

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 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. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 14, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the substantial completion inspection has been completed on the Center Street Sewer Project and there are several issues that the contractor has been instructed to correct. After they are completed, the final inspection will take place and upon approval the project will be complete.

Next, Mr. Beck updated Council stating that the Public Works Facility Renovation Project is on schedule and to date there has been no change orders submitted. This project is scheduled to be completed the third week of June.

The cleaning and repainting of the swimming pool and concrete apron is near completion and the Public Works Department will begin filling the pool later this week. Hopefully we will not experience any unforeseen problems with the start up, and it will open on June 5th. Once the work at the pool is completed, the Public Works Department will begin the renovations to the Fifth Street Playground; they will be assisted by volunteers from Playworld, SEDA-Cog and Girl Scout Troop #461.

Mr. Beck then reported that the Chief of Police Position has been advertised, and resumes will be accepted until June 13, 2014.

As he reported to Council at the May 14, 2014 meeting, Steve Beattie and Mr. Beck will be presenting the 2017 Streetscape Project Application to the review committee for another Transportation Achievement Grant in the amount of \$490,000.00 Friday at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Beck stated that he understands that the grass mowing at the Milton Cemetery was in substandard condition for the Memorial Day Holiday. Sam and Mr. Beck have discussed what happened, and although it was due to rainy weather prior to the holiday and the available manpower being utilized on other projects, we should have put the mowing of the Cemetery as the number one priority. Mr. Beck apologized to anybody that was offended by this situation and assured Council and the public that we will do everything in our power to see that it does not happen in the future.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman reported that he would like to appoint the Executive Committee, Chuck Beck, and Attorney Benion to research the feasibility of hiring a Main Street Manager. This Committee consists of Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Walker, Mr. Budman, Chuck Beck, and Attorney Benion. The Committee will look at the feasibility of applying for the next round of the main Street and/or Elm Street Manager Program.

Public Comments: Greg Brouse from Vertie Lane addressed Council with his concerns regarding a pit bull dog that has been terrorizing his neighborhood. Mr. Brouse stated that the dog is very dangerous and is going to seriously hurt someone. He stated that the Police Department has been aware of this and have been called to the neighborhood on several occasions. He asked why the dog is still there. Officer

Zettlemoyer stated that because of the State laws, they are unable to take the dog from the home. He stated that the Department has done everything legally possible to address the situation and he has even consulted the state dog warden about the matter.

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 Relay for Life to place purple ribbons on the meter poles and place signs throughout the Borough pertaining to the Relay the week of June 6th.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Peterman and carried, Council denied a request for a 10-minute parking space at 7 Broadway.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a Subdivision Plan on Columbia Avenue as presented by Nathan Gearhart.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Subdivision Plan on Wood Street as presented by Nathan Gearhart.

Mrs. Meckley stated that she handed out a packet of information to Council regarding ordinance changes to be addressed at a future 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, Investment Reserve, Payroll, Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$203,201.25.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood
Borough Secretary/Treasurer