

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 11, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Walker. The following Councilpersons were present: Mr. Walker, 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, and Kevin Mertz. Mark Shearer and Mayor Nelson were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 28, 2020 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger had no report.

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

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer was not in attendance.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that Lexipol has the skeleton version of the Department's new policy manual built. He stated that he will continue meeting with representatives of Lexipol on a regular basis and will present the final version of the manual to Council. He also reported recently looking at a license plate reader being used by a nearby municipality. He was impressed by what he saw and said that the devices are portable and can be moved between police cars. He noted a five-year lease on a reader is available for \$2,388 per year. He offered to have a license plate reader brought before Council for a demonstration. Council expressed an interest in seeing the demonstration.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that leaf pick-up continues, and everything is going well with only minor issues. They have been working on the community pool, and now that it is filled, if the water holds, it will be an indication that no further repairs will be needed at this time.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that the Department has responded to 22 calls so far in October with 174 manhours. They purchased two new litters for the ambulance and a loading system. Vice-President Walker thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with the Panther Cub games this season.

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 Council meeting dates for 2021.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council authorized advertisement of the 2021 Council meeting dates.
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the Employee Handbook with an amendment to the Jury Duty section. The amendment should read "Employees shall be compensated if they are summoned for Jury Duty and any compensation from the County must be returned to the Borough). Mr. Specht was opposed.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the First Reading of the 2021 Budget. This is a balanced budget with a $\frac{3}{4}$ mill tax increase.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized advertisement of the 2021 Budget.
- C. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise the 2021 Tax Ordinance.
- D. 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 \$397,036.88.

Mrs. Meckley then thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and thanked the Public Works Department for their work.

Vice-President Walker thanked the Borough staff and the Finance Committee for their work on the budget and stated that he feels the Borough is going in the right direction.

Ms. Fawess asked how to see things on Municibid. Mrs. Novinger stated that anyone can sign on to Municibid and that she will e-mail Council when our items are placed for bid.

Vice-President Walker reminded Council that the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer