

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 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. Farr, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Mr. Beck, Mayor Nelson, Attorney Benion, Sam Shaffer, Doug Diehl, and Shelly Sandstrom. Mr. Shearer was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 10, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. Farr abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck stated that at the August Council meeting, Council authorized him to proceed with the separation of the defined benefit pension plan between the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA) and the Borough. Our actuaries have contacted MRSA's actuaries in an effort to work out the details and provide language for the resolution. While researching the separation, several issues have come to light that may have a negative financial impact to the Borough's pension costs. Once the details and costs are worked out I will report to Council for their approval. Once the details and costs are worked out, he will report to Council for their approval.

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, we have verified the lights that are to be converted. He has received the proposed resolution language along with the agreement between PP&L and Milton Borough for Councils' consideration. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adopted Resolution #16-04 as outlined by Attorney Benion.

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 reminded everyone that school starts tomorrow and to be cautious of students and buses. There have been several drug arrests recently. All permits for the Harvest Festival have been submitted and are underway.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has been paving alleys. They responded to 32 PA One Calls. Grass cutting is ongoing. The Department has begun to close the community pool for the winter and have installed six footers at the cemeteries. They also applied water sealer to the deck at the Borough Hall.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that 18 members attended a tour of the MRSA on August 6th to identify the layout of the plant should there be an emergency. Over the weekend, the Department placed 5th for fire presentation at the convention they attended. They will be attending the 1st Presbyterian Block Party on Sunday, August 28th. There have been 12 calls since the last meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Ministerium to hold their annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 9, 2016.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved a request for a handicapped parking space at 225 Park Avenue. Mayor Nelson authorized a temporary sign be placed at the address.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request for Ryan Allen Sheets as a trainee driver for the Milton Fire Department.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for Patton Commercial Real Estate with the conditions listed by Attorney Benion.
- B. With regard to the request for a Community Garden, Mr. Walker indicated to the two representatives present that there are no feasible properties in the Borough and suggested that they contact the Milton School District.

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, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$103,700.83.

At this time, 7:21 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session pertaining to Police Personnel matters. Council reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a settlement agreement to resolve litigation involving the arbitrator's decision concerning Joshua Dreishbach.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer