

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 25, 2018 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Front Street Project continues to move forward and is 18 days ahead of schedule.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that the Moose Lodge is going to construct a handicap accessible ramp in front of their building. The area it is going to be constructed in is within the limit of work for the Front Street Project. Since removal of the existing sidewalk is included in the Front Street Project, he agreed to have the sidewalk removed, at no additional cost to the Borough, in the area the Moose is going to construct the ramp. All other costs for the construction and pedestrian safety for the ramp will be the responsibility of the Moose.

We received two RFP quotes for the Comprehensive Plan. They are both very detailed and offer various options which will need to be discussed with the two firms that submitted RFP's. Before making a recommendation to Council as to how we should move forward, Mr. Beck is researching the possibility of available funding sources to help offset the cost.

Mr. Beck informed council that the Borough's Webpage has not been updated in six years; therefore we will be proceeding with an update to this, as well as the addition of the Swift 911 Program to better inform residents. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved updating the website and adding the Swift 911 Program.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief reported that recently there was an alligator on Elm Street that the Department had to assist with. He also reported that there have been numerous fights at Georgetown. Tickets have been written on Sycamore due to the recent parking changes and adoption of the new Ordinance. Chief Zettlemoyer also informed Council that the bill to allow municipalities to use radar is moving forward slowly but looks positive.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department continues to work on spring cleanup in the parks and cemeteries. The community pool is moving along with the Department upgrading the bath houses. Mowing continues and he is still in need for part-time mowers. The signs have been ordered for Sycamore and will be installed as soon as we receive them.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that the Fire Department has recently assisted Cub Pack 3605 with their training. They have also done training at the Weis Warehouse. The Department assisted with the Little League Opening Ceremony and fireworks. Since the last Council meeting they have had 29 calls involving 201 man hours.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. A request from the American Legion Post 71 to hold a fundraising block party on July 14, 2018 was tabled by Mr. Swartz for the next meeting due to the times requested to close the street.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to sign a contract with the Milton YMCA for operation of the Community Pool for the 2018 season. This agreement has the same language as last year with an increase of \$340.50.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Resolution #18-03 establishing procedures for compliance with the Professional Contract Provisions of Act 44 of 2009.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$93,738.35.

Mr. Farr addressed Council proposing that we take down all signs in the parks that prohibit dogs in the park and put up signs telling people how to take care of their dogs while at the park. Mr. Walker stated that people let their dogs lose causing potential problems with all of the children at the park. Attorney Benion responded that this should be done by an Ordinance and tabled to the General Government Committee for review. Mr. Farr responded that an Ordinance would not be necessary and make a motion to change the signs that are currently at the park. Mr. Swartz seconded this motion. President Budman did a roll call vote on this matter. Yes meaning you are in favor of taking down the signs stating no dogs in the park to signs outlining rules of being responsible for your dog. The roll call vote results are: Mr. Walker – no; Mr. Cyphers – yes; Mr. Shearer – yes; Mr. Keiser – yes; Mr. Farr – yes; Mr. Swartz – yes; Mr. Budman – no; Mrs. Meckley – no; and Mr. Specht – no. With a vote of 5-4, the motion carries. President Budman asked the General Government Committee to research and review this.

President Budman reported that Council would be entering into an Executive Session to discuss matters in the Police Department and Council would not reconvene.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer