

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2009

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the March 25, 2009 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager. Mr. Beck reported that he received the compliance audit reports from the Auditor General's office for the three pension plans. They are available for review at the Borough Office. There were no findings in the reports.

Mr. Beck reported that he has entered into agreement with the YMCA for the operation of the Community pool for the 2009 season. The total cost of the agreement for this year is \$55,738.00, representing a \$2,215.00 reduction from last year's agreement.

He then stated that he has a copy of the proposed Act 537 sewer plan. It is at the Borough office for Council's review. It will go to the Planning Commission on April 21st, and be on the April 22, 2009 agenda for consideration by Council.

Mr. Beck stated that he has recently been contacted by the Montour County Conservation District and asked if the Borough would be interested in having them, along with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, install fish retaining structures in the section of Limestone Run that runs through Brown Avenue Park. The structures would not affect the flooding of Limestone Run and they would aid in bank stabilization and help retain the trout that are stocked by the Moose Lodge in order that the children that fish there would have a longer time to fish. Because there was money left over from a Growing Greener grant, they called to offer it to the Borough. They will do all of the permitting, work, and installation at no cost to the Borough. Future maintenance on this type of structure is very minimal. On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Ulmer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to pursue this.

Next Mr. Beck updated Council regarding the excessive water bill incurred at Veterans Memorial Field. After many phone calls and letters, PA American Water Company offered a very generous offer which consists of forgiving \$2,329.84. The original bill was \$2,582.12 leaving a balance of \$252.28. Mr. Beck contacted Milton Legion Post 71 who has paid the bill to the Borough which was deposited into our reserve account and the bill has been paid by the Borough. There are two stipulations that PA American Water wanted: First is to make it very clear that this is a one-time offer – there will be no further consideration on it; and second is that a responsible representative from the Veteran's Memorial Association call them in the Spring to have the water turned on at the curb-box and calls in the Fall to have the water shut off at the curb-box. Mr. Beck has already written letters, along with the check to PA American Water expressing our sincere appreciation for their considerations, and he has also written a letter to the Veteran's Memorial Association outlining their responsibility.

Mr. Beck then asked Council for direction with the community pool with regard to membership rates. Mr. Budman responded that the Council's Pool Committee had a meeting and discussed the rates. The rates for this year will remain unchanged from last year's rates. If for some reason the pool does not remain open for the season, Council will discuss what type of action to take. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council approved this rate plan for the community plan as outlined by Mr. Budman.

Mr. Beck announced that the Borough office will be closed Friday, April 9th and Monday, April 13th for the Easter Holiday.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Public Comments: A resident from the Rockwell Center, Iragard Gordos, addressed Council regarding the administration at the Rockwell Center. She stated that the administrator calls the police every time she uses her scooter. She got a ticket from the police last week because of this. She said that legally she is allowed to ride the scooter on the sidewalk and feels that she is being harassed.

President Reedy responded that this was an issue she would have to discuss with the Police Department or the Magistrate. Iragard thanked President Reedy for the information.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mrs. Ulmer, seconded by Mr. Ormsbee and carried, Council approved a request from St. Andrew's United Methodist Church to hold a community National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to advertise and prepare an amendment to the Ordinance which provides for three reserved parking stalls at the northwest corner of the municipal parking lot for official use by the District Justice and Police Vehicles only. Mr. Budman abstained.

Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Hartzel, and carried, Council approved paying the General Fund, Payroll, Pool, Liquid Fuels, Reserve, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$96,184.63.

Council entered into Executive Session regarding possible litigation at 7:19 p.m. The regular Council meeting re-adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Budman and carried, Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood
Borough Secretary/Treasurer