

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

July 28, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 14, 2021, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to sell one of the four 2002 GMC single axle 6-ton dump trucks on Municibid. On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mrs. Novinger.

Next, Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to authorize her to utilize the monies made from the sale of the GMC truck toward an upfitted F550 equipped for snow removal. We received a COSTARS quote from New Holland Auto Group for a not to exceed cost of \$81,955.00. The remaining balance of the truck to be purchased will come from Liquid Fuels and the Cemetery Fund. She also attached the quote for the new F550. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved this request.

She then informed Council that Brush pick-up from storm damage is going well and will continue through the rest of the week.

Mrs. Novinger then asked for Council's consideration to apply for the Federal STOP (Students, Teachers, Officers, Preventing School Violence) Grant. This grant does not require a match and can be used for both equipment and training for all officers, not just the SROs. Chief Zettlemoyer provided details on the equipment and trainings he is seeking through this program. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to approve her registration to the PSAB Municipal Legal Update Conference (virtually), August 4 & 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. The PSAB Plus membership price is \$112.50. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer was absent.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker thanked the Executive Committee, Mrs. Novinger, and Mrs. Sandstrom for the meeting last week. He felt it was very productive. He noted that there is a lot coming soon to work on the budget.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Department is investigating a probable overdose death this week. They also responded to a parking issue on Vine Street and are coming to a solution for the problem. Chief Zettlemoyer also reported that the SRO Officers are finishing their summer session and the Department is gearing up for the Harvest Festival. President Walker asked when the contract with the Milton School District for SRO Mark Evans ended. Chief responded that it is good through the next school year.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that brush pick-up is this week due to the recent storms. He stated that they may need to pick up in the 5th Ward next week due to the paving. The recent storms caused us to lose 14 trees at Brown Avenue Park that the department has been cleaning up. The trees were all in wooded areas so there were no damages. Mr. Shaffer informed Council that the pool is still functioning. Ms. Fawess asked that we announce the 5th Ward brush changes on our website and on social media and asked if Kevin Mertz could include it in the Council report in the Standard-Journal.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr reported that so far in July they have responded to 28 calls for 307 manhours. He then informed Council that due to the trade-in value and donation from the dealership they were able to get a new Chief's vehicle. He also informed Council that the rescue truck caught fire a couple of weeks ago. He is working with the Borough Manager about this.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the amended request from the Milton Historical Society to provide a proper site between Broadway and the Police Department under the existing railroad canopy for the Milton Car Works tank car replica. This approval is contingent on the Historical Society agreeing to place the railcar and structure on its insurance, and also agree to maintain the site, as well as Council's approval of the canopy design before it is put in place.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Resolution #21-08 approving a Handicap Parking Space at 228 Hepburn Street.
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Public Library for the Borough to apply for the Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund Grant on behalf of the Milton Public Library contingent upon review of the grant application by the Borough Manager prior to submission.
- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Removal of Architectural Barriers as the 2021 CDBG project selection.
- E. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$125,019.15.

Mr. John Cooper, 106 South Front Street, Milton, PA addressed Council asking for an update to plant a Franklinia Alatomaha tree in the Center Street Park in honor of the late Mayor Ed Nelson. President Walker told Mr. Cooper that the Public Works and Cemeteries Committee is researching this and will report back to Council. Mr. Cooper also informed Council that the Center Street Park area is in disrepair and needs to be fixed as it is hazardous to walk there. President Walker thanked him for his information and stated that the Public Works Department and the Borough Manager would work with the Committee on these issues.

President Walker then thanked Mr. Morales and Ms. Fawess, representing the Library Board, for their recent free swim at the community pool.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer