

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

August 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Morales. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mrs. Mabus, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Derr, Mr. Scheimreif, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Robol, and Mr. Pfeil. Also, in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Jennifer Lamoreaux, Chief Zettlemyer, Atty Wiley, and Mayor Aber. Absent from the meeting was: President Walker.

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Pfeil seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 24, 2024, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger advised Council that the gate at the recycling center is operational, and while this is a change for everyone, it has been going relatively well. The Borough has handed out approximately 800 magnetic stickers, and approximately 90 of those stickers have been purchased by non-residents.

Mrs. Novinger then informed Council that the Borough was awarded \$392,963.00 through PennDOT's Green Light Go program for the modernization of the traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Broadway St (SR 254) and Turbot Avenue. The Borough was the only recipient in Northumberland County.

Mrs. Novinger then reminded Council that the Borough will be conducting Siren Testing on August 15th from 10AM to 12PM. The test is to ensure that Northumberland County 911 can activate the Borough's siren system remotely. She stressed that this is only a test.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber expressed his happiness at seeing so many in attendance at the meeting. He advised Council that he attended the Winterfest Committee's Christmas in July event at Brown Ave Park, on July 27th. He noted that attendance was down, but all had a good time.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker was absent from the meeting.

Report of Chief of Police: No comments.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer reported that the crew is performing right of way clearing, and per the ordinance it is 14 feet up and 14 feet across from the curb. They are almost through the entire borough. There were a few complaints, but overall going well. Once the right of ways are cleared on the streets, they will move to the alleys. The crew is also working on some storm water repair. Mr. Shaffer and Mrs. Novinger met with New Enterprise for the paving on S Turbot Avenue, and advised they can start whenever they are available. We have not heard back on a start date at this time, once we do, we will provide an update.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the Fire Department report as: For the month of August, the Fire Department has responded to 11 calls, the volunteer QRS has responded to 3 calls for service and MICU 15 has responded to 80 calls. He also advised that with the heavy rain and flooding in the area last Friday, the department responded with two (2) boat crews to assist mutual aid departments. The crew rescued nine (9) individuals and their pets from a home in Allenwood.

Public Comments: No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve Resolution No. 24-09 for a handicapped parking space on Maple Ave.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request

- Consideration to approve a request from The Salvation Army to hold a Block Party on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 5-8pm along with a rain date of October 11, 2024. They would like to close Center St. from Bound Ave. to Elm St. They would also like to block off a portion of the Municipal parking lot for an inflatable obstacle course.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Swartz, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve a request from the Congregacion Menonita Shalom (CMS) to hold a block party at Brown Ave Park on Monday, September 2, 2024. They would like to use the Pavilion K-1 as well as the basketball courts and part of the tennis courts.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfiel, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve Ordinance No. 1255 to amend Ordinance No. 1219 to revise the employer contribution to the non-uniformed bargaining employees' pension plan effective January 1, 2024.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Service Agreement.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Schiemreif, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve revising \$91,447.01 from CDBG FFY 2021 Contract #C000082259 Milton Removal of Architectural Barriers, Phase 1 to Milton Removal of Architectural Barriers, Phase 2.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request
- Consideration to approve revising \$96,212.00 from CDBG FFY 2022 Contract #C000084673 Milton Removal of Architectural Barriers to Milton Removal of Architectural Barriers, Phase 2.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request
- Consideration to purchase a 2014 Ford F-450 bucket truck from Mountainside Auto Sales with a purchase price of \$23,000 from the Reserve account. Mrs. Novinger advised that we did receive three (3) quotes, it is within the bid threshold. We did receive a check in for storm water repairs in the amount of \$20,649.81 from Northumberland County Housing Authority and with the sale of the old truck we should be able to repay the reserve fund.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request
- Consideration to sell the current 1995 GMC Bucket Truck on Municibid.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request
- Consideration to approve the resignation of Richard (Dick) Specht from the Borough Planning Commission. Ms. Fawess questioned if we will be advertising for this position, Mrs. Novinger advised yes, but if there are any suggestions for replacements, we are open to them. This is an appointed position by the Council. Mr. Scheimreif questioned requirements for the position, and Mrs. Novinger advised that she will provide them.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

- Consideration to approve paying the bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$283,456.81.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

Vice President Moralez then asked if there was any other business or comments. Janet Quinones, 1038 Hepburn St and a resident of Milton for 17 years came in with her Pastor, her husband Jose Vasques and several church members, as the Council was voting on their block party. The church feels and knows that the Spanish community is not being heard in a positive way, and they would like to change that. They are hoping that their block party helps unite the community and places a different light on the Spanish Community as Christians.

At this time, 7:12 p.m., motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

Jennifer Lamoreaux
Borough Secretary/Treasurer