

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2019

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

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 8, 2019 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that he met onsite at Marsh Road with representatives from SEDA-COG, Representative Culver's office, and PennDOT to look at the scope of work for the project and discuss the feasibility of receiving funding through the Appalachian Region Commission (ARC). Although it was a very preliminary meeting, all of the representatives felt it was a viable project and the Borough should proceed with the submission of the application which Council previously approved. We have submitted and received a Multi-modal grant for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the CFA through Senator Gordner's office. The opinion of probable cost is \$2,700,000.00; therefore we need an additional \$1,700,000.00. Since there is no guarantee of approval or the amount of the approval, Mr. Beck asked for Council's permission to submit a Multi-modal Grant application that would be funded through PennDOT. This would be submitted through Representative Culver's office. Mr. Beck explained that he is doing this to assure available funding once construction begins on the project. Any excess funds remaining upon completion would be returned to the proper funding agency. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to apply for the Multi-modal funding.

Next, Mr. Beck reported that the Front Street Multi-modal Grant in the amount of \$588,250.00 has been closed out.

Mr. Beck stated that since the District Magistrate Office has been relocated, does Council want to rescind the amendment to section 233-62 Special Purpose Parking, and open the 3 stalls at the N/W corner of the municipal parking lot for general public parking? On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare this amendment as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman congratulated Tom Aber and Ms. Fawess on the primary win for Commissioner.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that they recently had a fight breakout at Brown Avenue at the basketball courts. They have received good video footage of the incident and hope to make an arrest soon. One of the officers will be out for at least 6 weeks starting in July.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported the Department continues to work on the community pool. All cracks have been repaired and the pool is repainted. They also replaced 14 footers in the cemeteries. Mowing is ongoing.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump was absent.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized the Mayor and the Chief of Police to hire a Part-time officer. The new officer is Craig Johnson.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a request from Dylan Freeman to pursue an Eagle Scout project at the Harmony Cemetery. Council also authorized Mr. Beck to write a letter to the Eagle Scout Board indicating Council's approval.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from the Girl Scouts of Milton to place flower planter boxes at the Milton Community Pool as part of their Bronze Award Project for the 2018-2019 Scouting year.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a Sub-grantee Agreement between Northumberland County and the Borough of Milton for the use of CDBG funding for the upcoming Brown Avenue Project. Linda Sterling from SEDA-COG outlined the agreement.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a letter of resignation from the Milton Planning Commission from Scott Farr and authorized Mr. Beck to write a letter to Mr. Farr.
- C. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council appointed Charles Swartz to the Milton Planning Commission. Mr. Swartz will be fulfilling the remainder of Mr. Farr's term which ends on December 31, 2022.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council re-appointed Charles Sykes to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term ending on December 31, 2024.

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 \$164,317.28.

At this time, 7:10 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session to discuss Administrative issues and Police Department matters. Council will reconvene.

Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized the Mayor and the Chief to begin accepting applications and testing to fill two vacancies in the Police Department.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Robol and carried, Council approved a modification to its employment agreement with Mr. Beck.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Robol and carried, Council approved offering the Borough Manager position to Jessica Novinger at an annual salary of \$65,000.00. Ms. Novinger had until Friday to inform Mr. Budman of her decision.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer