

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 2018

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 11, 2018 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mr. Beck informed Council that even though we lost a week of work, due to weather, the Front Street Project continues to progress ahead of schedule.

Mr. Beck has submitted the 904 Recycling Grant for calendar year 2017. The combined residential and commercial tonnage increased 400 tons over 2016's tonnage. The increase in overall tonnage was due largely to Weis Market Distribution Center being enlarged.

Next Mr. Beck stated that the Borough's current contract with our electric supplier expires in February 2019. He has been working with APPI Energy to get pricing for electricity after February 2019. They have solicited pricing from several suppliers and the lowest eight prices received vary from \$0.08162 to \$0.05375 per KWH. Next Era Energy gave a three-year fixed rate of \$0.05375 per KWH. Our current provider is A.P.G.E. at \$0.05519 per KWH. The rate of \$0.05375 from Next Era Energy would represent an approximate savings of \$600.00 per year. Mr. Beck asked for Council's authorization to enter into a three year contract with New Era Energy at a rate of \$0.05375 per KWH. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request.

Mr. Beck also reported that he has been involved in discussions with Senator Gordner's Office, Representative Culver's Office, PennDOT, D.E.P., D.C.E.D., and the Chamber of Commerce concerning the feasibility of financing the reconstruction of Marsh Road from Housel's Run Road to South Industrial Park Road. The road would be reconstructed on its existing footprint with a slight realignment of the radius at each end. The entire road is owned by Milton Borough, and is in an area zoned commercial. There are several residential properties adjacent to the road which are in West Chillisquaque Township. The driving factors in reconstructing this road are safety, reducing traffic congestion, and improving accessibility to interstate highways for truck traffic. As Council is aware, several years ago a project which included the reconstruction of Marsh Road was undertaken but never came to fruition. Reducing the original scope of work to include just the reconstruction of the existing road on its current footprint now makes it a permissible project. Due to DCED having Multi-Modal Grant Funds available makes it a fundable project. Obviously, there are a lot of factors that will warrant consideration as we move through this project; however, the first step that is required is the submittal of the application for the funding. The deadline for submitting the application is July 31, 2018, which is a very tight schedule. It is for the reasons mentioned above that Mr. Beck asked for Council's authorization to complete and submit an application to DCED for a non- matching, Multi-Modal Grant to Reconstruct Marsh Road from Housel Run Road to South Industrial Park Road, in the amount of \$2.8 Million. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mr. Beck.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman informed Council that the Executive Committee has gone through approximately 50 applications for the Borough Manager's position. They narrowed it down to 5

candidates for the first interviews and will be doing second interviews with 2 candidates next Monday and Tuesday. The Executive Committee will have a recommendation at the first meeting in August.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he is hoping to come back to work on August 8th due to his surgery. Recently, the department has responded to two church burglaries and 2 overdoses. He also informed Council that the part-time officers have been working well to fill in during recent vacations and his surgery.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that all of the stone alleys have been taken care of. They continue to work on storm water repair. Mowing is on hold due to the rain.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Stump reported that since July the ambulance licensing has been renewed. The 911 phone system has been down two times in the past couple of months due to the new merger. In July the Fire Department has had 31 incidents and 235 man hours worked.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a request from The Addict's Mom (TAM) to use Lincoln Park for their annual "Lights of Hope" on September 29, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. pending receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.
- B. On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Keiser and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to approve Walter Heddings, Jr., as a trainee driver.

General Government and Recreation: No report.

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 \$113,495.06.

At this time, 7:23 p.m., President Budman entered into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department and to discuss Union Negotiations. Council will reconvene.

At 7:35 p.m., President Budman reconvened the regular Council meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Mr. Beck to enter into a 5-year contract with the Teamsters Union.

On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Cyphers and carried, Council denied the Step 3 Grievance from the Milton Police Officers' Association.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cyphers, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer