

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 22, 2015

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 8, 2015 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck reported that at the April 8, 2015 Council meeting he reported to Council that he was asked to attend a meeting on April 10, 2015 concerning the feasibility of installing railroad crossing gates at the Center Street Crossing.

Mr. Beck attended the meeting along with representatives from; PennDOT, P.U.C., and the utility companies. It was decided that PennDOT would pay for the installation of cantilever crossing gates, which would also cover the sidewalk, at the Center Street Crossing. Norfolk Southern Railroad would be responsible for the installation and the Borough would be responsible for the advanced notification signage and street markings. This is the same type of signage and markings that we maintain at the Broadway and at the Mahoning Street Crossings.

The 2017 Streetscape Project is progressing on schedule. As he stated in prior meetings there is going to be disruptions and inconveniences during the construction, however the contractor is doing everything possible to minimize the impact to the businesses.

In order to ensure there is no conflict with the construction and the Harvest festival, the contractor is planning on focusing on the section between Front Street and Arch Street first and then moving to the section between Arch Street and the Railroad Tracks.

Part of the Streetscape Project includes replacing the obsolete parking meters on Broadway. Mr. Beck plans to purchase new parking meters and install new posts designed to have two meters installed on each post, this will only require half the meter posts needed to be installed.

Since all of our current meters are obsolete, it is his plan to purchase and install new meters and posts for the entire metered parking areas in the business district. Every other existing post will be removed and the attachment for two meters to be mounted per post will be installed. Mr. Beck will have two Public Works Department employees get certified to calibrate the meters as required. The Public Works Department would be responsible for all maintenance pertaining to the meters and posts, with the Police Department being responsible for enforcement.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that the Mayor asked him to look into the possibility of allowing parking along the south side of Limestone Run, from Ridge Avenue to Turbot Avenue, during the construction period required to replace the water main on Vine Street. He contacted the Milton

Area School District which owns the property, and they gave their permission to allow parking in that area for that period of time. The parking will be restricted to cars and pickup trucks only.

Mr. Beck met with an Amesite Recycling Company and they have agreed to core bore Golf Course Road to determine the required amount of asphalt emulsions and portland cement that will be required to recycle the existing amesite. Once they have reviewed the cores, they will send the analyses including the quantities required. Once we have that information Mr. Beck will draw up the bid documentation and ask Council's approval to advertise the project. After the bids are received, he will discuss the funding aspect with Council and also, since this was not an anticipated project for 2015, he will inform Council regarding how this project will impact future paving projects.

Next, Mr. Beck addressed Council regarding the Kidstown Facility. This area is a constant area of vandalism which is requiring a disproportionate amount of my recreation budget and Public Works Department man hours. Due to the location and the solid fence, which vandals can hide behind, and the fact that there is only one road leading to the area, it is very difficult for the Police to patrol it. It is for that reason Mr. Beck requested that Council consider allowing the current structure to be removed. The area could be seeded and used for a play area or we could build a pavilion on the site. This will be an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

As he reported at a previous meeting, the James Street Sewer Project is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2015 and be completed by June 30, 2015.

Litigation continues between MRSA and the bonding company for the Center Street Sewer Project.

Progress continues with the Plant Upgrade at the MRSA Facility with a substantial completion date of July 31, 2015.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he has received a proposal from the Milton YMCA to operate the community pool in the amount of \$49,928.00 which is a \$3,428 increase from last year. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into agreement with the YMCA as outlined.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

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

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer reported that the County Commissioners recently approved the County taking responsibility to transport prisoners for approximately 3 – 5 years.

Report of the Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shaffer reported that there have been 40 fire calls to date this year. He also reported that 26 members of the department attended a tactical course on how to deal with fires with some of the new construction.

Public Comments: Kirby Fedder, Center Street resident asked with the meters will be replaced and where they will be placed. Mr. Beck responded that the Borough will begin putting them in before the Broadway Project is completed. The charges and meter costs will remain the same.

Connie Wallize, Park Avenue, asked if it would be possible to have the Recycling Center open longer during the week due to the ban on burning. Mr. Beck stated that he would look into this possibility. Mr. Beck also informed the public that the Hand-Up foundation is in the process of recycling Styrofoam which will benefit the Borough.

Joseph Dunkelberger, Washington Street resident, addressed Council stating the he hopes that they pass the ordinance to ban burning in the Borough.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved a request from Kingdom Kidz, Inc. to hold a National Day of Prayer at the Lincoln Park Gazebo on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- B. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from Thomas M. Powell, Sr. for a handicapped parking space at Powell's Broadway News at the space furthest east on Broadway North. Mr. Beck will create a legal description and Resolution for a future Council meeting.
- C. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Homecoming Committee to hold the 2nd Annual Milton Black Panther Homecoming 5K Run on October 17, 2015.
- D. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Salvation Army to hold a Block Party on June 13, 2015; however the Borough no longer has a dunk tank for their use.
- E. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the YMCA to hold their 22nd Annual Spring Fling and One Mile Walk/Run on May 16, 2015.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a request to vacate of portion of Lower Market Street that runs from Front Street to the river bank.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Farr and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1196 to ban burning in the Borough.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertize the Rental Inspection Ordinance.
- D. With regard to the Parking Lot Ordinance, President Budman instructed Mrs. Meckley to send the most recent version to Shelly for inclusion in the mailer for the May 13, 2015 Council meeting.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$110,878.42.

Mr. Beck informed Council that he recently ordered the shade structures for the community pool.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Borough Secretary/Treasurer