

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 26, 2016 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA) Defined Benefit Pension roll-over has been completed as approved by Council.

Mr. Beck informed both DCED and Larson Design Group that Council authorized \$240,245.00 from the reserve account and \$170,005.00 of CDBG Funds to be utilized as match funding for the \$600,00.00 Multi-modal Grant for the Front Street Phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project. He is currently working with Larson Design compiling the revised information required by DCED to secure a contract for the Multi-modal Grant.

Next Mr. Beck reported that the portable radios in the Police department are approximately 15 years old and need to be replaced. Chief Zettlemoyer has received a quote through Keystone Communications for a direct purchase from Motorola, which would be a Costar purchase, for ten radios with chargers for a cost of \$20,430.00. The radios would be compatible with both the Northumberland and Union County communication systems. The price quoted is valid until December 20, 2016 after which it will increase. Mr. Beck requested Council to authorize the purchase of the radios. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized this purchase.

Mr. Beck stated that he is planning to bid a substantial repaving project throughout the Borough in 2017 utilizing Liquid Fuel Funds. Currently the Liquid Fuel Fund balance is \$216,966.00 and the 2017 allotment is approximately \$200,030.00 which will bring the balance to \$416,996.00. Liquid Fuel funds may only be used for street maintenance, traffic control devices, street lighting, storm-water, snow and ice control, or the purchase of street maintenance equipment.

When he began to determine the order in which the streets should be repaved, he looked at what streets have been repaved through the Northern Neighbors Project, the King Street sewer project, the Center Street sewer project, and he also looked at the streets that UGI Penn Natural Gas is obligated to repave in 2017 due to the extensive amount of infrastructure repairs they have completed, to their system, within the Borough.

Mr. Beck has contacted the UGI representatives to discuss the feasibility of the Borough integrating UGI's paving obligations into the Borough's 2017 Paving Bid and they are receptive to the idea.

Mr. Beck proposed that he would generate the bid specifications in-house, bid the project, award the project, hold a pre-construction meeting with UGI representatives to tentatively agree on the square yardage they are responsible to fund, inspect the project, hold a post construction meeting with UGI to

finalize the total square yardage plus their portion of the project administrative cost they are responsible to fund which they would pay directly to the Borough.

This would benefit both the Borough and UGI by eliminating engineering costs, give the Borough control of the project, and due to the amount of the combined square yards it would greatly reduce the price per square yard for both parties verses both going out with separate bids, which would result in the Borough paving more streets than if we would bid separately.

If Council authorizes him to proceed with this project, he will compile a list of streets to be repaved in the 2017 construction season and proceed with the project. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to proceed with this project as outlined.

Mr. Beck has received the Liquid Fuels Audit from the Auditor General's Office for the 2015 fiscal year. It is available for review at the Borough Office.

He then reminded Council that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 22, 2016.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman congratulated Representative Lynda Culver and Senator John Gordner on their recent re-elections.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the The Trail of Treats was very successful and thanked the Borough for participating.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that leaf collection is on-going throughout the Borough.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that since the last Council Meeting the Fire Department responded to 7 calls. The Department has two new members that have completed the first phase of their training.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved Stephanie Ackley as a trainee driver for the Milton Fire Department.

General Government and Recreation

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adopted Resolution #16-06 extending Orphan Alley
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to advertise for a Public Hearing and an Ordinance to vacate an alley at the Milton YMCA.

- C. The agenda item to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into contract with the Milton Area School District pertaining to the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was tabled for the next meeting.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. Following some discussion, on motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the first reading of the 2017 budget as outlined by Mr. Shearer. Mr. Walker was opposed. **Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Beck to explain the reduction in line item 410.113 – Patrolmen’s Salary. Mr. Beck responded that this budget does not include replacing a Police Officer that was terminated in 2016. This does include additional money in the overtime and part-time officer’s budget.**
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$67,430.37.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer