

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 22, 2021, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger stated that she was able to prepare and submit the DEP 902 grant application to enclose our recycling drop-off center. The cost estimates put the total project at \$178,750 so the Borough's 10% match would be of \$17,875.

Next, she noted that this is a later agenda item – but she wanted to let Council know that we received no bids for the construction of the cemetery garage. As part of the bid we asked that the project be completed yet this year and no contractor felt confident (with current supply chain issues) that the timeline was feasible. She then asked for Council's consideration to re-bid and advertise the project with a completion date of 12/31/2022. Mr. Dale Pfeil suggested we wait until after the new year to re-bid the project. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mrs. Novinger.

Mrs. Novinger then provided the following update from 4PawsSake:

We had 5 strays this quarter and 3 additional dogs that we assisted with in some way (connecting finder and owner, taking call, and making initial post on FB leading to lost dog being found).

All dogs were returned within 30 minutes to 12 hours of arriving at the kennel, with the exception of one dog who did stay overnight before she was claimed.

Two strays came into 4 Paws that were either not claimed or relinquished by owner. They were vetted and adopted out. Total cost that 4 Paws put out for vetting was \$1,334 and adoption fees received were \$450.00.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer formally announced that trick-or-treating will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. He also reported that he joined a local youth group on a tour of the Police Department. He was very impressed with the officers and the information they provided.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker stated that as a board member at the Milton Regional Sewer Authority, there will be some issues that will be coming to Council in the near future. He then thanked everyone that has been working on the budget.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that testing for the Corporal position has been completed. He then asked Council for permission to promote Dan Zettlemoyer to the position of Corporal effective October 17, 2021. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Chief Zettlemoyer.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that brush pick up went well. They will begin leaf pick up as soon as more leaves fall. This will continue until the leaves are gone or the first plowable snow fall. They are still waiting for the new chipper due to supply chain issues. All water is shut off at the parks and the garbage cans are removed.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr reported that so far in October they have responded to 6 calls for 106.91 manhours. The year-to-date manhours are 570.

Public Comments: No comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries:

- A. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton American Legion to use Lincoln Park on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to distribute candy for Halloween. This approval is contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance.
- B. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Winterfest Committee to hold their anticipated events for the 2021 Milton Winterfest with one correction. The correction is to close down Bound Avenue – rather than Broadway for their Sleigh Run.
- C. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Borough of Danville to utilize the Milton Fire Police for the Danville-Riverside Halloween Parade on October 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved Jill Davidson as a trainee driver for the Milton Fire Department.

General Government and Finance:

- A. Attorney Benion opened a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance at this time – 7:25 p.m. He asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the changes in the Ordinance. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1236 amending the Zoning Ordinance as outlined by Attorney Benion.
- C. Consideration to award bid for the Milton Cemetery Building. There were no bids received. Please refer the Borough Manager's report.
- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$454,079.96.

Mr. Swartz asked if there were any updates on the feral cat situation. Mr. Dale Pfeil responded that he has not heard back from Northumberland Borough as they've had a problem with this as well. He will follow up for the next Council meeting.

President Walker asked Doug Diehl if he had an updates to share with Council. Mr. Diehl responded that the Dobb's case is almost closed.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil , seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer