

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 22, 2018 Council meeting. Mr. Farr abstained.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 5, 2018 Special Council meeting. Mr. Farr abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Cyphers updated Council regarding the Front Street Project stating that the substantial completion inspection has been completed. The only remaining work is the planting of trees and shrubs which will be completed between September 15th and October 15th. This is due to Penn. DOT regulations. This project will be completed under budget. Currently, the engineer is drafting a change-order which will be submitted with the next payment request. Then, we will know the final cost of the project.

Regarding the lights in Lincoln Park, we are researching the feasibility of converting them. This is in order to have uniformity with the lights on Broadway and Front Street. The existing poles would remain. We would just replace the light heads.

Next, Mrs. Cyphers reported that we have received the final 2017 General Fund Audit. There are no findings and no corrective internal control actions recommended. A copy of the audit is available for review in the Borough Office.

We have received a signed ratified contract with the Teamsters for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

At last night's School Board meeting the Milton Area School District (MASD) approved the proposed Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) Properties. The school district was the final taxing body needed for approval. The application will now be submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Over the last several months Chuck, Sam and Shelly have been researching the feasibility of operating the Community Pool in-house. They have discussed the proposal with myself and I agree. Although we do not have all the details worked out, the basic plan is: to have Sam responsible for all the property maintenance and chemicals. Sam is in the process of obtaining the certification needed through the Department of Agriculture. Shelly would be responsible for hiring and managing the staff through a Pool Manager; which would serve as a casual employee of the Borough. We have an upcoming meeting with an individual interested in the Pool Manager position. The goal is to provide efficient pool services, increased pool events, at a reduced cost to the Borough.

Mrs. Cyphers stated that about a year ago, PP&L installed a pole on Lincoln Street. At that time, they drilled a 24 inch hole through our 30 inch storm water pipe. This came to the Borough's attention once the soil started to erode around the PP&L pole; due to storm water runoff. Sam contacted PP&L and they indicated we did not mark the area in compliance with the One-Call System. Sam informed them that the area was marked properly. After several attempts to have PP&L repair the restore the pipe to no avail. We have submitted a claim to our insurance company. We will inform Council of any future actions taken on this matter.

At a previous Council meeting the matter of selling unneeded equipment/weapons in the Police Department was discussed. The Chief has reviewed the weapons owned and has made the recommendation for six AR-15 Rifles be sold. They will be sold through a licensed firearms dealer and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Therefore, Mrs. Cyphers is requesting Council's authorization to sell the weapons. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized this action.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson presented Ron Keiser with a citation from Representative Lynda Schlegel-Culver as he recently retired from serving as a volunteer with the Milton Fire Department for 57 years. Council applauded Mr. Keiser on his service.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman read an email from TeaJay Aikey from the Chamber of Commerce thanking Council and Mr. Beck for their assistance in the KOZ approval. President Budman personally thanked Mr. Beck for his hard work on getting this approved. Council applauded Mr. Beck for his achievement.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the first week of the Harvest Festival went well with no incident. He thanked the Milton Fire Department and the Milton Fire Police for their efforts and hard work during the Festival and race. He then reported that additional parking meters have been stolen, but they have been able to identify the suspect due to the use of security cameras. The Department has also been able to identify the suspect that has vandalized the Milton Community Pool.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department continues with storm water work. The department has been paving alleys in the 5th Ward and will continue with paving next week. All parking meters are up and running on Front Street. Fall Clean-Up will be posted and occur during the month of October. The date is yet to be determined. The new employee that is still in the probationary process is working out well. Mr. Farr asked if there is any value to the Borough having additional inventory of parking meters. Mr. Beck responded that we did have additional meters; however, we have had to use that inventory due to the recent theft of meters and damages done to them.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump reported that the Department participated in a Neighborhood Block Party on Center Street which was sponsored by one of the residents, Ken Lawrence. The Department also participated in the 1st Presbyterian Church Block Party and had their French fry stand at the Harvest Festival. They have been able to have an EMT at the Panther Cub and High School football games as well. Since the last meeting, they have responded to 11 emergencies which included 140 man hours.

Public Comments: James Klapp, 507 Turbot Avenue addressed Council asking when were they going to pave the north side of Brown Avenue. Mr. Beck responded that due to all of the rain, they have not been able to pave but it is proposed to be completed in October.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Ministerium to hold their annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 13, 2018.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to approve Michael Poust as a trainee driver.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare a Resolution to name an unnamed alley in the 5th ward "Chuck Beck Lane"

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council regrettfully accepted the resignation of Doug Bridge from the Milton Zoning Hearing Board.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan from Marsh Road Real Estate, LLC as outlined and presented by Doug Diehl and Thierry Lindor.

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 \$155,582.46.

Mr. Beck asked Council to authorize writing a letter to Doug Bridges to thank him for his years of service on the Milton Zoning Hearing Board. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, this request was approved.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer