

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(ZOOM MEETING)

February 24, 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, 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. Mr. Dale Pfeil and Mayor Nelson were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the minutes from the February 10, 2021 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that she attended a PSAB webinar on workers compensation and lowering the Borough's experience mod to help continue to reduce our insurance premiums. This was a free class due to PSAB+ training membership.

Next, she informed Council that the Warrior Run School District has withdrawn its request to utilize Veterans' Field for its 2021 High School baseball season. The Borough continues to get requests to utilize fields for tournaments and events. She will be sending out the proposed field usage agreement that went through the General Government and Recreation committee for final Council review and any additional questions before the upcoming meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Novinger then stated that she will be bringing the Borough Administrative staff at Borough Hall all back in the office effective Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will continue to operate by appointment only, socially distance, wear masks, and sanitize regularly.

Because of the recycling containers given by Lewis Township, she asked for Council's consideration to sell the 1989 recycling trailer on Muncibid. The sale proceeds will go back into the Recycling Expense line item to offset the costs of repairing/painting/updating the trailers from Lewis Township. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer had no report but stated to the Ad-hoc committee that he will be getting back to Mr. Venios this week.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that they were able to get more firearms off of the streets. The new radios are now running, and Keystone Communications are determining the value of the old radios. Next, he asked for Council's permission to fill a part-time vacancy with Scott Davis. He would be a part-time, at-will employee starting at the rate of \$25.31. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved this request pending a background request. Mrs. Novinger will send Mr. Davis a letter outlining the details of his employment.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that since the last meeting, they have been busy with snowstorms and removal. The colored glass dumpster will be in service tomorrow. Mr. Specht thanked Sam and the Department for the snow removal around his neighborhood.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that in February, the Department responded to 18 calls with 233.8 manhours. President Shearer asked if the Department had any role in the restructure of the Bethany United Methodist Church. Scott responded that the church trusses are not firefighter friendly, and that the department would tour the church upon completion.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved a request from the Standard-Journal to promote the Milton Community Yard Sales for May 6 – 8, 2021.
- B. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved a request from the T.I.M.E. Group to close Elm Street to South Front Street and have the Milton Fire Police provide security services on Saturday, June 12, 2021 for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Fest. This approval is contingent that no business parking lots, or entrances are blocked. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.

General Government and Recreation: Ms. Fawess asked that Council review the Usage Agreement and get suggestions to her or Mrs. Novinger in a timely manner.

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 \$124,290.84.

Mrs. Meckley made a motion to resume meetings in Council chambers, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried. Ms. Fawess and Mr. John Pfeil were opposed. Mrs. Novinger was in favor of returning to meetings at the Council chambers stating social distancing and masks will be in effect. The meetings will also be available via zoom.

Mr. Morales asked Mrs. Meckley why she opposed the request from the T.I.M.E. Group. Mrs. Meckley responded that she feels it is an inappropriate use of our fire police.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer