

MILFORD BOROUGH – MEETING MINUTES 2/13/23

The Milford Borough Council met February 13, 2023 at 7PM in the Borough Hall located at 109 W. Catharine Street for a regular council meeting. This meeting was advertised and open to the public. Present were Council President Joseph Dooley, Vice President Maria Farrell, Council Members Peter Cooney, Andrew Jorgenson, George Lutfy, Dale Thatcher. Also present were Solicitor Jason Ohliger and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo.

Motion to adopt Minutes from January Meeting, 1/23/23, by Thatcher/Farrell. AIF

Motion to adopt Agenda – Thatcher/Lutfy, AIF

Public Comment: Ms. Lynne Ann Walsh, Ann Street, commented on the noise ordinance and how it needs to be changed. She stated how the decibel level method we have right now is insufficient and would like to suggest enforcement of the violation with fines for repeated violations. Ms. Walsh also stated that the audible level at 125ft, is actually very generous. It's more than most municipalities. Based on her research, if a noise at the property line is at 80 decibels you're not supposed to be able to hear it more than 100ft away.

Zoning Report: None

SEO Report: None

Milford Enhancement Committee Report: None

Shade Tree Report: We're in the process of removing another 13 trees within the next month or two, and we received an additional grant from the state of Pennsylvania to plant 13 new trees, which we will receive near the end of April. Once we have a firm date, we'll call for volunteers and we'll plant 13 new trees.

Treasurer's Report: Real estate transfer tax for January was \$5,445. The EIT received in January was \$15,602 after commission and fees which is actually the remaining money received in the fourth quarter, 2022. Same thing with LST Tax, we received \$1,604. **Mot. to accept Treasurer's Report – Farrell/Thatcher, AIF.**

Special Events Applications: None

Certificates of Appropriateness:

- a. 206 Broad Street – Jo's on Broad - new window decal. **Mot. to approve Thatcher/Lutfy, AIF.**
- b. 113 7th Street – Old Lumberyard Shops - add wood sign for new business. **Mot. to approve Thatcher/Lutfy, AIF.**
- c. 500 Broad Street – “Old Jail” – MEC wants to add back the old window shutters, re-point stone and repair leaking windows. **Mot. to approve Cooney/Farrell, AIF.**

New Business:

- a. Pike County Update on Bennet Ave construction plans - Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron from Pike County were present to discuss the Bennett Ave project that they have planned in the near future. The facility would be used for recycling, offices for HRC, parking spaces and Pike County Transportation office.
- b. Discussion and vote to appoint SFM as Zoning & Code Enforcement Official/Building Inspector and adopt updated fee schedules. **Mot. to appoint SFM & adopt fee schedule Lutfy/Jorgenson, AIF**
- c. Vote to approve invoice from Sawkill Power Equipment for Lawn Mower Repair-\$5,018.02. **Mot. to approve payment Farrell/Cooney, AIF.**
- d. Vote on Civil Service Commission counsel engagement spending request-\$3,500 NTE \$5k. **Mot. to approve spending request Thatcher/Farrell, AIF.**
- e. Discussion and vote to provide email accounts to all Borough appointees. **Mot. to offer borough emails to all appointees Thatcher/Farrell, AIF.**
- f. Proposed free shred event sponsored by Belle Reve - \$100 donation for services. **Mot. to partake in shred event and donation Thatcher/Jorgenson, AIF.**
- g. Preliminary update on Farmer's Market – Farmers Market is to apply for Conditional Use and Zoning review to move to the Pike County Administration Building Parking Lot.

- h. Discussion on proposed changes to Noise Ordinance – MPD & Mayor Strub will work on a more accurate way of measuring noise and how to enforce any violations.
- i. Discussion on proposed changes to Special Events Policy – tabled to the March meeting
- j. Accept Planning Commission year-end report. **Mot. to accept Planning Commission Report Lutfy/Thatcher, AIF.**
- k. Discussion re Borough Hall Rental policy. **Mot. to update the Borough Hall Rental policy Thatcher/Farrell, AIF.**

Old Business:

- a. SNK – Milford Mart Continuance
- b. Final review and vote to advertise changes to Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 290. **Mot. to advertise changes Farrell/Thatcher, AIF.**

Mayor's Report: Monthly report of the MPD stats were presented to the council.

Committee Reports:

Law/Zoning
Finance/Insurance
Communications Technology
Borough Property
Streets and Lights
Parks and Recreation
Grants Committee
Citizen's Advisory-HARB
Council/Business Roundtable

Correspondence:

- a. US Congressman Matt Cartwright's Municipal Leaders Conference will be held February 22, 2023 from 6-8 pm, at Northampton Community College

Appointments/Resignations:

Public Comment on matters under Borough Control: None

Executive Session:

Adjourned 9:20pm