

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger informed Council that the Lycoming County Resource Management Services will be increasing their rates to pull the recycling bins in the amount of \$25 a pull. Council asked if private haulers had been contacted to see if they could possibly do this for less money. Because the Borough owns the bins it is unlikely, however, Ms. Novinger stated that she will do research on this. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Ms. Novinger to sign the agreement addendum with LCRMS. Mrs. Meckley abstained.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman informed Council that he received a call from Chad Gonzalez, the owner of Speedy's Place. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he had been cited by PLCB for having music playing on the patio after 7:00 p.m. There is a clause in PLCB regulations that gives municipalities the authority to assume responsibility from the PLCB for enforcing noise violations if the property ordinance is enacted. President Budman stressed that there have been no noise complaints filed against Speedy's Place. The violation was discovered through a random check. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to draft an Ordinance that states that the Borough will assume responsibility for enforcing voice violations at Milton businesses licensed through the PLCB.

Report of Chief of Police: Officer Gaugler reported that the Trail of Treats is this Saturday, October 26th from 4:30 – 6:30 at the Island. The Department did a warrant round up this week which was very successful.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that brush pick-up is complete, and they are starting leaf collection. They continue to have trouble with the leaf machine and may have to have Attorney Benion write a letter to resolve the issues. At President Budman's instruction, Mr. Shaffer will provide information to Attorney Benion. The department also has also been working on winter maintenance for the snow equipment.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that the Department visited schools and daycare facilities teaching fire prevention. They have reached over 800 children so far and will continue this into November. They have responded to 9 incidents since the last Council meeting. Next, he informed Council that their 1992 engine is having issues. It has been unreliable and/or out of service. To replace with a new engine would be approximately \$550,000. It is 26 years old and the newest piece of equipment they have is a 2008. President Budman told Mr. Stump to discuss this with Ms. Novinger and Mr. Beck.

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 VW to close a portion of Turbot Avenue between Locust Street and Park Avenue on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a memorial service. Mrs. Meckley asked if it would be beneficial to have a sign at the top of Turbot Avenue saying Road Closed Ahead. Mr. Shaffer stated that we don't have any of those signs but would look into it.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council adopted Resolution #19-06 adding additional stop signs at Strine Lane and Schoolhouse Lane as outlined by Attorney Benion

Mr. Walker asked if we could check on any needed stop signs throughout the Borough or Children at Play signs. President Budman responded that if a resident feels a sign is necessary, they should contact the Borough Manager.

- . B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Resolution #19-07 for the Police Pension Plans as outlined by Attorney Benion.

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 \$505,340.73.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer