

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 27, 2016 Council meeting. Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that at a previous meeting he informed Council about the \$270,000.00 funding shortfall for the Front Street Phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project. He has a meeting scheduled with the engineering firm that provided the original opinion of probable cost estimates for this project in order to discuss any possible cost saving options we may have. He also contacted DCED and informed them of the situation. He will keep Council posted on this matter.

Next Mr. Beck reported that he has been in contact with PP&L concerning the LED Street Light Conversion Project. The project is moving forward, and as soon as we have verified the lights that are to be converted and he receives the proposed resolution language along with the agreement between PP&L and Milton Borough he will present them for Councils' consideration.

At a previous meeting he informed Council of the MRSA's request to separate their defined benefit pension plan from the Borough's plan, which Council authorized him to proceed. Currently our Actuary is working through the process and drafting language for the Resolution, with the Public Employment Retirement Commission. Once this is completed our actuary will forward the language for Council's review to be incorporated in a resolution for both Council's and MRSA's consideration.

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: Officer Gaugler reported that the Trails of Treats event will be held on October 29, 2016 with a rain date of October 30, 2016. The Police Department asked if the Borough would participate in the event this year. He also reported that the permits for the Harvest Festival are ready to be sent.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported the Department has been working on paving alleys throughout the Borough. Mowing has been on hold due to the dry weather. New speed limit signs have been installed in Brown Avenue Park.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that since the last Council meeting there have been 15 calls. The Blood Drive held by the Fire Department was successful. He then asked Council for permission to attend a conference in Gallitzin, which is approximately 120 miles and they will be taking Engine 15-2. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request.

Public Comments: Tom Abers addressed Council stating that people near his home continue to burn. President Budman told Mr. Abers to call the Police Department when it is happening so they can determine who is in violation of the Burning Ordinance.

John Meckley addressed Council with an update on the Bi-Centennial Schedule of Events and the Committee's progress. In the fall of this year there will be Paint the Town at several local historic sites and a Public Art Show exhibiting the works of artists in the Plein Air Painting Program. They are working the school district to incorporate the Bicentennial elements into their curriculum, begin fundraising, and launch their website. In the spring of 1017, the Milton Historical Society will host a monthly lecture series, there will be exhibits, and a Vesper Service organized by the Milton Ministerium. The week of the Bicentennial in June there will be the First Annual Beer & Music Festival, Relay for Life, Fishing Derby and Chicken BBQ, River Float, Splash Hope, Pet Parade and Car Show, Music in the Park, Family fun Day at Brown Avenue Park , a parade and many other events. Mr. Meckley handed out a packet of information to Council for their information. He then gave a special edition map of the Borough to Mr. Beck and Council. The Committee will be giving these maps to anyone donating \$100 or more. The next Bicentennial Committee meeting will be on September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. President Budman commended John and the Committee on their hard work so far.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Harvest Festival to hold their events.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a form to submit the FFY 2016 CDBG application.
- B. Mr. Specht reported that the request to start a Community Garden will be on the next agenda at the Milton Public Library. He will report back to Council following their 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 \$93,645.36.

Mr. Shearer commended the Public Works Department on the clean-up work done in the 4th Ward.

Mr. Cyphers asked Mr. Beck if the Borough would be recycling Styrofoam now that the Hand Up Foundation is. Mr. Beck reported that the Borough doesn't have the equipment but that all of Hand Up's tonnage is included in the Borough's reports.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer