

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Walker at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: President Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Derr, Mayor Aber, Mr. D Pfeil, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Moralez (Mr. J Pfeil was absent). Also present: Jess Novinger, Amy Day, Sam Shaffer, Seth Heddings, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Atty Wiley (Borough Secretary Brittnee Vann was absent).

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2023: **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**

Borough Manager's Report

- The draft TASA application was reviewed with Aaron Crist from PennDOT, and Kristin McLaughlin of SEDA-COG. A few minor changes were suggested before submission of the final application which is due on September 15th
- The 2021 John Deere 310 SJ Backhoe sold on Municibid for \$32,200
- DPW Crew will be paving both the PD and Borough Administration building parking lots in the near future, removing the bricks at both locations. What would Council like to do with the bricks? *Paving is being paid for by the County ARPA funding grant
- Mr. Dale Pfeil, President of Milton Panther Cubs (MPC) has met with me and Sam Shaffer to discuss the demolition and removal of the bleachers and a storage building at MPC Field. Doug Diehl inspected the bleachers and agreed the removal of the structure would be pertinent. Sam and Dale will coordinate the demo date
- 2024 Pension MMO's are as follows: Police - \$246,428.00, Non-Uniformed/ Non-Bargaining - \$84,706.00 and Non-Uniformed/Bargaining Defined Contribution- \$38,000.00. **TOTAL MMO's for 2024: \$396,134.** The MMO's are funded through Act #205 Funds, Employee Contributions, and General Funds. (Difference of \$31,086.00 over 2023). **TOTAL MMO's for 2023 were \$338,048**

Mayor's Report

- Nothing to report

President's Report

- Nothing to report

Chief of Police's Report

- Nothing to report

Public Works Director's Report

- Crew has repainted downtown crosswalk lines, etc.

- Finished restoration on the Center St storm water project
- Wilson Circle storm water issue has been taken care of
- Started the preliminary work at the PD to try to eliminate the puddle that always forms after rain
- Started installing the light post near the corner of the PD building, as requested

Fire Chief's Report

- 18 Calls for Service, 19 EMS Calls, and 137 MICU calls.

Public Comments

- *Craig Fetterman of 1277 Trevorton Rd, Coal Twp* – He is a candidate for County Commissioner this year. He introduced himself and shared some of his background, loves helping others, is a “conservative democrat”, and hopes to see our support in the fall

Public Works and Cemeteries

- Nothing to report

Public Safety

- *Motion* to approve 4 Paws Sake’s annual Dog Festival at Brown Ave Park for May 11, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM **1st D. Pfeil / 2nd Swartz / Carried**
- *Motion* to approve Milton Panther Cubs’ request to use the Milton Panther Cub Field on Saturday, September 16th, from 8:30 to 10:00 PM for a team bonding movie night **1st Swartz / 2nd Derr / Carried**
(D. Pfeil abstained)

General Government and Finance

- *Motion* to remove the Keystone Collections Group Proposal from the table **1st Fawess / 2nd Moralez / Carried**
- *Motion* to approve the Keystone Collections Group Proposal for *Current and Delinquent Occupation and Local Services Tax Collections* **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
- *Motion* to approve the bid from Peter’s Consultants for curb cuts on South Turbot not to exceed costs of \$31,900 (CDBG) **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
- *Motion* to approve the 2024 MMO’s **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**
- *Motion* to pay the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$79,866.21: **1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried**

Final Comments

- Lynn Yocum asked for clarification on if there would be a tax increase for residents with the Keystone Collections occupational tax (flat tax) – Jess responded to the question that it will be up to council and what they determine
- Mr. Moralez asked for an update on LERTA which is listed under *Unfinished Business* – Jess responded that a legal advertisement was drafted for the public hearing, and it is moving forward and the LPR is completed
- Mr. Moralez asked for an updated on the Strategic Planning – Jess responded that we have been having trouble getting communication flowing with Bob Garrett and the plan is suppose to be done in October

Motion to adjourn at **7:26 PM**

1st Meckley / 2nd D. Pfeil / Carried

Submitted By:



Brittnee Vann
Secretary / Treasurer