

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2014

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 23, 2014 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the close-out audit on the \$1,000,000.00 Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program Grant has been completed by the Governor's Budget Office. In the exit conference, the auditor informed him that there were no findings and she would expedite the final \$25,000.00 retainer pay out as quickly as possible. When we receive the check the monies will be forwarded to the Library.

Next Mr. Beck informed Council that in their packet of information there is a copy of a news release from the Governor's Office Announcing that the Borough of Milton was awarded a Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. This grant along with the \$495,250.00 Transportation Achievement Project Grant, we have been awarded, will be used to fund the 2017 Streetscape Project on both the Broadway and Front Street phases of the project. The Borough has also applied for and is currently ranked second in another Transportation Achievement Project Grant in the Amount of \$490,000.00. If we are successful in being awarded this grant, we will have \$1,485,250.00 in grant funds and with our match funds we will have slightly over 1.5 million for the construction of this project.

Mr. Beck also reported that we have received our 2012 #904 Recycling Performance Grant in the amount of \$36,318.00.

Mr. Beck is currently negotiating both the Teamsters Union and the Milton Police Officer's Association union contracts. He has had an initial with both unions and feels confident that we will be able to negotiate an amicable agreement with both unions prior to the current contract's expiration dates.

The Public Works Building Renovation Project has been completed on time and within budget.

The King Street Sewer Project has begun and it has a substantial completion date of November 27, 2014, with final paving to be completed by June of 2015.

The MRSA Plant upgrade Project is progressing, however it appears to have slowed down due to the fact that most of the work being completed now is on the inside of the buildings.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman appointed a Committee to find a Councilperson for the vacancy in the fourth ward. This Committee consists of Mr. Walker, Mr. Farr, and President Budman. President Budman also reported that progress is being made with the Chief of Police position.

At this time, 7:12 p.m., President Budman opened the Final Public Hearing for the CDBG Program and introduced Glenda Ruch from SEDA-COG. Glenda addressed Council stating that the estimated allocation for FFY 2014 is \$103,000. \$18,540.36 of this will be allocated to the Municipal Parking Lot and \$66,724.64 will be allocated toward the Skate Park with \$17,735 allotted for administration for SEDA-COG. If there is any increase in the allocation, this money will be applied toward the Skate Park. Glenda reviewed the Resolution to Submit the CDBG application and asked for Public Comments. There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

At this time, 7:16 p.m., President Budman opened the Zoning Amendment Public Hearing for Commercial Business Districts 1 & 2. Doug Diehl summarized the amendments stating that the changes would see the Central Business District divided into two sections. In one section, which encompasses the heart of downtown Milton, dwellings would still not be permitted on the first floor. However, on the outskirts of the area, which would become a second section, dwellings would be permitted provided they are above the 18-inch, 100-year floodplain. The new section includes an area north of Walnut Street, west of Filbert Street, south of Center Street, and West of Arch Street. With no questions from the public or Council, the Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

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 First Presbyterian Church to hold their annual block party on Sunday, September 7, 2014.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Community Mennonite Fellowship to hold their annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 12, 2014.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Harvest festival Committee to hold the various activities as outlined.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Resolution #14-03 authorizing SEDA-COG to prepare the 2014 CDBG application.

- B. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to sign the Winter Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT and adopted Resolution #14-04 as required per this agreement.
- C. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved a revised Land Development Plan from Watsontown Trucking.
- D. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance amending the Commercial Business District and change district designations on several land parcels.
- E. The agenda item to consider an offer from a property owner for the Borough to purchase properties located at 80 Glass Alley and 222 Willow Street was tabled to the General Government Committee to research the fair market value of the properties.
- F. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council authorized advertisement for the Councilperson vacancy in the 4th Ward.
- G. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized the advertising for a Public Hearing and preparing a Resolution regarding a Restaurant Liquor License as presented by Attorney Baldwin representing Lisa Showers.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$149,738.75.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker, Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer