

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 24, 2015 Council meeting. Mrs. Meckley and Mr. Shearer abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that he received a call from the Little League regarding parking at Brown Avenue Park. Mr. Beck stated that we recently put in posts from the creek to the road so that we can continue with the DEP Grant guidelines in which we are to plant wildflowers in that area. This will decrease a significant amount of parking but is necessary to comply with the grant requirements. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Beck if it would be possible to hold off on this until after the baseball season is over or could the posts be put in next spring. Mr. Beck responded that he will have the posts removed until the end of the season but they would be put in this spring or next spring.

Mr. Beck reported that the 2017 Streetscape Project continues to progress at an acceptable rate with minimal deviations from the plans.

Next, he stated that the King Street Sewer Project continues to progress, however there have been several problems that had to be addressed. The lateral trench lines on Cameron Avenue, from Shakespeare Avenue to Railroad Avenue, were not compacted adequately and when the contractor applied the 1 ½" wearing course of asphalt they settled which created an unacceptable condition. Mr. Beck met with representatives from MRSA, HRG, and the contractor. It was agreed that the contractor would mill the 1 ½" wearing course off, compact the trench's and apply another wearing course to this section of Cameron Avenue. There have been problems with traffic control and sidewalk repairs that have also been resolved.

Mr. Beck reported that the PAWC Project on Vine Street is also progressing the contractor is currently milling and applying 4 ½' of 25MM base course to the trench lines. When they are completed with the trench restoration they will begin the application of the 1 ½" wear course. Vine Street will be paved full width from Brown Avenue to Willow Street.

Mr. Beck with the contractor last week to look at sections of Vine Street where the base is failing. He agreed to pay to have the areas that are failing milled to a depth of 4 ½" and place and compact 4 ½" of 25MM base to existing grade. The total area is approximately 170 square yards at a cost of \$62.00 per yard with a total cost of \$10,540.00.

If this had not been completed in the areas where the base is failing the 1 ½" wear course that is being applied would have failed within two years, with this being completed Vine Street should have

a life expectancy of 12 to 14 years. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this expenditure.

Mr. Beck has received notification from PennDOT that due to the severe winter of 2014/2015 the Borough will be receiving an additional \$12,916.58 for winter maintenance performed on State Routes within the Borough limits, by the Borough's Public Works Department.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was not in attendance.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that traffic enforcement has been very effective in the past week. He also reported that regarding a recent burglary on Walnut Street, the suspect has been apprehended.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer had no report.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

CDBG First Public Hearing: President Budman opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. Jamie Shrawder from SEDA-COG addressed Council and gave an update on the proposed budget. The estimated budget at this time is \$106,000.00. Council agreed to use this year's allocation toward the removal of physical barriers on 405 Southbound. Ms. Shrawder reviewed the Application Schedule, Fair Housing Notice, Anti-displacement Plan, Section 504 Outreach, and Section 3 Preference documents. She also informed Council that the Final Public Hearing will be held on August 31, 2015 at the County offices. There were no public comments or historical and/or environmental impacts on the proposed project. At 7:28 p.m., President Budman reconvened to the regular Council meeting.

At 7:29 p.m., President Budman opened a Public Hearing regarding the Multimodal Transportation Grant through DCED to extend the 2017 Streetscape Project to include a section of Front Street. The amount of this grant application is \$870,000.00 which requires a 30% match. The matching funds will be drawn from CDBG funds in the amount of \$86,000.00; \$160,000 from liquid fuels; and \$138,505 from reserve and other grant sources. The total probable cost is \$1,254,505.00. Attorney Benion outlined the Resolution for Council. President Budman closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton YMCA Summer Camp to use the Municipal Parking Lot spaces adjacent to the YMCA to hold a carwash fundraiser on July 23, 2015 from Noon until 3:00 p.m.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a request from the American Legion Post 71 to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Milton Cemetery.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. .On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Resolution #15-04 as outlined by Attorney Benion in the Public Hearing for the Multimodal Transportation Grant in the amount of \$870,000.00
- B. Mrs. Meckley reported that the Committee continues to finalize revisions to the Municipal Parking Lot Ordinance.

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 \$176,657.99.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer