

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2014

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

Vacancy Committee Chairman Jim Callenberger reported that the Committee met this evening to interview the two candidates for the 4th Ward Council vacancy. The Board appointed Scott Jones to fill this position.

At this time, Scott Jones was sworn in by Mayor Nelson and took his seat at Council. President Budman moved Mr. Swartz from the Highways Committee to the Finance Committee and assigned Mr. Jones to the Highway's Committee.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 10, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Specht and Mr. Jones abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the MRSA Plant upgrade is progressing and currently has a substantial completion date of January 30, 2015. Although this is the substantial completion date, there will be work that will need to be completed after that date along with the necessary training for the operation of the plant.

There is a plant tour scheduled for October 16, 2014 following the MRSA monthly meeting which begins at 8:00 a.m. Council members are invited to attend both the meeting and the tour. If you do attend the tour please do not wear open toed shoes.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that the King Street Sewer Project is progressing; however he has some concerns with the proposed schedule and the permanent trench restoration for the winter months. Mr. Beck has a meeting scheduled with the engineer and a representative from the contractor to discuss the issue.

The Public Works Department has installed all the playground equipment in both the Fifth Street Park and in Brown Avenue Park. The only remaining thing to do is seed grass in the disturbed areas of the Parks.

As Council is aware they approved a not-to-exceed amount of \$25, 000.00 for repairs to the Community Pool, to be completed with in-house labor, prior to the 2014 season. The repairs were completed and the pool operated the entire season with no mechanic failures. The only remaining project at the pool is to purchase and install two shade structures which will be completed prior to the opening of the 2015 season.

Union negotiations have been at a standstill while Mr. Beck has been waiting for health care costs and options. He reported that he received the information yesterday and will notify both the Teamsters and the MPOA that he is ready to resume the negotiations.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson reported that Trick or Treating will be on October 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Harvest Festival went well with no incidents. He stated that promotional testing will begin next week. Chief Zettlemoyer also informed Council that there will be a Prescription Drop Off this Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Milton Police Department.

Report of the Fire Chief: Sam Shaffer reported that there were only 6 calls this month. He also stated that the 22 active volunteers have all met the necessary requirements.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a request from Northumberland Borough to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 29, 2014.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Resolution 14-07 as requested by PennDOT pertaining to the installation of crossing gates at the Center Street Railroad Crossing.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to sign the Letter of Agreement with PennDOT regarding the Center Street Railroad Crossing.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council accepted Jason Budman's resignation from the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee.
- D. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council voted to authorize the Milton School District Delegate as the Borough's representative and have voting rights for the Borough
- E. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Resolution #14-08 regarding the Financial Management Plan for the CDBG Grant Program.

Mrs. Meckley informed Council that she recently attended a workshop training landlords to keep illegal activities out of rental properties. She stated that it was very informative.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to purchase a wood chipper at a not-to-exceed cost of \$30,513.75. This purchase will be under State bid and the funding will come from the Borough's reserve account.

- B. 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 \$151,549.92.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Farr, Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer