

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

October 9, 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, Jennifer Lamoreaux, Atty. Wiley, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Mayor Aber. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Morales.

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 25, 2024, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the Borough received the estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2025. It is \$189,747.33. This year (2024), the Borough received \$191,637.30. In 2019, when she started, the Borough was receiving \$219,307.58 annually (allocation has dropped \$29,560.25 in six years).

Mrs. Novinger advised that the PA Auditor General released the 2024 State Aid value - \$6,291.55 (an 8% increase over 2023). She also advised the Borough was eligible for a dividend check from KMIT (workers comp insurance) this year. We received \$2,449.00.

She reminded everyone that the Boroughwide brush pick up will be October 21st – 25th with leaf pick-up to follow until the first plowable snowfall.

She advised that work continues on the 2025 budget and employee evaluations.

Report of the Mayor: No Comments

Report of the President of Council: President Walker extended his Congratulations as well as Council's to Ms. Lamoreaux, who was married over the weekend. Her new last name will be Foust, and for Council to expect a name change in email. He reminded everyone that it is budget season, and that the Blight Committee will be announced next council meeting. He also extended prayers to those affected by the hurricane in Florida.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he had a meeting with the camera company, ClearView Technologies (Playsmart), and Siklu. This meeting was attended by the Mayor, President Walker, and Mr. Pfeil. Playsmart is in Tampa and with the current weather, could not be contacted. We should have another update in two (2) – four (4) weeks and attend a Council Meeting to explain the process further.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised that winterization has started at the parks, playgrounds and cemeteries. The water has been turned off, porta potties have been removed, the speed bumps and shade structure in Brown Ave Park have been removed. Mowing continues in the Borough. Crews have begun cutting back the bank on Mahoning St at the Harmony Cemetery for safety reasons. It will be terraced, it is going very well but will take some time to complete.

Report of the Fire Chief: President Walker read the report as follows: the Fire Department responded to 13 calls for service, the volunteer EMS responded to 3 calls, and MICU15 responded to 56 calls for service. Tower 15 received and passed its annual aerial testing. Fire Department members have been busy presenting our annual fire prevention program to local daycares and students in the Milton School District.

Public Comments: Brent Mosser, Director of the Milton Public Library, came to introduce himself to Council. Born and raised in the Hazleton area, he graduated from Penn State University and also

Ohio State University. He is pleased to be here and following in the footsteps of Kris LaVanish, who was a great director. He is a former school librarian and teacher, and feels libraries are not just a place to store books. He wants to continue offering programs and services that support the community. All are welcome to use the library regardless of background and culture. He stated he is very happy to be part of the community and wants to impact it in the most positive way possible.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve the list of anticipated events for the 2024 Milton Winterfest which includes: Santa and Mrs. Claus, Tree Lighting at Lincoln Park, Craft & Vendor Fair, Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, Home Decorating Contest, and Pictures with Santa
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Swartz, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve Danville-Riverside's request for the Milton Fire Police to assist with their Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 24, 2024. The report time is 5pm with a parade start of 7pm.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Swartz, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's request to host a walking event through town, on November 8, 2024, in support of the Miles for MilitaryShare Program (suggested route provided separately).
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Swartz, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve Resolution No. 24-11 Reducing Police Officers' Contributions to the Police Pension Fund for 2025.

Mrs. Meckley asked what the reduction to the contribution is, Mrs. Novinger advised that the contribution remains the same every year, however since the contribution is lower than the allowed contribution, reduction is the word that Mr. Werley uses.

 - 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 \$490,718.19.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker then asked if there was any other business or comments to come to Council. Mrs. Mabus advised October 29th is Treats on the Track at the Milton High School beginning at 6pm. The Mayor also announced Trick or Treating in the Borough on October 31, 2024 from 6pm-8pm. Mr. Pfeil advised that he will be meeting with the committees to review the camera project and all the work that has been going on behind the scenes, to prepare for future Council Meetings.

At this time, 7:20pm, on Motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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