

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 26, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting. Mr. Walker abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger informed Council that we have received our final audit report from Herring, Roll & Solomon and there were no findings or recommendations for further internal controls.

Next, she reported that on Monday, November 25th, the Milton Regional Sewer Authority completed an emergency temporary trench restoration on Ferry Lane between Garfield Avenue and Cherry Street. The permanent restoration will be completed in the spring of 2020.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman thanked the Girl Scout Troops that helped decorate the Christmas Tree at the Borough Hall. He then informed Council that Joe Stump has been texting him with updates on the Bethany United Methodist Church fire. The Department, along with others, are still on the scene and Joe will continue to provide updates.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer thanked Sam Shaffer and Tom Zechman for their help earlier today with the fire in assisting crowd control and vehicle removal. Next, Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the trial for the recent shooting in the Borough will be held on December 4th. Extra security will be provided.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that all the Holiday decorations are up. Next, he stated that they have a shed that needed repair. They recently made repairs and put on a new roof to make it useable. Leaf pick-up continues throughout the Borough and will until the first significant snow fall.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump was absent.

Public Comments: Joe Moralez, N. Front Street, addressed Council stating that he and some of his friends have started a GoFundMe Account for the Bethany United Methodist Church and asked if the Borough could put it on their website and/or Facebook page. Attorney Benion responded that the Borough cannot solicit for funds; specifically for a private organization as there would be no way to draw the line. Several Council members indicated that the Borough should not solicit funds for organizations.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the 2020 Meetings as presented.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to sign the snow removal agreements for the County bridges in the Borough.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the First Reading of the 2020 budget as read by Mrs. Meckley. This is a balanced budget with no tax increase. Ms. Novinger stated that the budget will be available for review at the Borough office for 10 days.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare the 2020 Tax Resolution.
- C. 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 \$132,079.55.

Under unfinished business, Ms. Novinger stated that the EMA Director needs to be advertised; Haven-to-Home is finalizing their agreement, and the Fire Truck Use Policy should be finalized in January. Attorney Benion stated that he is currently working on the PLCB Noise Ordinance and should have a draft for Council by the next meeting. Mrs. Meckley asked if the property at the old Shoe company would be included in this. Attorney Benion indicated that it would not be included as the caterer's used for events provide the alcohol.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer