

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 28, 2018 Council meeting. Ms. Fawess and Mr. Farr abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that at the November 28th Council meeting he reported that certified payroll documentation, final invoice and letter of final completion have not been received; therefore he has not issued the final payment on the Front Street Project. He will inform Council when the documentation has been received and final payment is issued.

The milling and overlay paving project on Brown Avenue and Turbot Avenue has been completed. The contract bid price was \$111,091.15 and the actual completed cost was \$87,897.02, which represents a project cost reduction of \$23,194.13 or 21%. The reduced cost was due to the reduced amount of base repair that was required. Since this project was funded through Liquid Fuels Monies, PennDOT requires completion form MS-999 to be completed which he has done and submitted it to PennDOT.

As Council is aware the Borough entered into an agreement with Turbot Township to provide Emergency services for the township involving Motor Vehicle Accidents within the Township's boundaries. Mr. Beck has received notification from the Township stating they wish to terminate the contract as outlined in section # 6 of the contract effective January 1, 2019.

There are issues with the roofs and spouting systems on both the Borough Hall and Police Station that require repairs in order to prevent further deterioration of the systems. Both Doug and Mr. Beck have been searching for a contractor with the capabilities to perform the needed repairs and match the historical façade of the buildings. T-Ross Brothers has submitted a quote based on their inspection of the damage. Mr. Beck's concern is, there may be hidden damage that will require additional repairs and it is for that reason he requested Council to authorize him to get costs for the project on a time and material basis. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to get costs under the threshold of \$20,600 limit.

The 2019 Charger has arrived at the dealership the delivery date to the Borough is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018. Once the 2019 Charger has been equipped and put into service, he will have the 2013 Charger advertised on Muni-bid as authorized by Council at a previous Council meeting.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the hearing for the incident that occurred in the Municipal Lot will be held next Wednesday. He thanked the State Police Bomb Squad for their assistance. The Department had CPR and first aid training yesterday. They are currently investigating an accident that occurred on Filbert Street.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department continues leaf pick-up which will end this week until next spring. Next they will work in the parks and cemeteries. The new plow is in service. The leaf vacuum we purchased a year ago is having issues again but a solution is underway.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that the Department delivered Santa to the Tree Lighting on Saturday. Since the last meeting there have been 14 incidents with a total man-hours of 65 hours. Mr. Walker asked what the impact of Turbot Township terminating their contract would be on our Fire Department. Joe Stump responded that it would impact our Department but feels they will still need mutual aide.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. With regard to the no parking on Red Hill Road. Mr. Brunson, 39 Red Hill Road addressed Council regarding this Ordinance stating that he just bought his home a year ago and feels he is being singled out and the Ordinance is not necessary. President Budman explained that with the sunlight when coming up over the hill it is hard to see cars park there causing a safety concern. Mr. Brunson feels that speed limit signs being posted would solve the problem and thinks a safety analysis should be done. Next, Jack Knelly who has lived there for over 35 years stated that there have never been problems until the new neighbors moved in as no one parked on the road. He feels there should be no parking on either side of the road. After further discussion, Mr. Swartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1223 regarding no parking on Red Hill Road as outlined by Attorney Benion.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht, and carried, Council re-appointed Tom Shaw, Mark Shearer, and Scott Farr to the Planning Commission for a four year term.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council re-appointed Brett Meckley to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term.
- C. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adopted Resolution #18-08 for a Minor Act 537 Plan Update form as presented by Erin Threet from HRG, Inc, and Genie Bausinger from the Milton Regional Sewer Authority.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council re-appointed Jim Sanders as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer and Kenneth Young as the alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer and adopt the fee schedule.
- E. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the 2019 Council meeting dates and approved advertisement of the meeting dates.
- F. With regard to filling the 1st Ward vacancy on Council, the following persons were in attendance and expressed their interest in filling this term: Joseph Moralez; Nevin Pflieger; Jennifer Engleman; Brent Prokop; and Jeff Robol. It was determined that Mr. Moralez did not meet the qualifications because he has not been a resident in the 1st ward for a year.

The following motions of appointment were made: Mrs. Meckley made a motion for Mr. Robol; Mr. Farr made a motion for Mrs. Engleman; and Ms. Fawess made a motion for Mr. Prokop. This term will be for two years. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council appointed Jeff Robol as the 1st Ward candidate. A roll call vote was done with the results as follow in favor of Mr. Robol: Mr. Walker – yes; Mr. Shearer – yes; Mr. Keiser – no; Mr. Farr – no; Mr. Swartz – yes; Mr. Budman – yes; Mrs. Meckley – yes; Mr. Specht – yes, Ms. Fawess – no.

- G. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council canceled the December 26, 2018 Council meeting.
- H. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Resolution #18-09 filling the vacancy in the 1st Ward on Milton Borough Council by Jeffrey Robol.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the Audit Contract for Calendar Year 2018 with Herring Roll and Solomon, P.C. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,950.00.
- B. 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 \$112,273.58.

Mr. Farr addressed Council stating that 2-3 years ago, there was a committee to consider adding an additional officer to the Police Department. He asked President Budman to create another committee to entertain this again. President Budman responded that he will consider this.

Mr. Specht asked if we could put speed signs at Red Hill Road for safety reasons. Mr. Beck responded that he would look into this as it would involve amending our speed limit ordinance as well.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer