

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 26, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 12, 2019 Council meeting with one correction.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger reported that as she has only been here for three days she has nothing to report except for things are going well with Mr. Beck and the Borough staff. She stated that she will be meeting with all of the staff in the next few weeks.

Mr. Beck reported that he has had discussion with Evangelical Hospital regarding our ambulance services. They have indicated that none of the recent changes will affect our contract with them. Joe Stump stated that he has also had discussion with them and they have assured him of no change as well.

Next Mr. Beck stated that since the Borough has no EMA Director, the Vacancy Board should be contacted to fill the position. President Budman asked Mr. Beck to contact the Board.

Mr. Beck then addressed Council saying that the fire station on Race Street has been owned by the Borough for years but the department has been paying all costs associated with the Building. He said a request to transfer ownership of the station to the department for \$1 will appear on the July 10th council agenda. Chief Stump told Council that both the Ridge Avenue and the Race Street stations are aging. In order for the department to apply for grants for building renovations or expansions, both buildings need to be owned by the department. Attorney Benion noted that a stipulation will be included in the transfer of ownership which states that if the fire department ever dissolves, the property will revert back to the Borough's ownership.

Mr. Beck then informed Council that the Union County Veteran's parade to be held on June 29th. Traffic from Route 45 will be detoured onto Rt. 642 as approved by PennDOT.

Mr. Beck also reported that he and Mrs. Sandstrom met with representatives from SEDA-COG regarding a Housing Rehabilitation Grant that they feel would be very beneficial to the Borough. Mr. Beck asked for permission for Jessie to move forward with the program. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to move forward with the Housing Rehabilitation Program through SEDA-COG.

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 was not in attendance.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that one of his Operators is now back from medical leave. He reported that with the donation made by the Rotary Club, the Department made new picnic tables for the community pool. The Department is working on storm water issues. They have also been trimming trees and bushes at the cemeteries. He also reported that he received a call from someone last week stating that they feel the footers for veterans should be fixed or replaced at no cost. There have been two interviews for the Public Works Operator position and an offer has been made. The individual will let Sam know by Friday if he is going to accept the job.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that last Saturday, the Department attended the Sounds of the Susquehanna to assist with parking and EMA. Since the last meeting, they have responded to 12 incidents.

Public Comments: Joe Moralez, 419 S. Front Street addressed Council stating his interest in purchasing the former Big Andy's building on Front Street to open a coffee shop. He noted that if he purchases the property, he would like to install a driveway/drive-thru on the side of the building to accommodate his customers. If that happens, Mr. Beck stated that the Borough would lose six parking spaces along Front Street. President Budman said that the location is zoned so that a coffee shop could be operated there. He suggested that Mr. Moralez speak with the other business owners in the area to get their opinions of his proposed use of the site. He also has to speak with PennDOT about his proposed plans. Council members indicated that they would be in favor of a coffee shop at the location.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the the Danville Borough to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their American Legion 100th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, July 20, 2019.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to appoint Allen W. Walter to the special Fire Police.

General Government and Recreation: No report.

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 \$102,680.66.

Mr. Beck stated that he will reach out to Jim Callenberger regarding the EMA Director position. He also asked Joey Stump if Allen Walter is currently on the Borough's authorized driver's list. Joey will check and let Mr. Beck know.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer