

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 13, 2016 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that he has received the 2015 Audit from the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee. There are no non-compliance matters and no other reportable matters. The audit is available for review at the Borough Hall.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that he has received the attached letter from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority concerning the Multimodal Grant for the Front Street Phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project. He has reviewed the original opinion of probable cost documents along with looking at any other funding sources that could be utilized as matching funds.

Attached to this report is information concerning The Defined Pension Plan rollover as requested by the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA). After reviewing the document, Mr. Beck requested Council's permission to authorize the rollover as requested and authorize Attorney Benion and him to work with the Borough's Actuary to draft a Resolution to be presented at a future Council meeting for consideration. He also asked that Council authorize him to notify MRSA that all incurred costs associated with this transaction be the responsibility of MRSA. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the requests as outlined above.

Next Mr. Beck outlined an attachment to his report concerning the equalization of sewer rates that are being considered by the MRSA Board. The Board is considering the equalization of rates for four of the five districts in their system. The four districts that this would impact would be Milton, West Chillisquaque, West Chillisquaque (Astro Village) and Northern Neighbors (Watsontown and Delaware Township). Pottsgrove is a standalone system with its own package plant and sewer system. Council supported Mr. Beck on his recommendation that this happen, however, President Budman would like something in writing stating that the equalization doesn't end and would like to know what happens if a new district comes onto the system.

Mr. Beck stated that he and Sam Shaffer had a pre-construction meeting with representatives from Fairchild Brothers concerning the scheduling of the paving project at the Public Works facility. Currently we do not have a definite schedule, however when the schedule is confirmed it will be necessary to close the recycling drop-off center for approximately two weeks. He will keep Council posted on this and also have Shelly advertise in the papers and on our webpage.

Mr. Beck reported that he has been notified by the MPOA that they are not appealing the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Arbitration Award and they will ratify the contract. He will proceed with the implementation of the revised CBA including the Arbitration Award.

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 reported an arrest that was made recently when someone was soliciting without a permit and had an arrest warrant. Chief Zettlemoyer stated that there have been a lot of break-ins recently and reminded everyone to lock their homes and cars. There will be a meeting for the Trails of Treats next week. He also thanked the community for their recent support based on the current world events.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported the Department continues to work on storm drains and are prepping alleys for paving. They spent a considerable amount of time at Brown Avenue Park removing trash and debris from the little league sheds and restrooms as well as trimming weeds and brush to prepare for the regional swim meet. Mr. Walker commended the Department on their hard work and the park looks great. President Budman stated that this clean-up would be part of the Memorandum of Understanding with Little League.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that the Fire Department has had 20 calls since the last meeting. They participated in the Health Fair at the CSIU and will be holding a blood drive on August 6th.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

At this time, 7:34 p.m., Attorney Benion opened a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Floodplain regulations. After review of the amendments and no questions from the public or Council, the hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. With regard to the agenda item to consider a request to start a community garden, President Budman tabled this item to the General Government Committee as he thought the Community Library had been working on this. Mr. Specht, who is Council's representative for the Library will contact the Library to see if there has been any progress on this.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted the Floodplain Ordinance #1206 as approved through FEMA.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for Thomas R. & David M. Shaw to build a garage on an existing footprint.
- C. Research the feasibility of a Main Street Manager – President Budman asked that this item be removed from unfinished business.

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 \$112,788.08.

At this time President Budman stated that Council would be entering into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in the Police Department and Council would not reconvene.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer