MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Cyphers, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Farr, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Budman, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Chuck Beck, Shelly Sandstrom, Sam Shaffer, Doug Diehl, Attorney Benion, and Chief Zettlemoyer. Mr. Walker and Mayor Nelson were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 10, 2018 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received draft copies of the Ambulance Agreement between Warrior Run Fire Department and Milton Borough and also the draft agreement between Evangelical Hospital, Warrior Run Fire Department, and Milton Borough. He reviewed both agreements with Attorney Benion and there are several sections in both that need clarification. Once they have what they feel are acceptable agreements, he will submit them to Council for their consideration.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that the Front Street Streetscape bid packet has been submitted to SEDA-COG for their review for CDBG compliance, which is required since CDBG Funds will be used for a portion of the overall project. As soon as they are approved, the project will be advertised for bid.

Chief Stump and Mr. Beck met with the Turbot Township Supervisors last evening to discuss the renegotiations of the Fire Protection Contract between Turbot Township and Milton Borough. Currently Milton Fire Department is primary fire service, provides fire protection, and responds to all vehicle accidents in Turbot Township. The Township is proposing that Milton Fire Department would only respond to motor vehicle accidents on SR#147 and SR#80, and Turbot Township Fire Department would be primary for all other fire and accident calls and Milton would respond under mutual aid. It was agreed that we would collect more information and schedule another meeting to discuss this further. Once they have what Chief Stump and Mr. Beck feels is an acceptable draft agreement, Mr. Beck will submit it to Council for their consideration.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that Ken Royer passed away and to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers. The Department has been busy with car and foot chase pursuits. Chief Zettlemoyer will attend a meeting tomorrow to discuss the new Magistrate’s office and any safety concerns there may be.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the department continues with winter maintenance, clearing the river bank, and flood mitigation. He informed Council that we have advertised for the job opening of Operator and hope to receive good applications.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump stated that they continue to work on the new ambulance and the inspector is coming next week. He drove the ambulance to the meeting should Council like to see it. The Department has responded to 16 calls since the last meeting.
Public Comments: John White, Briar Cliffe Court addressed Council regarding issues in the Rolling Ridge Development that have not been resolved by the developer. Mr. Beck responded that he and Doug Diehl have discussed this with President Budman and Attorney Benion. Mr. Beck stated that the developer is in compliance and to his knowledge there are no set completion dates. Trees are the responsibility of the homeowner but will be reimbursed by Mr. Hobert. Street lights need to be installed and PPL has an active work order for this; Mr. Hobert has approved a quote with Gutilus Excavation to install the two street name signs, and the only outstanding issue is the legal description required by the Borough to accept Deed of Dedication.

At this time, 7:14 p.m., Attorney Benion opened a Conditional Use Hearing for Marsh Road Real Estate, LLC. A subsidiary of Watsontown Trucking plans to build a $5 million, 81,000 square foot warehouse and distribution Center in the Milton Industrial Park. Lake Randall from Mid-Penn Engineering spoke to Council about the project. He said a land development plan for the site still needs to be submitted for approval. He stated that the center will have 17 truck docks on the eastern side and will be built where an existing parking lot is located. The property was used by a previous owner to store newly constructed modular homes prior to being shipped out. Mr. Randall stated that they already have one client committed to use a portion of the building. The remainder of the facility should be filled within one to two years. Attorney Benion closed the hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Conditional Use Hearing for Marsh Road Real Estate, LLC as a Warehouse/Distribution Facility.

There was discussion whether it should be a warehouse or distribution facility. President Budman asked that the Planning Commission clarify the difference in the two types of facilities for Council’s future reference.

B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the CRS recertification documentation sent to the reviewer, including the Hazardous Mitigation Action items and PPI items.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of $98,023.16.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer