

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mrs. Meckley, 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, Doug Diehl, and Sam Shaffer. Mr. Budman, Mr. Farr, and Mr. Walker were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 26, 2019 Council meeting with one correction.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger informed Council that Haven to Home would like to cancel their MOU for the handling of stray dogs in the Borough of Milton effective July 31, 2019. The financial upkeep and lack of volunteer coverage has been a drain on the organization and for those reasons they are requesting to cancel the MOU. Outdoor kennel and Boy Scout kennel will remain on the property and there have been discussions that another non-profit animal organization might be willing to help with the strays, but nothing has been finalized. Melissa, of Haven to Home will keep her abreast of the situation.

Next, she reported that she met with Teri Provost, of SEDA-COG regarding the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (HOME) Program, where the Borough will be seeking a \$500,000 housing rehabilitation grant to be awarded to Milton Borough early next year (pending grant approval), it will be the second time in 20 years these funds have been awarded to the Borough. If awarded, eligible residents may receive up to \$65,000 each for home repairs. Interested residents should apply now to get on the waiting list by calling SEDA-COG's Teri Provost at 800-326-9310. Public outreach through SEDA-GOG to get residents on the "waiting list" began on July 8, 2019.

Ms. Novinger and Mr. Beck met with John Rishel of T-Ross Brothers Construction regarding the Borough Building Beam & Corbel Repairs. To date we have expended \$25,797.17 on renovations to both the Borough and Police Buildings and anticipate spending an additional \$21,440.00 for the remaining repairs on the Borough Building (repair beam ends, install steel saddles, repair corbels).

She informed Council that we received a letter from the Milton Lions Club stating that the Club no longer wishes to hold the annual carnival due to the ride concessionaire retiring and no longer providing the amusements.

Chuck and Jessie met with a local company interested in the old Crest Homes building within the Milton Industrial Park. This company – should they choose to locate here – would bring in an additional 30-40 skilled laborer positions.

Ms. Novinger then asked for Council to consider doing an RFP for Audit Services and an Insurance Provider. The last Audit RFP was done approximately 3-4 years ago and the last Insurance RFP was done over 6 years ago. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the Borough Manager to proceed with the RFPs.

Mr. Beck then reported that he received notice that the Multi-modal Grant for Marsh Road Grant is due by July 31, 2019. Although Council has already authorized him to proceed with the Grant, a Resolution is

needed to submit. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adopted Resolution #19-03 as outlined by Attorney Benion for the Multi-modal Grant application.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report but stated that Chief Zettlemoyer would be involved in the testing process for potential candidates for the open position in the Police Department. This testing will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman was not in attendance.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer was not in attendance.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported the Department has completed the storm drain repairs. They have also re-mulched Brown Avenue Park from the flooding damage. They are currently working on the other parks. Mr. Shaffer also informed Council that brush pick-up will begin next Monday.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that members toured the ConAgra Plant on July 2nd for safety reasons. Since the last meeting, they have responded to 14 incidents, with an average response time of under 2 minutes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved transfer of ownership of the Race Street Fire Station from the Borough to the Fire Department as outlined by Attorney Benion.
- B. The Public Hearing to vacate an alley in the 4th Ward was tabled to the July 24th Council meeting due to an error in advertising.
- C. Consideration to adopt an ordinance to vacate an alley in the 4th Ward was also tabled to the July 24th meeting.
- D. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1223 regarding the 3 parking spaces in the municipal lot due to the relocation of the District Magistrate's office.

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 \$119,117.73.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer