

MILFORD BOROUGH – MEETING MINUTES 11/18/24

The Milford Borough Council met November 18, 2024, 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, Sharmie Ford, George Lutfy, Doug Manion and Richard Provenzano. Also present were Solicitor Jason Ohliger, Mayor Sean Strub and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo. The meeting was called to order followed by a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Minutes: 10/21/24. Motion to approve by Farrell/Manion, AIF.

Adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda with the following changes: remove item # 10b & 10g and add 10j & 11c (details added below) by Provenzano/Manion, AIF.

Veterans Recognition Poem: A poem was recited by Chuck O'Neil.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing: Motion to open Luhrs hearing by Lutfy/Manion, AIF.

- a. Luhrs Land Development Hearing extended to February. **Motion to accept the extension and close the hearing by Manion/Farrell, AIF.**
- b. Amended Rental Registration Ordinance. **Motion to open hearing by Manion/Provenzano, AIF. Motion to approve the Ordinance by Lutfy/Farrell, opposed was Manion/Cooney, All Others in Favor. Motion to close the hearing by Manion/Provenzano, AIF.** Several residents, including Carol Osterberg, Steve Rosado, Lisa Emery, Craig Selnick & Candace Mahala, expressed questions and concerns about this Ordinance.

Treasurer's Report: The October financial reports were distributed as well as the income vs. expense graphs. The General Fund has a total of \$43,507 in interest to date. Real Estate taxes collected through October totaled \$567,127. Real Estate Transfer taxes collected through October totaled \$34,983, the Earned Income Tax through October is \$483,834 and LST Tax is \$53,204. The Borough is still receiving delinquent EIT taxes from 2022 and 2023. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Farrell/Manion, AIF.**

Special Events/Applications: None

HARB/Certificates of Appropriateness: Motion to approve all Certificates by Manion/Farrell, AIF.

- a. 306 West Harford St – Dr. Cenci- replace front porch
- b. 203 East Harford St – Family Promise – Continuation form original application – front porch added
- c. 401 Broad Street – MHG Realty (Hotel Fauchere) – new roof by Summit Exteriors

New Business:

- a. Discussion and vote to advertise the 2025 Budget. **Motion to approve by Manion/Farrell, AIF.**
- ~~b. Discussion and vote to advertise changes to SALDO Ordinance.~~
- c. Discussion and vote to approve payment to SFM Consulting for Zoning, Building and Rental Registration services in the amount of \$6,717.41. **Motion to approve by Manion/Provenzano, AIF.**
- d. Discussion and vote to approve invoice from Oliver, Price & Rhodes LLP for union negotiation services in the amount of \$6,037.50. **Motion to approve by Cooney/Lutfy, AIF.**
- e. Discussion and vote to approve renewal of PIRMA Liability Insurance in the amount of \$61,010. **Motion to approve by Lutfy/Manion, AIF.**
- f. Request for support from Pike County Area Agency on Aging. The Council asked the Borough Secretary/Treasurer to contact them and request more information.
- ~~g. Discussion and vote to approve the Grants Committee to apply for the Statewide LSA Grant to purchase a new police car. No match is required.~~
- h. Discussion and vote to approve Milford Borough parks improvement fundraising account at GPCF. **Motion to approve by Farrell/Manion, motion opposed by Dooley, All Others in Favor.**
- i. Discussion regarding request for a burn ban from the Milford Fire Department. The Milford Fire Department asked the Borough Council to issue a burn ban due to the extreme dry conditions from lack of rain. The Borough does not have an Ordinance that includes a burn ban. The Council asked the residents to not burn anything at this time other than using a fire pit that is contained. A MailChimp message will be sent out to all residents by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- j. Discussion and vote to apply for LSA Statewide Grant in the amount of \$337,985 for Ann Street Park. **Motion to approve by Farrell/Manion, AIF.**

Old Business:

- a. Update on pedestrian safety and traffic concerns. Council Member Provenzano did a presentation to the Council and residents on some of the ideas for the traffic light at Broad and Harford Streets. National Highway Products can have a button on the poles that when pushed, all traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to cross the street. Provenzano also stated that the crosswalks have been painted with reflective white paint with slip resistant beads added into the paint. Council President Dooley met with Lois Buckman from PCLP and requested that they install cobra head LED lights with a 16ft arm on all the corners on Broad Street to make it safer on the other crosswalks. At the intersection of Broad St and Ann St, PCLP will add a plaque for Maya, which is being created by Rich Morais.
- b. Update on Act 600 Ordinance revision. Council Member Manion and Solicitor Ohliger are going to continue to work on this and have it for advertisement in December.
- c. Update on Route 209 Bridge. Council President Dooley spoke to Mike Conway, PennDOT project manager for the route 209 Bridge, and he said the National Park Services isn't allowing PennDOT to do any work on the bridge. NPS has new concerns with the water table and other archeological issues. The National Park Services denied PennDOT a special use permit to work on the Bridge.

Mayor's Report: The Council received the October reports from the MPD. Citations are up from last year and mileage is about the same. The MPD did a sting on the crosswalks and wrote over 20 tickets/warnings. Craig Selnick asked if MPD is doing anything about the speeding on Third and Fourth Streets at this time. Mayor Strub addressed his question and said that the MPD will include this area in their stationary spots. Craig asked again about possibly adding speed bumps to slow the traffic down. Council Member Provenzano said he was looking into possibly purchasing temporary speed humps at a lesser cost than the asphalt speed humps.

Committee Reports: Vice President Farrell stated that the improvements to the ballfield have started. Council Member Provenzano stated that leaf pickup is ongoing and will end on December 13th. The garbage pickup for the week of Thanksgiving will be on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Correspondence:

- a. Email regarding another successful Halloween
- b. Thank you letter from Pike County Library for donation

Appointments/Resignations:

- a. Resignation from Shade Tree Commission. Krista Turano has resigned from the Shade Tree Commission. **Motion to accept by Farrell/Manion, AIF.**

Borough Solicitor Update: None

Council President Update: None

Public Comment on Matters Under Borough Control: Steve Rosado asked if garland or a wreath could be added to the decorative street lights all along Broad Street. Farrell requested that no lights be added to the garland or wreath that would take away from the lights in the trees lining Broad Street. The cost of this would be covered by MHG. The Council had no objections to this as long as the lamps were not damaged by the decorations.

Executive Session: Motion to open the Executive Session by Manion/Provenzano, AIF. Motion to close by Manion/Farrell, AIF.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:36 pm by Manion/Farrell, AIF.