

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2016

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 13, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. Budman and Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck stated that at the April 13, 2016 Council meeting he informed Council that a contract extension was not permissible for the KCD Grant; however DCED did agree to consider a Budget Modification. He submitted a Budget Modification for their consideration and has been informed that they accepted it as presented. This allowed him to submit invoices for the final drawdown request in the amount of \$112,330.00 which will close-out the KCD Grant for the 2017 Streetscape project. Once the final payment is received by the borough, we will notify the auditor's to begin the close-out audit. The cost of the audit was included in the final drawdown request and will be paid for though the grant. This was a \$500,000.00 grant.

Next Mr. Beck informed Council that he was notified by a representative from Con-Agra that there was \$5,000.00 available to a 501-C3 organization to be used for an environmental project. The employees were very much interested in using the funds for a project in the Borough, if possible.

Mr. Beck wrote a letter explaining the sediment control project the Borough has been working with the Northumberland County Conservation District in the Brown Avenue Sports Complex. In the letter he explained the intent of the project was to control sedimentation from entering Limestone Run, the Susquehanna River, and the Chesapeake Bay and at the same time create a nature area within the complex, shade Limestone Run in an effort to increase the capability of the stream to hold fish and other aquatic life longer. He has received notification that we will receive \$5,000.00 to be used to complete the final phase of the project which consists of installing several posts, tilling the area on the south side of Limestone Run between the roadway and the stream bank, planting the area with perennial wildflower seeds. There will be grass paths through the flowers to be used for access to the stream for fishing for children 12 and under.

Mr. Beck has not been notified of the Multi-modal Grant Application status he submitted for the Front Street Phase of the 2017 Streetscape Project. He will keep Council informed of any notifications he receives.

Next Mr. Beck stated that currently there are a considerable number of property owners that place branches, leaves, and other yard waste on the street side of the curb after the scheduled pick up has been completed. This creates several problems such as; blocking storm drains, hinders street sweeping, takes extra parking spaces, accelerates pavement deterioration, and creates potholes.

The reason he is informing Council of this situation is due to the fact that he has instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to inform property owners that it is a violation under Section #302.4.2 of the International Property Maintenance Code and if they continue, they will be fined as outlined in the Violations Penalty Levels and Fines Ordinance #1195 of the Borough of Milton.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman addressed a tabled item from the last meeting regarding forming a committee to discuss the Fire Department working toward consolidating the fire stations into one. President Budman appointed the Executive Committee to meet with the Fire Department Committee as they proceed.

Report of the Chief of Police: Officer Brad Gaugler reported that the Department is currently working on a missing person incident. He also reported that the printer drives and lights have been installed in the new cruiser.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the crew has been working on street sweeping in the Borough and has completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. They have been working on the cemeteries and parks as well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Stump reported that the Fire Department performed a full drill at the Milton Towers last Tuesday. He also reported that their building committee went to Hershey last weekend to tour their new station and ask questions about funding and grants. Today the Department assisted with repairs to the flag at the Veteran's Park. To date this month there have been 22 incidents which involved 151 man hours.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property – No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Land Subdivision Plan from Nathan Gearhart to resolve a dispute between the garage and multi-apartment building at Walnut and Filbert streets.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to adopt the Snow Removal Ordinance #1204. Mr. Specht was opposed.
- C. Mr. Walker tabled adopting the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance to the next meeting.
- D. Research the feasibility of a Main Street Manager.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$91,277.96.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer