

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Budman, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Ulmer, President Reedy, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Specht, Mr. Farr, and Mr. Davis. Also in attendance were Chuck Beck, Shelly Wood, Attorney Benion, Mayor Nelson, Chief Lutcher, Doug Diehl, and Katherine Alvirena. Mrs. Meckley was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Shearer, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 14, 2010 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager. Mr. Beck informed Council that we received the final payment letter from DCNR for the Brown Avenue Park Improvements Project. The amount of the final payment will be \$15,000 that we should receive in 6-8 weeks. This will go into the general fund to reimburse funds used toward the project.

Next Mr. Beck stated that the Borough will be processing the drawdown requests for the \$575,000.00 Keystone Grant for the renovations and additions to the library. He and Shelly will be attending a seminar in Harrisburg for instructions on completing these drawdown forms.

Mr. Beck reported that he was notified by SEDA-COG that the Borough's 2010 CDBG allocation has been increased by 9.26% which represents an additional \$11,804.00. The extra funds will be applied to the Municipal Parking Lot Reconstruction as previously approved by Council.

Mr. Beck stated that the Public Works Department will be constructing a concrete pad for the dumpsters purchased through the 902 Recycling Grant. The total cost of construction will be \$15,547.27 which will be reimbursed to the Borough from the grant. This represents a very substantial savings to the Borough which is due to our Public Works department employees. We will also be purchasing five new roll-off dumpsters and several tip-it containers to be used for a free curbside recycling program for businesses in the business district. This program is being offered through a joint effort by the Lycoming County Landfill and the Borough.

Mr. Beck has been notified by the Northumberland County Assessor's Office that Weis Markets have applied for reassessment for the Weis Distribution Center in the Industrial Park. There was such a large discrepancy between the appraisal that Weis Markets did and the County's assessed value that the County hired an appraiser to perform an independent appraisal. The County is requesting that the Borough pay \$560.00 toward the appraisal cost. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried, Council approved paying this fee contingent upon payment from the School District of \$1,720.00.

Mr. Beck had a property owner on South Front Street request to rent a 50' X 80' area in the vacant lot on the eastside of Front Street to be used as a parking area for his tenants. There are many restrictions on the property, but a parking lot is a compliant use. All upgrades would be financed by the property owner. This item was tabled to the finance committee to determine an appropriate rental rate and for Attorney Benion to research a Lease Agreement.

Mr. Beck then reported that he returned today from the PSAB Conference and attended a lot of useful sessions and stated that this was a very informative conference.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent.

Report of the President of Council: President Reedy reported that he also felt that the PSAB conference was informative. He stated that PSAB gave the Borough a Pennsylvania Flag that will be placed at the Borough Hall.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

No Report.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance regarding the loan for the municipal parking lot improvements.
- B. On motion of Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried, Council adopted Ordinance 1169 vacating an unnamed alley in the fourth ward.

Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Farr, and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Investment Reserve, Payroll, Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$69,072.30.

Mr. Beck addressed Council about a case that started in 2006 when a woman in a wheelchair fell on Mahoning and Shakespeare. She has a lawsuit against all parties involved including the Borough. The Borough's liability carrier agent informed Mr. Beck that the Borough is dismissed from the case. Mr. Beck may still have to be a witness during the trial.

Mr. Beck also informed Council that he will attend the hearing regarding Weis Markets Assessment on June 5, 2010. Attorney Benion stated that he will attend also.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Ulmer, seconded by Mr. Barr and carried, Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood
Borough Secretary/Treasurer