

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Zoom Call due to COVID-19

June 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Shearer. The following Councilpersons were on the Zoom Call: Mr. Shearer, Mr. Walker, Mr. Robol, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Specht, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Dale Pfeil, Ms. Fawess, and Mr. Swartz. Also on the Zoom Call were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Attorney Benion, Chief Zettlemoyer, Scott Derr, Sam Shaffer, and Kevin Mertz. Doug Diehl was not on the Zoom Call.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that the RFQ's for Engineering have been sent out for the Marsh Road Project.

Next, she stated that the Milton Little League has submitted a letter to the Borough that the organization intends on beginning Little League practices on June 12, 2020 (as soon as our County goes green). The estimated season will run through the end of October. They also noted that they will not be utilizing the 50/70 Field, which is located between Veteran's Field and the Panther Cub Field, this season. Mr. Walker stated that they will take over the mowing of the fields they will be using if Council approves. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized the use of the fields and mowing the fields utilized.

Mr. John Pfeil asked about the Marsh Road Project and what it entailed. Ms. Novinger responded that it is located near the Industrial Park and will provide through-way traffic for trucks and other vehicles and will be resurfaced for traffic use. She also stated that we have received two \$1 million grants for this project.

Ms. Novinger then informed Council that there will be two vacancies in the Department of Public Works. She requested Council's permission to advertise and fill these two positions. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was not on the zoom call, but Chief Zettlemoyer reported that he is home and recovering and sends his regards.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Click-it or Ticket Program has been extended through June 14th. They received an additional \$1,000 for traffic enforcement. He also reported that the protest held in Milton was a safe event. He thanked the community and businesses for their support.

Mr. John Pfeil asked if there are things the Police Department need including training or body cams. Chief Zettlemoyer responded that they do need additional training and possibly gas masks and helmets. Mr. John Pfeil stated that we have to be ready for what may come due to the recent protests. Mr. Walker agreed and stated that it is past due, particularly the body cams. Chief Zettlemoyer responded that he and Ms. Novinger have been researching this and will continue to do so. Mr. Morales echoed Mr. John Pfeil's thoughts and thanked the Police Department for their hard work.

Mr. Dale Pfeil addressed Council and Chief Zettlemoyer about a social media post he recently saw. It stated that there was a Dodge Charger with New York plates being used as an unmarked vehicle. Chief responded that they use different vehicles to clock vehicles. This vehicle does not pull anyone over.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that they continue to move forward with stormwater work. They have 11 more to do. They are working on Brown Avenue and still waiting to hear from PP&L to proceed and need an easement from the school. Brush pick-up is going well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that since the last meeting the Department has responded to 17 calls with 177 manhours. He also reported that the new i-pads have been installed in most apparatus. He thanked Chief Zettlemoyer and the Police Department for their planning for the recent protest and hopes to do more work with the Police Department.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to add Jill Davidson to the Fire Police list.

General Government and Recreation:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to advertise an Ordinance amending Ordinances 762, 677, and 1159 pertaining to the Borough's Non-Uniformed, Non-Bargaining Retirement Plan to revise the retirement benefit for those full-time employees hired on or after January 1, 2019.
- B. President Shearer tabled the agenda item to authorize Attorney Benion to advertise an Ordinance amending sections of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough pertaining to stop intersections, speed limits, and parking regulation. There were several questions regarding the proposed ordinance that need to be reviewed by Ms. Novinger, Chief Zettlemoyer, Sam Shaffer, and Chuck Beck.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council awarded the Paving Bid to Big Rock Paving in the amount of \$210,098.00.
- 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 \$100,585.86.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer