

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, there was a moment of silence for both Mayor Nelson and Nicholas Ney from the Fire Department.

Vice-President Walker stated that he is opening the meeting because President Shearer is the acting Mayor until Council appoints someone to fulfill Mayor Nelson's term.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 26, 2021, Council meeting.

At this time, 7:06 p.m., Attorney Benion opened a Conditional Use Hearing for Patton Warehouse. He asked for Council Members to introduce themselves and identification of the applicants. Doug Diehl and Kenneth Estep from Mid-Penn Engineering were sworn in for testimony. Doug Diehl and Mr. Estep explained that the proposed activities will consist of warehousing including truck traffic in and out of the property, parking, loading and unloading of trucks, dock workers loading and unloading trucks and transportation of goods and materials in and out of the proposed warehouse that will be stored for varied periods depending on the customer's needs. The warehouse will also employ logistics professionals who will work at the facility in an office setting, as well as managers, secretarial and other support staff. It will also employ dock workers responsible for loading and unloading of materials from trucks in and out of the warehouse. They estimate employing approximately 20 employees.

Attorney Benion asked if there were any comments from the public or from Council. There being none, he closed the hearing at 7:23 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Conditional Use request from Patton Warehouse.

Consideration to fill the remaining Mayoral term: Mr. Moralez nominated Mr. Shearer for the Mayor position, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil. Mr. Swartz nominated Chuck Beck for the mayor position, seconded by Mrs. Meckley. There being no further nominations, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, the nominations were closed. A roll call vote was held for Mr. Shearer as follows: Mr. Moralez – yes; Mr. Robol – yes; Ms. Fawess – yes; Mr. Walker – yes; Mr. Swartz – no; Mrs. Meckley – no; Mr. John Pfeil – yes. With the results being 6-2, Mr. Shearer was appointed the Mayor position.

Mr. Shearer then read his resignation from Council. On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council accepted his resignation from Council with regret. Vice-President Walker thanked Mr. Shearer

for his years on Council and his dedication to the community. Ms. Fawess asked if Mr. Shearer would remain Mayor until the Reorganizational meeting in January 2022. Vice-President Walker answered that he would until that time.

Vice-President Walker then asked for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Morales nominated Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil. There being no further nominations, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried nominations were closed. By unanimous vote of Council, Mr. Walker was appointed President of Council.

President Walker asked for nominations for Vice-President of Council. Mr. Morales nominated Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess. There being no further nominations, on motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried the nominations were closed. By unanimous vote of Council, Mr. Dale Pfeil was appointed Vice-President of Council.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to allow her to create and advertise and RPF for paving several alleys within the Borough. She would like to do a cost comparison between outsourcing this paving work versus continuing to do this work in-house factoring in equipment costs and the future expenses of replacing existing equipment. If the bids come in at a reasonable rate, she would like to utilize Liquid Fuels to pay for this paving work. Mrs. Meckley asked if there are additional paving jobs for this year. Mrs. Novinger answered that there are not as we completed the large paving job last year. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Mrs. Novinger.

Next, Mrs. Novinger informed Council that we received a \$500.00 donation from Milton Savings Bank and \$202.00 from the Milton Area School District's dress-down day to benefit the Milton Community Pool. She thanked them for the continued support of this community recreational asset.

She then reminded everyone that the Milton Community Pool will be opening this Friday, June 11th at 12:30 p.m.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer stated that he did not anticipate becoming the Mayor and was thankful to Council for appointing him. He noted that he will do his best to fulfill the position and hopes to make Milton proud as a meaningful successor to Mayor Nelson.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker stated that he is humbled by all of Council's support and thanked them for their vote to make him President of Council.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer was absent.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that things are coming together at the community pool. Mowing continues and the department has been mulching the parks. Paving begins next week on Shakespeare. President Walker thanked the Borough staff for their help with the pavilion rental.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr was absent, but Mayor Shearer read his report. The Fire Department announces the untimely passing of active firefighter/EMT Nicholas Ney. Nick was 25 years old and suffered a medical emergency while traveling home from Missouri with his family. He was very active with their QRS and volunteer ambulance efforts.

For the month of May, the Fire Department responded to 37 calls for service for 502.35 man hours. Year to date they have responded to 309 Fire/rescue and QRS calls with 165 of those being fire and rescue. During the month of May, they had 3 company training nights with an average attendance of 17 members per training

at 4 hours per training for a total of 204 in-house training hours. The Department has received their state grant monies and will be upgrading their water rescue equipment with this funding. .

Public Comments: Amanda Craig, 755 Strawbridge Road, Northumberland, PA, representing the T.I.M.E. group addressed Council to say that the Beer Fest will be on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for their help. She also informed Council that the next 1st Friday will be held on July 2nd.

John Cooper, 106 S. Front Street, Milton, Pa, addressed Council asking if they would consider allowing annual parking permits for the municipal lot. He spoke with the Police Department and the Borough Office today and learned that the Borough's ordinance does enable this. President Walker asked Mayor Shearer to discuss this with the Chief and the General Government Committee.

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 authorized Attorney Benion to advertise the amended Quality-of-Life Ticketing Ordinance.

Ms. Fawess thanked Linda and the committee, Doug Diehl, and Jess for their work on this ordinance.

President Walker also thanked everyone for their hard work with this ordinance.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$155,146.71.

Mrs. Meckley asked Mrs. Novinger if there were any updates on the Marsh Road Project. Mrs. Novinger responded that all of the key players will be at the site for a meeting on July 14th.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer