing has been approved. He does not have a tentative start date for this project.

Mr. Beck reported that we have hired Nathan Long to fill the operator position in the Public Works Department. He is scheduled to begin the probation period June 1, 2015.

We received an invoice from the Milton Little League to assist them in payment of repairs at the restrooms for the Little League Fields. Most of the work was for plumbing work. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council denied this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman had no report but stated that he and the Mayor attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and it was very nice. He encouraged Council to attend in the coming years. President Budman then introduced and welcomed an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics class that was in attendance.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer reported that the Police Department will partner with Evangelical Hospital to attend narcotic overdose classes in an effort to combat the ongoing problems with heroin in the community. Throughout July – September the officers will be present in each ward in a community effort to answer any questions that the residents may have. He will let Council know when they will be in their ward should they wish to be present as well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer reported that there have been 119 calls this year. He reported training continues in the Department.

Public Comments: Bob and Gay Hartman from High Street addressed Council thanking the borough for a great job with brush pick up, but wanted to know what could be done about the lack of attention in the front of neighboring homes. Mr. Hartman presented pictures to Council; however, there is no ordinance that states residents cannot have toys or grills in their yards.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council denied a request from the American Red Cross to place collection bins for clothing and small household items at the Borough's Recycling Center.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. With regard to the proposed Parking Lot Ordinance, there was lengthy discussion regarding proposed changes. President Budman advised Mrs. Meckley that all members of the General Government and Recreation Committee need to have a meeting and consider Attorney Benion's comments to bring this back to Council for the next Council meeting.

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 \$104,153.05

Mr. Beck addressed Council stating that with regard to the recently adopted Property Inspection Ordinance, he may ask Council to hire an outside source to assist with inspections on a temporary, as-needed basis. Mr. Beck and Doug Diehl will work on a plan for Council to consider if Council feels this is something they would consider. After discussion, Council told Mr. Beck to move forward with a plan for this.

Mr. Cyphers asked if it would be possible to have the School Resource Officer attend a Council meeting to inform Council of how the school year went.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer