

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(ZOOM MEETING)

January 13, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Shearer. The following Councilpersons were present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Shearer, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Specht, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Dale Pfeil, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Moralez, Mr. Robol, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Chief Zettlemoyer, Sam Shaffer, Scott Derr, Attorney Benion, Doug Diehl, and Kevin Mertz. Mayor Nelson was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the December 9, 2020 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that the Borough has retained its PSAB+ training memberships for 2021 which all Borough Officials and Staff are entitled to access. We will continue to have free access to all PSAB webinars. She will e-mail a link to PSAB's training schedule and will take care of anyone wishing to register for anything. She reminded Council that all trainings that the Borough needs to pay for will need to be pre-approved by Council. This includes fees, mileage, reimbursements, etc.

Next, Mrs. Novinger informed Council that we received \$7,684.10 from the Northumberland County CARES Act funding (\$642.10 from our application request and \$7,042.00 based on our population). We also received 10 radios for first responders – 7 for the police and 3 for the fire department – worth \$46,967.41.

She then reported that PennDOT will be placing traffic counters on municipally-owned roads throughout the Borough from January – April 2021. This will allow them to collect traffic data that will be used to prioritize locations for potential safety improvements.

She was approached by Brick Kepler from the Milton Rotary Club inquiring if Council would consider allowing Rotary to purchase new banners to replace some that we place downtown. We currently have 30 "Welcome to Milton" banners and 29 banners displaying an American Flag waving. He specifically mentioned creating Hometown Hero banners displaying local Veterans. She asked for Council's permission to allow Rotary to further explore this project. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger then asked Council for approval for her to attend the PSAB Web Series on Writing Effective Grant Proposals which is a four-part series, twice a week, over lunch for an hour January 19, 2021 – January 28, 2021. The cost of the series is \$50.00. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent and gave no report to Chief Zettlemoyer.

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer thanked all Borough staff for their hard work through the pandemic and different shifts that have been worked. He then requested that if any Councilmember has financial questions regarding the statements provided, they should send their questions first to him and he will decide if it is necessary to pass on to staff members.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer thanked Mrs. Meckley and the Milton Ministerium for their presentation of a plaque to the Milton Police Department for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He then reported that the new cruiser is now in service. Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that the Valley lost a great member of their Law Enforcement. The Chief of Middleburg passed away from COVID. He had a career in law enforcement and will be greatly missed.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that there were 2 snowstorms since the last Council meeting and everything went well despite having three new employees. Recently he looked at containers at Lewis Township that they were going to get rid of and are donating two of them to the Borough. Christmas tree/brush pick up was this week and is going well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that in 2020, the Department responded to 297 calls with 2,588 manhours.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved the re-appointment of Jim Sanders as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO); Kenneth Young as the alternate SEO, and adopted the fee schedule for 2021.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council rescinded Resolution #14-02 and approved removing the sign.
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adopted Resolution #21-01 relocating a Handicap Parking Space from Broadway to Center Street.
- D. On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved advertising an Ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance #1177 vacating an unnamed ally in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and correctly identifying parcel numbers.
- E. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for the Milton Area School District to construct an addition to the existing maintenance garage. Chris Sheaffer from Larson Design Group presented the Plan as well as Doug Diehl.

Ms. Fawess then informed Council that she spoke with Mrs. Novinger, President Shearer, and Mr. Moralez about the vacancy on the Milton Regional Sewer Authority (MRSA). Because Mr. Moralez has expressed an interest in this, she made a motion to appoint him the MRSA for a 5-year term effective immediately. This motion was seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Robol for his leadership while serving on the MRSA board. President Shearer seconded Mr. Walkers statement and sentiments.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$235,845.15.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robol and carried, Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer