

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Walker. 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, Chief Zettlemoyer, Sam Shaffer, Kevin Mertz, and Tom Aber. Doug Diehl and Scott Derr were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 12, 2020 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that Big Rock Paving has begun milling. There was a last-minute change in the direction they were working. They are now beginning at Lawton Lane and working their way south to Locust Street.

Next, Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the kick-off meeting for Marsh Road with Larson Design Group and PennDOT went well. We are moving forward with an aggressive timeline to complete in 2022; however, if permitting/mitigation issues arise, the project completion could be pushed back to 2023. The Scooping Field View with all permitting entities will take place on October 5th at 1:00 p.m. After this meeting, we will re-evaluate the timeline if necessary.

Mrs. Novinger informed Council that Impact Management will be here early next week to pressurize the lines throughout the pool complex and identify any leaks in the system. Also, the Pool Committee will be holding its annual Chicken Barbeque fundraiser on October 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is a drive-up/pick-up at the large pavilion in Brown Avenue Park. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Tony Snyder at 570-742-9363.

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

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer had no report but did state that we have received the benches made by Dane Neilson for the Community Pool as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that he has very deep concerns about the Governor's proposal to legalize marijuana as a recreational use. He also reported that the Northumberland County EMA gave the Department PPE items this week and he thanked them for the supplies. The Department also got a stolen gun off the streets yesterday. Mr. John Pfeil asked the Chief what his concerns were about legalizing marijuana. Chief responded that he attended a medical marijuana seminar recently and it appears that things are not necessarily working out as well as is being reported.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the new pavilion at Brown Avenue is coming along well. The electric is installed. The storm water issue on Park Avenue is almost completed. He has been monitoring Big Rock Paving and they are doing a good job.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr was not present, but Mrs. Novinger reported that the Department has responded to 27 calls in August for a total of 151.54 manhours. With the recent spike in COVID cases in the

Borough, the Department QRS has been dispatched to 33 calls of service. The Department received two deliveries of supplies from Northumberland County consisting of gowns, face masks, face shields, and tyvex suits to help keep the volunteers safe. For the month of August the Micu has responded to 152 calls for service with a total of 1,296 for the year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- B. On motion of Mrs. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adopted Resolution #20-06 for the Borough's HOME Grant from DCED.

Ms. Fawess reported that the committee will be meeting with Mrs. Novinger during the week of September 7th to review the draft Usage Agreement for the fields at Brown Avenue Park.

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 \$122,397.27.

Mr. Moralez thanked the Police Department and the EMT's that responded to his brother's recent accident.

Mrs. Novinger informed Council that Doug Diehl's father-in-law passed away today, and we are keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Walker asked Chief Zettlemoyer if they have any interaction with Kramm's Nursing Home in Milton because of the recent COVID increase there. Chief responded that they have been left out of the loop of information from the Department of Health and have no first-hand knowledge of the situation.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer