

Milton Town Council Meeting August 25, 2015 Preliminary / Summary Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Milton Public Library at 6:40 PM on August 25, 2015 by Mayor Jones. A moment of silence was then observed, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Theodore Kanakos, present

Emory West, absent

Esthelda Parker-Selby, present

Michael Cote, absent

Sam Garde, present

Marion Jones, present

Department heads, including Captain Cornwell, John Collier, Greg Wingo, and Mrs. Rogers were also present.

These Preliminary Minutes:

These preliminary minutes cover only the high points of the meeting. The discussions were recorded, and will be transcribed. The transcription will serve as the final minutes of the meeting. Documents included in the Council Package are not included as attachments to these preliminary minutes.

Public Participation:

Charlie Fleetwood made several comments, including:

- Tomorrow is the penultimate Concert-in-the-Park. Please come out and have a good time.
- October 17th will feature the Broadkill Banjos. Please mark it on your calendars.
- The Town's 200th Anniversary was a big success, having raised approximately \$80,000, while spending only \$72,000. The balance went to the Town General Fund.
- 2017 is the 210th Anniversary, and he would like to have a similar function to celebrate.
- He asked for a donation of \$1,000 to seed the kitty for the 210th celebration.

Jim Welu, Hazzard St., made several comments, including:

- Was curious why the agenda included "possible vote" on the budget.
 - Councilman Garde responded that it was to allow the possibility of voting on specific line items should the Mayor & Council deem it appropriate.
- Recommended Mark Quigley for appointment to the vacant seat on the Council, since he ran in the past election, thus showing himself interested.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda brought forward.

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Old Business: Discussion and Possible Vote on the Following Items:

a. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and fee Schedule

A detailed line-by-line discussion of the budget was restarted commencing with expenditure items. (The meeting on August 17 discussed revenue items in the General Fund.) The discussions included:

- The Town Clerk was requested to contact the Auditors and see if a split other than 80/20 (General Fund / Water Fund) for the Town Manager's salary would be acceptable.
- Decrease the Town Manager's salary and salary-related costs based on the position only being filled for 10 months, vice 12.
- Decrease Admin Dep't legal fees (line 01-200-5240) from \$60,000 to \$50,000.
- Decrease Admin Dep't supplies (line 01-200-5280) from \$4,500 to \$4,275.
- Increase Admin Dep't advertising (line 01-200-5300) from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- Decrease Admin Dep't training & seminars (line 01-200-5345) from \$2,000 to \$1,900.
- Decrease Admin Dep't meetings (line 01-200-5346) from \$1,200 to \$1,140.
- Increase Admin Dep't election expense (line 01-200-5350) from \$2,500 to \$2,600.
- Decrease Admin Dep't mileage expense (line 01-200-5410) from \$500 to \$475.
- Decrease Admin Dep't Town M'gr expense (line 01-200-5425) from \$500 to \$475.
- Increase Admin Dep't scanning, printing, etc. (line 01-200-5430) from \$5,000 to \$5,700.
- Increase Admin Dep't telephone (line 01-200-5300) from \$4,500 to \$4,800.
- Decrease Street Dep't Engineering fees (line 01-250-5220) from \$1,000 to \$950.
- Decrease Street Dep't Legal fees (line 01-250-5240) from \$1,000 to \$950.
- Decrease Street Dep't supplies (line 01-250-5280) from \$4,000 to \$3,800.
- Decrease Street Dep't yard waste disposal (line 01-250-5360) from \$600 to \$570.
- Decrease Street Dep't gasoline (line 01-250-5390) from \$2,100 to \$1,995..
- Decrease Street Dep't equipment rental (line 01-250-5450) from \$1,000 to \$950.
- Decrease Street Dep't repairs & maint - equip't (line 01-250-5470) from \$1,000 to \$950.
- Decrease General Dep't Council Approved Donation (line item 01-350-5175) from \$7,500 to \$6,500.
- Decrease Streets Dep't gasoline (line 01-600-5390) from \$2,800 to \$2,660.
- Decrease Streets Dep't repairs & maint - equip't (line 01-600-5470) from \$1,000 to \$950.
- Decrease Streets Dep't utilities (line 01-600-5500) from \$2,000 to \$1,900.
- Votes were taken on several line items:
 - Unanimous vote to remove street sweeper from Streets and Water Dep'ts' budgets, saving a total of *\$25,685.
 - Unanimous vote to remove the Wood Chipper from the Streets Dep't's budget, saving \$14,700.
- Several items were left open, including:

- Try to determine if we can offer a program to dedicate new park benches as a remembrance in someone's name. In the meantime, exclude new park benches from the Street Dept's capital expenditure budget, saving \$6,200.
- A potential donation for the Citizen-initiated Mural Project, pending developments discussed at the August General Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council.
- Allocation of Streets, Parks and Water Departments' salaries.
- Budget for the Economic Development Committee.
- Budget for park plantings (line 01-600-5300) with a suggested amount of \$1,000.
- A request to look into the possibility of using solar panels to power street lights owned by the Town.

New Business - Discussion and Possible Vote on the Following

No items.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Approval

These minutes were approved at the Town Council meeting held on October 5, 2015.

Very Respectfully submitted,
James C. ("Sam") Garde,
Secretary of the Town Council

