

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 24, 2019. Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger reported that the 2020 Pension MMO's are as follows; Police - \$188,093.00, Non-Uniformed/ Non-Bargaining - \$63,049.00 and Non- Uniformed/Bargaining Defined Contribution- \$39,200.00. TOTAL MMO's for 2020: \$290,342.00. The MMO's are funded through Act #205 Funds, Employee Contributions, and General Funds.

Next, Ms. Novinger gave System Updates to Council as follows:

FirstNet: We will be updating Borough Employee phones from Verizon to FirstNet through AT&T. This update will save the Borough \$9.99/month per employee. FirstNet also allows for better coverage, offers a push-to-talk feature, and utilizes Band 14 which allows for priority communications services for those involved in public safety situations.

Borough Office Computers: We will be updating the Borough Manager to a laptop/docking station to allow for communications while on maternity leave and to allow for additional mobility when attending trainings/seminars. The tower in the manager's office will be transferred to Shelly as her computer is over five (5) years old.

Swift911 Comparisons: Jess is exploring alternative options for the Borough to be able to do mass communication, community engagement, inform residents/visitors of impending weather, and allow for two-way communications with residents. Everbridge; CivicReady; RapidNotify; are a few of the options she is researching.

We received a request today from Mifflinburg Hose Company No. 1 requesting permission to walk through our municipality as part of their 9/11 Memorial Walk on Saturday, September 7th (walking from Hughesville to Mifflinburg Hose Company Headquarters). PennDOT requires written approval as part of its event permitting process. Participants will be escorted by fire, police and EMS units. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

Ms. Novinger then requested Council's permission to enter into an agreement with PennDOT for bridge inspection as has been done in the recent past. The 20% due for this inspection by the Borough will be automatically deducted from the liquid fuels' allotment. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Specht questioned the amount of liquid fuels we received this year and what the deduction would be. Ms. Novinger will get these figures for Mr. Specht.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman had no report.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer was absent.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has been paving alleys and clearing out brush. The trees downtown have been trimmed as well as the trees at Brown Avenue Park. The Brown Avenue Park project is moving forward, and we have started to order supplies.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that there have been 9 calls this month so far and 106 manhours. So far this year there have been 186 calls and 106 manhours. The Fire Department received their State grant and have purchased the P-25 radios and new airbags for rescue.

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 a request from the Milton YMCA to use six parking spaces in the municipal parking lot on Bound Avenue to hold their annual car wash on August 15th.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for the CSIU Pavilions. Mrs. Meckley abstained.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a revised Land Development Plan for Mifflinburg Bank. The minor change involves easier ingress and egress. This approval is contingent on approval of a Highway Occupancy Permit.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the Winter Agreement with PennDOT for \$21,388.50. This is an increase of \$1,166.00 from last year.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation as outlined in the Borough Manager's report.
- C. 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 \$151,435.31.

President Budman asked if there were any updates to the EMA Director Position. Ms. Novinger responded that Joe Stump indicated that he knew a couple of people that may be interested. We will advertise if necessary.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer