

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 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, Ms. Fawess, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Shelly Sandstrom, Chuck Beck, Attorney Benion, Chief Zettlemoyer, Doug Diehl, Joe Stump, Mayor Nelson, and Sam Shaffer. Mr. Farr was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 22, 2019 Council meeting. Mr. Walker abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that one of the Operators in the Public Works Department is resigning effective June 28, 2019. However, he has stated that he would be willing to come back part-time in an emergency. He then asked Council to allow him to let him stay on the Borough's vehicle insurance. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request.

Next, Mr. Beck stated that Officer Lehman has rescinded his resignation with no lapse in seniority or lapse of rank.

He also reported that the Borough has received the Standard-Journal Award for the best operated Recycling Program in the Susquehanna Valley.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman reported that the community pool looks outstanding. He attended the opening day event and delivered 10 planters Tuesday night. He thanked all that were involved.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that the Beer Fest went off with no incidents. They will be doing testing of the job applicants on July 13th.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported the Department finished brush and leaf pick up. They continue to work on the community pool. The Department is cleaning up Brown Avenue Park from the carnival damage due to all of the rain. One of the Operators that have been off on medical leave is coming back on Monday. Mowing is ongoing.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that the Department responded to a fire on Mahoning Street on May 26th. EMT's were present at the Beer Fest with no incidents. In May, there were 26 incidents total; so far in June there have been 10; and 131 for the year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton YMCA to use six parking spaces in the municipal parking lot on Bound Avenue on June 13, 2019.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from Mifflinburg Borough to utilize the Milton Fire Police during their carnival and parade.
- C. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Lewisburg to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
- D. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Legion Post 71 to hold a flag burning ceremony at the Milton Cemetery on Saturday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- E. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Middleburg and Reliance Hose Company, No. 1 to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their parade on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. President Budman closed the regular Council meeting and opened the CDBG 1st Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Linda Sterling from SEDA-COG was present and addressed Council. She outlined the program overview including the allocation which is \$120,890 for 2019. Ms. Sterling then announced the application schedule and explained which projects could or could not be eligible. She answered Mr. Beck's question of how much funding could be used toward blight properties stating that 30% can be used. Mr. Beck also asked if we could re-survey the Borough and she answered that yes we can as the Borough no longer meets the borough-wide low-moderate income guidelines. With no further questions, President Budman closed the CDBG Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. and reopened the regular Council meeting.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to advertise for a Public Hearing and prepare and advertise an Ordinance to vacate an alley in the 4th Ward.
- C. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to advertise the amended Ordinance regarding the 3 parking spaces in the municipal lot due to the District Magistrate's office relocating.
- D. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion and Doug Diehl to file an Action in Equity pertaining to a property in the 1st ward.
- E. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adopted Resolution #19-02 authorizing all bicycles held by the Borough for more than 90 days to be donated to the Hand Up Foundation of Milton.

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 \$195,454.01. Mrs. Meckley noted that this amount reflects 3 payroll periods.

President Budman reported that Mrs. Meckley attended the PSAB Annual Award Banquet on behalf of the Borough and the Borough received two awards; one being for the best Website and the second for the best social media. Council applauded Mrs. Sandstrom for these awards.

Mayor Nelson stated that he would authorize the immediate use of the 3 parking spaces in the Municipal Parking lot.

Mrs. Meckley reported that she has had conversation with Jessie Novinger who stated that there is a program at Bloomsburg University that develops Comprehensive Plans as a project at no cost.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer