

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Shearer. The following Councilpersons were present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Specht, Mr. Shearer, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Dale Pfeil, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Robol, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Attorney Benion, Scott Derr, Doug Diehl, Chief Zettlemyer, Sam Shaffer, and Kevin Mertz. Also present were Thierry Lindor representing Marsh Road Commercial Real Estate, Ashley Hetrick from Larson Design Group, and Ervin Blank, stenographer.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 22, 2020 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that the 2021 Pension MMO's are as follows: \$194,981.00 for the Police; \$77,931.00 for Non-Uniformed/Non-Bargaining; and \$41,800.00 for the Non-Uniformed/Bargaining Defined Pension Plan for a total of \$314,712.00. She stated that the MMO's are funded through Act #205 funds, employee contributions, and General Funds.

Next, she informed Council that the draft Handbook is being reviewed by EMC's labor law attorneys again after making suggested changes recommended by Councilmembers Meckley and Specht.

She then stated that Big Rock paving is scheduled to begin paving within the Borough at the end of August. A preconstruction meeting is being scheduled and she will keep Council updated on an exact start date and projected paving schedule.

There is a Marsh Road Project kick-off meeting scheduled with PennDOT and Larson Design Group on Monday, August 17th. The goal of this meeting is to establish a projected schedule.

Next, she asked for Council's approval for her to participate in a Webinar series through PSAB for Management of the Department of Public Works. The cost for this is \$50.00. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved this request as outlined.

An additional item Mrs. Novinger proposed to Council for consideration would be to go to one meeting a month with a better utilization of the current committees. The first meeting of each month would be with the committees that have items on the agenda and the second meeting of the month would be the regular public meetings as is currently held where action would be taken. This does not require action this evening but something she would like Council to think about instituting for 2021. She asked Council to call or e-mail her with any questions or concerns. Mrs. Meckley stated that she feels it would be in the best interest to the public to hold two regular meetings and if there would not be a quorum it would be a problem. Ms. Fawess felt that we could try it to see how it goes. President Shearer asked Council to think about it and reach out to Mrs. Novinger with their concerns.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was not in attendance.

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer asked Council and those in attendance for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ron Keiser who recently passed away. He stated that Ron had been on Borough Council and was an active member of the Milton Fire Police for many years.

Next, President Shearer stated that he talked with the Borough Manager last week regarding the use of the fields at Brown Avenue Park. He assigned Mrs. Fawess and the General Government and Recreation Committee, along with input from Mr. Walker and Mr. Dale Pfeil, to create a Usage Agreement for Council's review and approval. Mr. Specht asked if Milton teams would receive priority use of the fields. Both President Shearer and Mrs. Novinger said they would.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that Mark Evans, the second SRO has been sworn in and all testing is complete. The Department is dealing with a suspicious death; there have been several firearm arrests; and they apprehended a serious criminal today.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the storm drains, electric, and plumbing is done for the new pavilions. Paving will begin next week. They removed some trees at the parks, installed handrails at the Panther Cub field, and sprayed all areas of the Borough for weeds. Next week they will take care of a sink hole problem on Park Avenue.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that the Department has responded to 14 calls since the last Council meeting with 170 manhours. He stated that there has been an increase in COVID calls and the numbers have accelerated in the entire Borough.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Pickleball League to host a Pickleball Tournament at the Brown Avenue Tennis Courts on September 26, 2020 with a rain date of October 3, 2020. This approval is pending Attorney Benion's review and approval of their COVID-19 Waiver.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. At this time, 7:34 p.m. Attorney Benion opened the Conditional Use Hearing for Marsh Road Commercial Real Estate to construct a 143,000 sq. ft. warehouse/distribution facility. The complete minutes from this hearing will be attached to the final version of these minutes once they are received by the Borough. Attorney Benion closed the hearing at 7:49 p.m.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved the Conditional Use for Marsh Road Commercial Real Estate. Mr. Moralez abstained.
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved the Land Development Plan as submitted by Marsh Road Commercial Real Estate. Mr. Moralez abstained.

- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, Council approved the Land Development Plan for Baugher Elementary School as presented by Ashley Hetrick from Larson Design Group. Mr. Specht asked if there would be any traffic changes on Broadway due to these changes. Ms. Hetrick answered that there should not be any significant changes.

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 \$160,102.83.

Mr. Walker thanked the Borough staff, and Public Works for their help and support at the Panther Cub Football Field.

Mrs. Meckley asked Mrs. Novinger if there were any updates on the Community Pool. Mrs. Novinger responded that the contractor is still waiting on a part to check the pool lines.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer