

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 27, 2018 Council meeting with one correction.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that the Front Street Project continues to progress ahead of schedule. Next he informed Council that the Office of the Auditor General has completed the audits for the Borough's three pension plans for calendar years 2014 – 2017. He was happy to report that there were no findings and no recommendations for internal control. A copy of the audits is available for review in the Borough Hall.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that he has hired Franklin Rishel Jr., to fill the operator position in the Public Works Department. He will begin his 720 hour probation period on Monday, July 16, 2018.

Mr. Beck is having two alleys in the fifth ward paved. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company will be doing this work. They are the same company that will be paving Brown Avenue and Turbot Avenue. The cost will not exceed \$6,000.00, and will be paid out of the general fund budget under highway supplies.

Next, Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to purchase a fully equipped 2019 Dodge Charger Police AWD Vehicle through the Costar Program for a not-to-exceed cost of \$26,464.00. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this purchase.

Mr. Beck then asked for Council's permission to advertise and sell a 2013 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle on Muni-bid. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer 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 was absent due to surgery.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department continues to work on stormwater projects throughout the Borough. They have repaired the basketball courts at the 5th Street Park as requested by Council. They have paved 7 alleys so far and are currently working on River Alley.

Report of the Fire Chief: No report. Chief Stump was absent.

Public Comments: Bob Greenly, Shakespeare Avenue addressed Council congratulating Mr. Beck on his retirement and stated that Mr. Beck will be missed as he has done so many things for the Borough and will be missed. He thanked Mr. Beck for his years of service and all of his accomplishments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to approve Michael Cotner as a trainee driver.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the 2018 CDBG Project as Brown Avenue Recreation Improvements. The new allocation for 2018 is \$87,791.00.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the 2017 CDBG Contract modification.
- C. Tea Jay Aikey, the Chamber of Commerce President and CEO addressed Council to consider a proposal regarding the Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ). On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved moving forward with applying for the KOZ status for 10 properties in the Borough.
- D. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adopted Resolution #18-04 pertaining to the KOZ application.
- E. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1218 creating the office of the Borough Manager and providing the manner of filling said office, powers, and duties.
- F. The Committee has met to research and review new signage regarding dogs in the parks and recommends that nothing be changed, allowing dogs in the park and asking that residents clean up after their animals.

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 \$204,991.36.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer