

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(Hybrid Meeting)

November 13, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 23, 2024 and October 30, 2024 Council Meetings.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the Borough received \$111,013 from the DEP 902 Equipment Grant to purchase a new ride on leaf machine and leaf box, which was excellent news considering the Borough's 1995 Tarco leaf machine slipped the clutch earlier this week – parts are on order, but the Borough will be short a leaf machine for at least two (2) weeks while repairs are made.

Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough was awarded \$42,100 in grant funding from DCNR to complete the Brown Ave Park Master Site Plan. Once the award has been officially accepted, the Borough will put out an RFQ for consultants to assist in the Master Site Plan and phased construction plans.

Mrs. Novinger then stated that the Borough sold the 2019 Dodge Charger on Municibid earlier in the week for \$15,200.00. The light bar was removed prior to the sale and was given to the Milton Fire Police for use on their vehicle.

Mrs. Novinger reminded everyone that the Boroughwide leaf pick-up will continue until the first plowable snowfall.

Mrs. Novinger advised that work continues on the 2025 budget, which will be presented at the Tuesday, November 26, 2024, Council Meeting.

Finally, Mrs. Novinger asked Council to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting to consider adding a motion to hire Darryl Fisher as a part-time, at-will police officer at a starting rate of \$28.21 per hour to fill the vacant SRO position.

- On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber was absent from the meeting.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker expressed his excitement for the \$42,100 grant from DCNR for Brown Avenue. Reiterated that the Finance Committee should have more time to review the budget and that it will be ready for the November 26, 2024 meeting. He advised it looks great, but that Mrs. Novinger and the Committee needed a little more time.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer introduced Darryl Fisher, the new part-time SRO, to Council. Chief Zettlemoyer spoke of Darryl's previous military service and previous work history with East Buffalo Twp and Buffalo Valley PD, along with a position at Bucknell and then as an SRO at Selinsgrove School District. They spent most of the day working on MOPEC requirements and fingerprints and met with President Walker. Darryl likes the Milton SRO model that is currently in place, and this position will allow him to be closer to home. Chief Zettlemoyer feels that Darryl will be a great addition and has the right personality for the SRO position. Chief Zettlemoyer also provided an update on the cameras in the Borough and advised that representatives from the companies will be at the next council meeting on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, to present their plan and map of the Borough camera coverage, and he is looking forward to Council's input.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer reiterated that one leaf machine is down due to a broken clutch. He was able to find the parts but expects the machine to be down for at least 2 weeks. The crew will continue with leaf pickup as scheduled, however it will be slower than usual. The crew also took down a very large silver maple tree on the vacant lot on South Front Street. The tree was rotted and needed to be taken down. Cleanup continues in the parks and cemeteries for leaves and the crew has also started to decorate the

downtown with Christmas lights, and most of the strands in the trees needed to be replaced as they were either damaged or missing.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: the Fire Department responded to 12 calls for service, the volunteer EMS responded to 4 calls, and MICU15 responded to 75 calls for service. The Fire Department had their annual pump certification completed and all pumps passed and are good for another year.

Public Comments: No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety: No Comments

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve a quote from Alert Enterprises LLC for updated door security at the Police Department and Borough office not to exceed \$8,180.00. This expense will come from ARPA Funding.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to prepare and advertise the Amusement Tax Ordinance
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to prepare and advertise the EMT/Firefighter Active Volunteer Earned Income Tax (EIT) Credit Ordinance.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request. Councilman Derr and Councilwoman Meckley both abstained.
- Consideration to advertise the Code Enforcement Officer position.
  - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to hire Darryl Fisher as a part- time, at-will police officer with a starting rate of \$28.21 per hour per the SRO agreement.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to pay the bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$151,299.75.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker then asked if there was any other business or comments to come to Council. Mr. Steven Rouch, a resident from Turbot Twp came to Council with a question on the recycling stickers. He advised they paid their \$50 fee for the sticker in July, but has traded his vehicle in, and was told that they would owe \$25 for a new sticker. He could understand a small fee for a replacement but not half the cost. Mrs. Novinger advised that residents pay half for a replacement or extra sticker, and Council agreed that \$25, or half, of the annual fee would be appropriate for nonresidents. President Walker asked Mr. Rouch to make an appointment with Mrs. Novinger as Council already had a motion and a second on the floor to adjourn and would revisit this issue next meeting if necessary.

At this time, 7:17pm, on motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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Jennifer Foust  
**Borough Secretary/Treasurer**