

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2009

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mr. Budman, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck asked for Council permission to enter into a not-to-exceed agreement with HRG, Inc. for the engineering of the reconstruction of the municipal parking lot. The not-to-exceed amount is \$34,600.00. Currently to date, when we looked at this two years ago, we spent approximately \$35,000.00. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into this agreement as outlined.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson announced that Halloween will be observed in the Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Next, Mayor Nelson reported that the HandUp Foundation is currently working on the home at Vine Street and Brown Avenue to make it a viable home.

Mayor Nelson then stated that a new group moving into the Front Street location known as “Big Andys”. The new group is called the V.I.P. Nightclub. They will have a program Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for ages 21 and older.

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property

- A. On motion of Mr. Clemens, seconded by Mr. Ormsbee and carried, Council approved a request from the Standard Journal to hold the “Fiesta De Mayo” event on Saturday, May 8, 2010 as outlined in the request.
- B. A request from Milton Chargers Football was tabled. Council asked the Coach to contact the Panther Cub Group to work out the details of schedules and maintenance of the field. The Borough would also need a Certificate of Insurance.

## General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Ormsbee and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1163 regarding Outdoor Fuel Burning as outlined by Attorney Benion. Mr. Clemens and President Reedy were opposed.

Mike Forbes, a Milton resident had questions regarding the ordinance. He first asked how many residents have an outdoor burning appliance. Mr. Beck answered that currently there is only one and one pending permit approval.

Next Mr. Forbes asked if he would be grandfathered in on the ordinance because he already has one. Mr. Beck answered that he would be grandfathered in.

Mr. Forbes then had questions about Section B, Subsection C - #2 – which states that “If located adjacent to and within 300’ of any residence, business, or occupied structure not served by the furnace, the chimney height must be at least 2’ higher than the highest peak of any adjacent structure(s)”. He asked why the ordinance was so restrictive. Mrs. Meckley responded that the information came from the manufacturer’s guidelines as well as from a sample ordinance from the PA State Association of Boroughs.

- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1164 pertaining to building permit fees under the building code of the Borough.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Hartzel and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1165 pertaining to compliance with rules and regulations for recreation places in the Borough.

## Finance, Health, and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Hartzel, and carried, Council approved paying the General Fund, Payroll, Pool, Reserve, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$82,362.04.

Mr. Hartzel addressed Council stating that he feels the Council should write a letter regarding the potential closing of the Milton Senior Action Center. He feels this is very good for the community and should not close. On motion of Mr. Hartzel, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to write a letter to the Northumberland County Commissioners and the Northumberland County Area Agency on Aging to support keeping the center open.

Next, Mr. Beck asked for an update on the changes to the Curfew Ordinance. After further discussion regarding fines and hours, the Ordinance will be further reviewed by the General Government Committee and should be presented to Council in October.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Budman, seconded by Mr. Clemens and carried, Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Wood  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer