MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 9, 2018 Council meeting with two revisions. Ms. Fawess abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Front Street Project continues to progress ahead of schedule and due to several deducts in the scope of work we are currently under budget.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that he’s sure that Council is aware, both Turbot Avenue and Brown Avenue have deteriorated over the winter and are in need of repaving. He asked for Council’s authorization to advertise the following project for bid:

Brown Avenue from Mahoning Street to Center Street and Turbot Avenue from Upper Market Street to Park Avenue.

The scope of work will consist of 1 1/2” mill, tack-coat, 1/2” leveling course of 9.5 mm, 1′ wear-course of 9.5 mm, and seal all seams and joints.

The bid opening will be Wednesday June 13th at 11:00 a.m., and will be awarded at the June 13th Council meeting. The Public Works Department has completed temporary repairs on both Turbot Avenue and Brown Avenue to improve the drivability until the repaving project begins.

This project will be funded with Liquid Fuel Funds and his opinion of probable cost is $145,500.00. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to go out for bids for this project as outlined.

Next, Mr. Beck requested Council’s permission to advertise and sell the 2001 Ford F-150 pick-up truck. It has considerable rust conditions and is beginning to have mechanical issues. He will then give the Ford Escape to the Code Enforcement Officer for his use. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this request.

Mr. Beck continues to search for a grant source to fund the Comprehensive Plan.

Milton Little League asked Mr. Beck to write a letter of support for a grant they are applying for to replace the existing lights at the Little League Field in Brown Avenue Park. Mr. Beck asked for Council’s permission to write the letter on behalf of Council. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved this request.

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 Department has been busy and recently had two physical altercations. Because the weather is nice, people are out more. There have been several bar fights downtown. He and Mr. Beck have been discussing speed limits for Sycamore Lane and Old Orchard Road along with other streets in the Borough. They will be making a recommendation to Council to reduce the speeds on some of the streets. Mr. Beck added that if there is no sign on a street, the speed limit is automatically 35 m.p.h.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department continues to work on spring cleanup in the parks and cemeteries. The community pool is moving along with the Department upgrading the bath houses, repainting, new changing rooms, and a baby station. Mowing continues and he has recently hired two part-time mowers. The signs have been ordered for Sycamore and Old Orchard and will be installed as soon as we receive them.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that the joint transport truck is now in service. Three members received their EMT certifications. The Department assisted with the annual Fishing Derby at the Milton Moose. In May there has been 18 incidents involving 120 man hours.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved a revised request from the American Legion Post 71 to hold a fundraising block party on July 14, 2018.

B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Lewisburg to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

General Government and Recreation:

A. The Committee has not met to research and review new signage regarding dogs in the parks (5/9/18).

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 $137,496.57.

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 Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer