

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the December 12, 2018 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that he has received all the required documentation for the final payment application and close-out for the Front Street Streetscape Project. Due to several in-the-field changes to the original project plans, the total cost of the project is \$66,300.75 under the original contract bid price. He has submitted the final payment application to DCED.

The first phase of the close-out audit for the Weis Market, Four Million RACP Grant, was held this morning and Mr. Beck anticipates the final phase will be completed tomorrow morning. This is the final requirement to close out the grant.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that he received a letter from the Milton School District requesting the Borough to donate the 2013 Police cruiser that we replaced with a 2019 Cruiser. The issue is the tasers in the Milton Police Department need to be replaced due to their age, and he planned on utilizing the funds from the sale of the 2013 cruiser to offset the cost of replacing the tasers. Mr. Beck asked to respond to the school denying their request. Mrs. Meckley made a motion, however, Mr. Shearer asked if there was another option for this to help the school. After discussion it was decided that if the school was interested in the cruiser, it would be on Municibid for them to bid. Mrs. Meckley revised her motion to authorize the sale of the cruiser to pay for the necessary tasers, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report

Report of the President of Council: President Budman reported that the Executive Committee has met and begun the interview process for the Borough Manager position.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that Officer Messa and Officer Gaugler recently attended A.R.I.D.E (Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement) training. The new police car is in service. The Department recently responded to a vehicle fire on Mahoning Street and thanked everyone who assisted with this.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department will begin Christmas tree/brush pick-up next week. They plan on taking down the rest of the holiday decorations by the end of this week. .

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump outlined his year-end report that was given to Council. Mr. Walker asked about memberships and if memberships have increased or decreased. Joe Stump responded that they are about 2 active trained members since last year. There have been 4 incidents so far in January.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved Cody Bennage and Sara Steich as trainee drivers for the Milton Fire Department.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Moose to hold their annual Beer Fest on Saturday, June 8, 2019; however, with regard to their request to close Elm Street from Center to South Front Street, Council heard from Cindy Morton, owner of Marlin's who stated this really hurts her business when the road is closed. Council approved closing Elm Street from the entrance to Marlin's parking lot, north to Center Street.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to compose a letter of support on behalf of the Milton Public Library for a USDA Grant to renovate their carriage house.

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 \$478,388.91.

President Budman stated that Council would now enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in the Police Department and would not reconvene.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer