

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons in attendance: Mr. Specht, Mr. Pfeil, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Robol, Mr. Budman, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Chuck Beck, Shelly Sandstrom, Attorney Benion, Mayor Nelson, Chief Zettlemoyer, Joe Stump, and Sam Shaffer. Mr. Farr, Mr. Walker, and Doug Diehl were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 23, 2019 meeting. Ms. Fawess abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Ms. Novinger informed Council that that she has contacted local private haulers for our recycling bins and at this time, there are no private haulers willing to take the Borough's recyclables to the Lycoming County Resource Management Services due to liability concerns.

Next, she stated that she recently was invited to attend and speak at the Milton Women's Club on October 28th, at Baugher Elementary School for the Community Helpers Program on November 1st, and the Milton Rotary Club on November 4th.

She also reported that the Borough has received the final payment from the Milton Regional Sewer Authority.

Ms. Novinger informed Council that the Borough has been awarded its second \$1 million grant from DCED Multi-Modal funds and will submit the final ARC Grant through SEDA-COG for \$697,659.00. If we are successful in this final application, we will have the funds necessary to complete the Marsh Road Project. President Budman and Council congratulated those involved in the grant process.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson reported that he recently received a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) letter from ACF President and CEO Michael Fermakis. In the letter it was stated that approximately 148 workers at the Milton facility will be permanently laid off.

Report of the President of Council: President Budman informed Council that he was contacted by the United Steelworkers Union leadership who expressed concern that the notification lacked adequate details explaining the reasons for the layoff. He reached out to Representative Culver's office who in turn contacted the Governor's Action Team. President Budman said that he will be requesting an in-person meeting with Mr. Fermakis in order to gain insight into the company's decision.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Trail of Treats was successful and went well. It was well attended despite the rain. They recently dealt with a missing child who has been found safe. Chief Zettlemoyer thanked all the agencies that assisted in the recent shooting downtown. Mr. Swartz asked if he and Doug Deihl have worked on the abandoned vehicles throughout the Borough. Chief stated that Doug has recently found some that are to be towed.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that they continue with leaf pick-up. He informed Council that they have not done it by ward this year. They go through the Borough and get the leaves as they see them. He finds that it is saving them time and working better for them.

Report of the Fire Chief: Joe Stump reported that the Department attended the Trail of Treats. He also informed Council that over the past several weeks, the ambulance has been at Evangelical Hospital. The truck is back with a new engine and hit a deer during the weekend. It should be back in service soon. They have responded to 20 incidents since the last Council meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council appointed Jessie Novinger as a new representative to the Milton Regional Sewer Authority to replace William Barr whose term ends on December 31, 2019. This will be a 5-year term.
- B. On motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council adopted Resolution #19-08 appointing Jessie Novinger as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer for the Borough's HOME Investment Partnership as administered by SEDA-COG.

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 \$232,832.30.

Mr. Beck expressed his thanks to Representative Culver and Senator Gordner for their continued support, particularly with the grant process for the Marsh Road Project.

Ms. Novinger informed Council that she is handing out the draft of the 2020 Budget tonight for their review. President Budman told Council to ask any questions they may have about the budget prior to the next Council meeting to ensure no delays.

Mr. Shearer discussed the possibility of St. Andrew's Church having some type of mausoleum at one of the Borough's cemeteries for deceased members of the congregation. Mr. Beck responded that he and Mr. Shaffer have begun discussion regarding this issue and would report back to Council

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer