

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Zoom Meeting
January 27, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with the following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mr. Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Specht, Mr. Moralez, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Dale Pfeil, Mr. Shearer, and Ms. Fawess. Also present were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Attorney Benion, Chief Zettlemoyer, Doug Deihl, Scott Derr, and Sam Shaffer. Mayor Nelson was absent. Also present for the Susquehanna Valley Community College presentation were: Lenaire Ahlum, Meghan Beck, Robert Zimmerman, Ellie Fogerty, and Jesse Newcomer.

President Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 13, 2021 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that as mentioned in the last manager's report, she has emailed Council the PSAB website link listing all the upcoming trainings. The webinars are at no cost to the Borough; however, some "Online Learning" classes do have a fee associated with them.

PSAB Webinar List Link:

[https://boroughs.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021%20Current%20Feb%20Webinar%20Schedule\(1\).pdf](https://boroughs.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021%20Current%20Feb%20Webinar%20Schedule(1).pdf)

PSAB Online Learning List Link:

<https://boroughs.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021%206Current%20Website%20Online%20Class%20Schedule%201124.pdf>

Next, she reported that we have begun to gather information and work with Klacik & Associates, again this year to complete the 2020 audit.

She also had a training request to attend the PSATS webinar on COVID-19 Vaccines: What Municipal Employers Need to Know, presented by Eckert Seamans' Labor and Employment Group. The cost of this webinar is \$40. I am asking Council's consideration to attend this web series. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was absent. Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he spoke to the Mayor today and he is doing well and will start coming to Council meetings when we can meet at the Borough Hall.

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer had no report but stated that he also reached out to the Mayor recently and he is doing well. He informed Mr. John Pfeil that he will have an answer for him regarding the downtown revitalization in February.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he sent the annual report to Council. If there are any questions, please reach out to him. The department will get the new radios from the County next week. He then informed Council that there will be a License Plate Reader demonstration at the Police Department next Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that they continue to refurbish the dumpsters received from Lewis Township. They continue to work on the snow as storms occur. He also reported that another employee will be out for 4-6 weeks starting next week for surgery.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that for January so far, the Department has responded to 73 calls, for a total of 225.33 manhours. They responded to a fire today that included mutual aid. There were no injuries, but it was a total loss of the building.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Susquehanna Valley Community College then gave a presentation to Council outlining their proposed plan for a community college in the region. Representatives stated their effort is to establish a community college in the Central Susquehanna Valley and is looking to have a \$1.14 per month tax levied on households in a four-county area to fund the initiative. If Commissioners in each County agree to levy the tax, the following amounts are expected be collected each year: Northumberland County - \$624,000; Union County - \$240,000; Snyder County - \$228,000; and Montour County - \$128,000. If approved, the same tax will be collected for a 10-year period. At the end of that period, the counties would have to sign agreements to continue sponsoring the college and tax rates would change. It is their hope to have the counties sign on to support the effort this year, with plans to have the community college operational by 2023. If all approvals for the project are granted, the community college would be based in Sunbury with classrooms established at various locations throughout the region. The group then asked Council for a letter of support for the project to be sent to the Northumberland County Commissioners. After further discussion, President Shearer said that Council will consider the request for further discussion at a future meeting.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property: No report.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1232 to repeal and replace Ordinance #1177 vacating an unnamed alley in the 4th Ward and correctly identifying parcel numbers.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance revising Ordinance #1223 to extend the “no parking” to both sides of the street on Red Hill Road from Golf Course Road to the Borough boundary. Mr. John Pfeil asked why this change is necessary. Mrs. Novinger responded that it is in light of a recent vehicle accident. Chief Zettlemoyer stated that based on how the road runs and elevates, its dangerous to park on the road and would be the best solution.

Finance, Health, and Sanitation:

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved paying the bills in the amount of \$148,213.12.

Mrs. Meckley asked Chief Zettlemyer what will happen to the old radios when the new ones arrive. He responded that they will be used for part-time officers.

Mr. Walker informed Council that Panther Cub is putting together an idea for Council to consider putting up signs around the field outlined rules and regulations. They will come before Council at a later date.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer