

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Hartzel, Mrs. Ulmer, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Davis, and President Reedy. Also in attendance were Chuck Beck and Shelly Wood, Mayor Nelson, Attorney Benion, and Chief Lutcher. Mr. Ormsbee, Mr. Budman, and Mr. Clemens were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Shearer, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 11, 2009 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck asked Council to complete the survey given to them from the Northumberland County Preventive Program Specialist and return to Shelly to send back. They are due by December 16, 2009.

Next, Mr. Beck read a letter from the Milton Regional Sewer Authority asking the Borough to submit a letter to DEP authorizing them to provide reimbursement to the MRSA for Act 537 funds. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to send this letter.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson asked Council to approve free parking in the community for the Holiday season from November 27, 2009 through January 2, 2010. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the President of Council: President Reedy commended the Public Works Department on the holiday decorations.

Public Comments: Brent Prokop addressed Council with his concerns regarding Council's decision to not open the public pool in 2010. He asked Council what his group could do to change Council's mind and what could be done. George Venios also asked Council what could be done. Mr. Venios stated that he and several members of the Moose are willing to spearhead a task force that could undertake fundraising and other activities to keep the pool open. Mr. Beck said that it would take over \$80,000 to operate the pool in 2010 while the pool is expected to only generate approximately \$30,000 in revenue. After further discussion, the groups committed to Council that they would do everything they could to form a committee and actively generate interest in the pool and report back to Council.

Mr. Beck read a letter he received from the Moose stating that they are very concerned about the possible closing of the pool. They stated that they are offering to repaint the bathhouse structure and repaint the pool itself in an effort to enhance the complex. They also feel that their effort may encourage other local service groups to help.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property – No report.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Barr and carried, Council denied a request from a resident asking that they not have to pay their recycling bill because they take their recycling elsewhere. Mrs. Ulmer was opposed.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council re-appointed William Barr as a Board member on the Milton Regional Sewer Authority for another five-year term. This term will run from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2015.

- C. Mrs. Meckley outlined a letter from the Rolling Ridge Townhomes Association regarding skateboarding and a request that the Borough please pass an Ordinance eliminating skateboarding in the Borough which we already have. Mrs. Meckley asked that Mr. Beck send a letter to the Association along with a copy of the ordinance encouraging them to contact the communication center when they have issues.
- D. Mrs. Meckley then read a letter from Chief Lutchter regarding changes to the curfew ordinance. Attorney Benion responded that there are still some issues that need to be more specific. The definition of parent/guardian or who the minor currently resides with needs to be made clear in the ordinance. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to amend the ordinance and advertise the ordinance.

Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council approved the second reading of the budget and authorized the Borough Secretary to advertise the budget.
- B. On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into contract with Evangelical Hospital to provide ambulance services for the Borough.
- C. On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Shearer, and carried, Council approved paying the General Fund, Payroll, Pool, Reserve, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$100,849.28.
- D. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise the Tax Ordinance for 2010.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood
Borough Secretary/Treasurer