

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 26, 2018 Council meeting. President Budman and Mr. Walker abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Cyphers reported that the ongoing rain has delayed the dormant time needed for planting. There have been some minor change orders and once the trees and shrubs are placed, we will have the final cost of the project. This project will be completed under budget.

Approval to Freidman Electric was given and the cost will be about \$1,600 to replace the 7 older lamp heads and bulbs in Lincoln Park. This is to have uniformity with the lights on Broadway and Front Street. The existing poles have been painted by Public Works. Installation of the new light heads and bulbs will be handled in-house and expected within a month's time.

Next, Mrs. Cyphers stated that the stormwater pipe repair is currently underway on Lincoln Street. At first, this was thought to be a one-day fix, but there may have been some erosion under the curb and sidewalk which may require replacement. This repair is due to PP&L drilling through the pipe. Our insurance company is handling the situation and there will be no cost on behalf of the Borough.

Mrs. Cyphers informed Council that we are doing a bit of an overhaul of our social media platforms. Our Facebook page has been updated, as well as activation of our Instagram and Twitter accounts. Our webpage update is complete. She thanked Shelly Sandstrom for all her hard work, and effort she provided in getting the website finished in a timely manner. She then gave a presentation of our updated Website for Council.

On the agenda tonight is consideration to authorize the Borough to enter into an agreement with Veronica Irvine for the 2019 Community Pool season. Veronica is here to introduce herself and to answer any questions you may have. Mrs. Cyphers thanked Shelly Sandstrom for her willingness to take the lead in pool administration. She also thanked Sam Shaffer for taking on the responsibility for all the property maintenance and chemicals. By bringing the pool operation in-house, the goal is to provide efficient pool services, increased pool events, at a reduced cost to the Borough.

Ms. Fawess suggested we submit our new website to PSAB for consideration of best website.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson reported that trick-or-treating in the Borough would be from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm. in the Borough. He asked that residents leave their porch light on if they wish to receive trick-or-treaters.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Officer Leyman was in attendance and reported that the Credit Union robbery hearing was held and went very well. He also thanked everyone that reached out regarding the missing elderly gentleman that had been missing.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has been doing crack sealing work this week. Brush and leaf pick up will begin the week of October 22nd. They continue to do maintenance at the parks and cemeteries. All porta-potties have been removed with the exception of the Panther Cub Field. Last week someone added their own equipment to the Skate Park. Some have been removed for safety reasons and some were left but will be removed if necessary. PA One calls have been placed to pave Brown Avenue. The Department is planning on milling on October 16th, and the paving should be completed by the end of October.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump reported that this week is Fire Prevention Week. The Department has presented programs to approximately 1,000 children. Yesterday, they were at Baugher Elementary and will continue to do the programs until November. Since the last meeting, they have responded to 18 emergencies which included 81 man hours.

Public Comments: Jeremy Lauer from Timber Skate Shop in Sunbury addressed Council asking for permission to hold an event called "Milton Mash" at the Milton Skate Park on October 20th. He stated that they would charge \$5.00 to enter and the proceeds would go towards prizes for the contests they would hold. Attorney Benion asked if they were a non-profit organization and the answer was no. Attorney Benion and President Budman told Mr. Lauer that only non-profits were allowed to hold such events on Borough-owned property. President Budman suggested they present the event under the blanket of the City of Sunbury and present it to Council. It was also suggested that he attempt to hold the event on private property. Because the event is prior to the next Council meeting, they would have to reschedule the event for a later date.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to enter into agreement with Veronica Irvine to manage the Community Pool for the 2019 season with minor corrections to the agreement.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adopted Resolution #18-07 appointing the Borough Manager as Chief Administration Officer for the Police and/or Non-Uniformed Pension Plans.

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 \$525,970.89.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer
