

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

October 23, 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. Derr and Mr. Pfeil. Also, in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Amy Day, Atty. Wiley, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Mayor Aber. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Morales, Kevin Scheimreif, and Jennifer Foust.

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 9, 2024, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the Borough will go through its annual KMIT Safety audit tomorrow morning at 10AM. This audit and a review of loss runs determines the Workers Compensation rate for the Borough the following year.

Mrs. Novinger then stated that the bills from Lycoming County Resource Management (LCRM) for recycling pulls continue to demonstrate a reduction in pulls required each month, now saving the Borough \$400 - \$500 per month since the recycling center was enclosed and now requires a sticker for entry.

She then informed Council that she and Chief Zettlemoyer attended a Police Civil Service in-person training course yesterday (10/22) through PSAB. The training provided updates regarding Civil Service policies and procedures. They will be working with the Civil Service Commission to make some updates as needed.

Mrs. Novinger stated that 4Paws Sake, the Borough's contracted service provider that takes care of stray dogs and dogs running at large in the Borough, is seeking volunteers in order to continue to provide this service for the Borough. Like many other organizations, a shortage of volunteers is causing 4Paws Sake to reevaluate the services it can provide. 4Paws is providing the Borough with a six (6) month agreement extension as they seek additional volunteers. (auto renewed since 2020)

Finally, Mrs. Novinger continues to work on the 2025 budget and employee evaluations.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber asked to please keep the family of Bill Ely in your prayers. He was an officer with the Borough for 20+ years and a veteran. He passed away last week.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker informed Council that the Borough is working on putting a calendar together for the website and Facebook to keep track of Borough Council approved events.

President Walker then informed Council of the Blight Committee members: Council President Jamie Walker, Borough Manager Jess Novinger, Code Enforcement Officer Doug Diehl, and community members Chad Gonzales, Troy Wagner, and Mike Hiller. The committee will examine issues related to blight in the borough.

President Walker thanked Representative Stender for the \$100,000 Local Share Account grant the Borough received.

President Walker then expressed his condolences for the 95-year-old man that died in the line of duty while working the Danville Halloween Parade.

He stated that the Ladder Truck decision is to be made by November 1st, 2024, and that there will be a special meeting next week as the information requested was not available for tonight. He expressed that this decision impacts the Borough's budget.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he is working on revisions to the current Civil Service and changes are being made. He then reminded Council that trick-or-treating is October 31st. Chief Zettlemoyer then informed the Council that the overall camera project vendor should have numbers, the earliest being Friday and the latest being next week. Engineers are currently working on the numbers in Buffalo.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised that brush pick-up is going well, and the crews were in the 5th Ward today; the leaf truck has been out and will continue to be. He reminded Council to inform residents to not mix piles.

Mr. Shaffer then informed the Council that the Turbot Ave. paving project is 80% complete. There have been a few issues they are working on yet but it should be wrapped up by the end of next week. He has had many conversations with residents and business owners affected by this.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: the Fire Department responded to 9 calls for service and the volunteer EMS responded to 9 calls. Chief Heddings did not have the numbers for the MICU15 responses. Chief Heddings then informed Council that the Utility Truck is getting started at the upfitters, RAPID911. He then reminded Council of the events happening this week: Saturday, the Department will be at Tractor Supply for a Hero's Event; Tuesday the Department will be at the Milton High School for the trunk-treat event; and Thursday the Department will be having an open-house for Halloween.

Public Comments: No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety: No Comments

General Government and Finance:

On motion of Ms. Fawess and carried, Council amended the agenda to include consideration for approving the canopy rendering provided by the Milton Historical Society; canopy to be constructed over the ACF railcar on the Milton Police Department property.

- On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request. Opposed were Mr. Pfeil and Mr. Derr.
- Consideration to enter into an agreement with Northumberland County for snow removal on the bridges and sidewalks within the Borough.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to sell the Fire Department's Utility Truck on Muncibid.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, 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 \$343,796.45.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker reminded Council of the October 30th Special Meeting in Council Chambers at 6pm regarding the Milton Fire Department Ladder Truck.

At this time, 7:14pm, on Motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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**Borough Clerk - Borough
Secretary/Treasurer**