

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

March 10, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the minutes from the February 24, 2021 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that the Rotary is hoping to offer the public up to 40 30"x60" banners at \$200 each, printed both sides honoring their hero. Each banner will have a standard background with "Milton Rotary Salutes our hometown Heroes" Then the picture, information on their hero and a sponsored by area if they want. Heroes can be Military as well as first responders, teachers, or just favorite people. They would like to get started soon to advertise, accept applications, gather pictures and information with checks made payable to "Milton Rotary", in hopes of finalizing banner placement by May. Rotary is working on an April 1st deadline. They are working with Rileighs Outdoor as advised. The banners will be taken down in the Winter and for other occasions as necessary.

Rotary will be using this as a fundraiser. Banners will be \$200 each (same as Sunbury's current banner project) and the cost is about \$110, so Rotary will benefit \$90. They are hoping to announce soon and wrap it up by April 1st.

Next, Mrs. Novinger informed Council that she received a verbal "no findings" report for 2020 from our auditing firm, Klacik & Associates.

She and Solicitor Benion have been in discussion about the Borough's current PLCB noise exemption petition completed and approved last year. After speaking with a representative from Lynda Culver's Office, it has been confirmed that the noise exemption petition and hearing must be completed on an annual basis. The Borough's current petition expires April 15, 2021. It is her recommendation that if Council wishes to renew this exemption that the businesses benefiting from this petition cover all fees associated with the process (i.e., legal, etc.). In 2020, legal fees were \$1,231.80; border map creation/printing \$30.00 – anticipated fees for 2021 would be between \$500.00 - \$600.00. She does not need action on this item this evening. After discussion it was decided that the Borough Manager would send a letter to each establishment to see if they are interested in participating.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Shearer had no report.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the courts have opened back up for hearings. The Judge is scheduling them out. He also reported that he and the Borough Manager have met regarding the License Plate Readers and asked for Council's consideration to purchase them at a cost of \$5,950. The longevity is 5 years of service, warranty, and software upgrades. On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved this purchase as outlined.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported they have completed the three containers for recycling, and they are in service. The Department has been clearing rights-of-way and cleaning the cemeteries. All Christmas decorations are removed and are at the cemetery garage. They will leave them there for pick-up until the end of March. Spring clean-up has not been scheduled yet. He also reported that his two new employees have passed their CDL license and are now full-time employees.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that so far in March, the Department responded to 8 calls with 127.5 manhours.

Public Comments: No public comments.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the Recreational Usage Agreement with minor grammatical changes. We will be creating a separate agreement for single-use events.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the USA Softball to utilize two fields at Brown Avenue Park for a softball tournament on July 10 & 11 2021.
- B. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the Warrior Run Bombers Travel Baseball Team to use Veteran Fields on May 15 & 15, 2021.

General Government and Recreation: Ms. Fawess asked that Council review the Usage Agreement and get suggestions to her or Mrs. Novinger in a timely manner.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council authorized advertisement of an Ordinance revising previously approved Ordinances for the Milton Police Retirement Plan.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$109,716.80.

Mr. Moralez asked if there were any updates on the Community Pool. Mrs. Novinger stated that we have a call into Jim Kaydrena to see if he can identify the problems we are having with losing water. She stated that we will have an answer by the next Council meeting.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer