

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 11, 2018 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Front Street Project continues to progress ahead of schedule. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, he met with representatives from PP&L, Wolyniec Construction, and Larson Design Group concerning the removal of the street lights on Front Street from Broadway to Mahoning. PP&L informed me the lights from Walnut Street to Mahoning are fed from a transformer at Walnut and Front and they are all guyed together; therefore, if we were to remove just the lights from Broadway to Mahoning the lights from Broadway to Walnut would fall. After some discussion, it was agreed that PP&L would remove all the lights from Walnut to Mahoning and, per the contract; Wolyniec would remove the footers, install conduit and new street lights. Since the existing street light standards from Broadway to Walnut are over 30 years old, PP&L agreed to replace them with gray fiberglass poles with L.E.D. heads. Since the removal of the light poles are in the contract, with Wolyniec, and PP&L is removing them there will be a deduct in the bid contract price.

There will be no street lights on Front Street from Walnut to Mahoning until Wolyniec and PP&L get the new lights installed. This will not affect the traffic control lights on Front Street.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that Con-Agra Foods Facility has appealed the tax assessment of the five (5) properties owned in the Borough. A Settlement Agreement and Stipulation was agreed on which reduced the assessed value of the properties. The reduced assessment will reduce the Borough's tax revenue approximately \$11,120.25 per year.

The Transport Ambulance Agreements are finally worded in a way that is satisfactory to Evangelical Hospital, Warrior Run Area Fire Department, and the Borough of Milton. Mr. Beck has signed the agreements and submitted them for signatures from the other two entities.

Next, Mr. Beck informed Council that he has a meeting scheduled next week to negotiate the Pool Contract between the YMCA and the Borough for the 2018 season. He will bring the proposed contract before Council for consideration at the May 9, 2018 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 reported that one of the Department's vehicles was recently struck after being called to a reported fight at the Arm Bar. This resulted in a DUI arrest.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has completed the street sweeping in Wards 1 through 4. Ward 5 should be completed this week. The Department has also started prepping the Milton Community Pool for the upcoming season. Mowing will begin on Monday. He is still in need of mowers for the summer. The position at the Recycling Center has been filled.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump was not in attendance.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton YMCA to use six parking spaces in the municipal lot for their Summer Car Wash on June 21, 2018.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. With regard to the Ordinance for no parking on Sycamore Lane and Old Orchard Road, Attorney Benion read the Ordinance as advertised. President Budman then opened the floor for public comments. Marilyn Keiser from Sycamore Lane addressed Council asking why this new ordinance is not being enforced since the signs have been up for quite awhile. She stated that there is a vehicle parked at the corner of King and Sycamore on a regular basis and when she called the Police Department to report this they stated it was not a priority. President Budman asked Mayor Nelson to address this. Mayor Nelson responded that he did not have an answer at this time but would discuss this with the Chief.

Tom Powell, Old Orchard Road addressed Council stating that he doesn't understand why Old Orchard Road is included in this as there has never been problems there. He also stated that the School Resource Officer drives by cars parked there every day and never tickets them. Mr. Specht stated that the problems started when the school re-routed the bus pick up and drop off sites. Mr. Powell also stated that he would be requesting a reassessment of his property value since he will no longer be able to park on the street in front of his home. He said that if it is reassessed lower, he will come back to Council. Mike Mollica, as well as Angela Mollica and Juan Ayala also expressed their concern if Council adopts this ordinance for the safety of their families that will have to park blocks away from their homes – sometimes at night. Phil Martin, Old Orchard Road, stated that he initially brought this issue up due to the intersections where there is a problem with safety issues. Because there was a motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker, to adopt this ordinance, President Budman did a roll call vote on this with the following responses a yes being to adopt the ordinance and a no to not adopt the ordinance: Mr. Walker – yes; Mr. Cyphers – no; Mr. Shearer – yes; Mr. Keiser – no; Mr. Farr - yes; Mr. Swartz – yes; Mr. Budman – no; Mrs. Meckley – yes; Mr. Specht – yes; Ms. Fawess – no. Because the vote was 6 yes and 4 no, the motion carried and the Ordinance was adopted. President Budman suggested that the residents take their concerns to the School Board.

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 \$239,326.42. Mr. Walker was opposed.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Beck about a bill for legal services that was included in the above motion and what it was for. Mr. Beck responded that it was regarding Police matters.

President Budman reported that Council would be entering into an Executive Session to discuss matters in the Police Department and Council would not reconvene.

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer