

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 25, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger had no report as she has been on maternity leave.

Mr. Beck requested approval from Council to purchase 2 zero-turn mowers through the CoStar Program for a not to exceed cost of \$15,458.00. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request. The mowers come with a 3-year warranty.

Next, Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to sell 2 zero-turn mowers through MuniBid. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson informed Council that Trick or Treat in the Borough will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mayor Nelson also reported that he received notification from ACF Industries of a potential lay-off of 1/3 of their employees if no orders are obtained. He will keep Council updated if he receives further information about this.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer thanked the Milton Fire Police and everyone that participated and helped with the Harvest Festival activities. Everything went well with few incidents. The Department received approval for the Bullet Proof Partnership Grant. This will provide 50% reimbursement or 6 vests. Mr. Walker asked if they would be doing the Trails to Treats Program this year and Chief Zettlemoyer responded that they are planning on doing so but waiting for approval from DCNR to use the state park.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has started the renovations at Brown Avenue Park Project, which will provide 20 additional parking spaces in the Kidstown area. They will pave the area in the Spring. The Department is currently working on the pavilion pads. Brush pick-up is scheduled for the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> for one week. They will begin leaf pick-up once the leaves start to fall.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Lupo reported that the Department has responded to 21 calls this month, 8 mutual aid calls and 71 manhours.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

### Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Northumberland to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 30, 2019.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Danville to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 24, 2019.

### General Government and Recreation:

- A. President Budman closed the regular meeting and entered into a Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Terri Provost from SEDA-COG was present and informed Council that this is a Federally funded program that channels down through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. It is a competitive application process. She then did a brief outline of the Program and stated that the Borough has 26 residents on the waiting list for this program should the Borough be approved. All residents must meet the eligibility guidelines and will be interviewed by SEDA-COG staff to determine eligibility. The applications for this Program are due on November 5, 2019. This is an owner-occupied program. No rental properties will be considered. At the next Council meeting Council will be asked to consider adopting a Resolution to apply for the grant. With no further questions, President Budman closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the regular Council meeting at 7:22 p.m.
- B. President Budman again closed the regular meeting and entered into a Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m. to vacate two unnamed alleys in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Attorney Benion outlined the Ordinance regarding the two alleys and described the location. There being no questions, President Budman closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.
- C. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1225 to vacate two unnamed alleys in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward as outlined by Attorney Benion.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance amending the Non-uniformed Bargaining Pension Plan and renaming the plan to Milton Borough's Defined Contribution Plan.

### 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 \$114,358.82.

Ms. Novinger stated that the job description for the EMA Director Position is being reviewed by Mr. Beck and Shelly. She also reported that she contacted Bloomsburg University regarding the Comprehensive Plan and she is also looking into other state resources. We are also still waiting for the Kennel License approval. Until further resolve, we are still following the same procedure when finding stray dogs.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer