

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mr. Farr, Mr. Budman, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Shearer, Mrs. Meckley, 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.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 13, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Shearer and Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck read a letter from the Union County Commissioners to the Northumberland County Commissioners regarding the 911 Communications. He explained to Council that this will cause severe communication issues with emergency services and also with mutual aid. Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to write a letter to the Northumberland County Commissioners explaining our concerns, opposition, and question them on who is going to pay for and install the required equipment in order to make this even remotely possible, in the time frame they have proposed. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to send this letter as outlined.

Next Mr. Beck announced that the close-out audit for the Downtown Revitalization Grant # C00005211, in the amount of \$60,000.00, has been completed and mailed to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

After paying for the audit there is a remaining balance of \$250.00 in the account which he will forward to the T.I.M.E. Board.

Mr. Beck stated that at the August 13, 2014 Council meeting, he informed Council that the Borough was successful in receiving a Keystone Communities Development Grant from D.C.E.D. in the amount of \$500,000.00, which would be used to fund the 2017 Streetscape Project. As Council is aware, the Borough has also been awarded a Transportation Achievement Program Grant in the amount of \$495,250.00 which had a stipulation that we had to have \$195,000.00 in matching funds. Originally the Borough agreed to match \$45,000.00 and the T.I.M.E. Board agreed to match \$150,000.00. The Borough has met its obligation of \$45,000.00; however T.I.M.E. has only matched \$72,461.50 which leaves a remaining balance of \$77,538.50 in T.I.M.E.'s obligation which will have to be paid out of the \$500,000.00 Keystone Communities Development Grant in order for the Borough to be compliant with the special conditions in the Transportation Achievement Program Grant.

Mr. Beck reported that the three Pension Plans include the Borough's Non/uniformed-Non/bargaining, Police, Non/Uniformed- Bargaining, which provide pension benefits for the Borough management staff, Police officers, Borough union staff, the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA) Management staff, and MRSA. Union staff. The Plans are funded through; Act #205 funds, Borough General Funds, Employee contributions, and MRSA. General funds.

The M.M.O.'s for funding the 2015 Pension Plans are as follows:

Police Pension Plan- \$185,920.00

Non/Uniformed- Non/Non Bargaining Pension Plan- \$156,055.00

Non/Uniformed- Bargaining Pension Plan- \$35,152.00

Total M.M.O.'s for 2015 is \$377,127.00

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the MMO's as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Mr. Beck informed Council Members that they are invited to attend the September 18, 2014 MRSA meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. and go on a tour of the MRSA Wastewater Treatment Facility immediately following the meeting. If you wish to attend please do not wear open-toed shoes.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

At this time, 7:10 p.m., President Budman opened a Public Hearing regarding the PLCB Inter-municipal transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License. Attorney Terry Baldwin addressed Council stating that the transfer is to Lisa Showers, owner of Lisa's Milltown Deli to cover both the deli and her new business, Milltown Steak and Seafood which will be located next to the deli. This license is transferred from Rush Township. With no public comments the hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Public Comments: Connie Wallize, Park Avenue resident told Council that she is very concerned about the possible change in dispatching services. She feels the Borough needs to take an aggressive stand to keep the taxpayers protected.

At this time, 7:20 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in the Police Department. Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council unanimously approved hiring Curt Zettlemoyer as the Chief of Police. Chief Zettlemoyer was sworn in by Mayor Nelson and congratulated by Council.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council appointed Charles Sykes to the Civil Service Commission.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to notify the Civil Service commission to begin promotional testing within the Police Department and begin the qualifying process for new hires.
- D. Fire Chief Sam Shaffer provided Council with an update on the Department's 1997 rescue truck which recently returned to service after being refurbished. Sam reported that this extends the life period of the truck by another 20 years and was a wise investment.

### General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the CBD 1, 2 and map changes. This is Ordinance #1191.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Resolution #14-05 authorizing the filing of funds with DCED in the amount of \$500,000 regarding the 2017 Streetscape Project.
- C. On motion of Mr. Farr, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Resolution 14-06 approving the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License as outlined in the Public Hearing. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council voted to forward the Fourth Ward Council person vacancy to the Vacancy Board.

### 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 and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$194,777.59.

President Budman asked that a Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Department report be added to agendas from this point forward.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer, Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer