

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the July 28, 2021, Council meeting with corrections.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that the 2022 Pension MMO's are as follows: Police - \$209,202.00; Non-Uniformed/ Non-Bargaining - \$80,350.00; and Non- Uniformed/Bargaining Defined Contribution- \$38,000.00. TOTAL MMO's for 2022: \$327,552.00. The MMO's are funded through Act #205 Funds, Employee Contributions, and General Funds. (Difference of \$12,840.00 over 2021). She then asked for Council to approve the 2022 MMO's as presented. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the MMO's as outlined.

Next, Mrs. Novinger informed Council that we have hired Matt Munson to fill the Operator position within the Department of Public Works. Matt will begin on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

She then stated that she will be out of the office on vacation with her family August 16 – 20.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer had no report.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the department's new hire and is doing a great job He also reported that Dan Zettelmoyer is now a taser instructor which will be very helpful for the Department. Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that Mr. Dale Pfeil has asked Officer Davis to attend a Council meeting soon to give an Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) update. He then asked for everyone to be aware that school is starting soon and to be cautious of the students. Mayor Shearer noted that he was also impressed with the new hire and felt he was a great officer.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the department continues to work on stormwater issues. They will be working on the concrete pad at the recycling center soon. Brush pick-up went well. He also informed Council that they are working at Brown Avenue on a sewer problem at the concession stand. Mr. John Pfeil thanked Sam and the department for the work they did in the Center Street Park.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr reported that so far in August they have responded to 11 calls for 134.25 manhours. This included a working fire at ACF on Friday. .

Public Comments: Tim Bittner from the Historical Society and John Gummo of Beech Creek addressed Council regarding the placement of the railcar. Mr. Bittner told Council that the Historical Society will carry

insurance on the site and will sign an agreement with the Borough to maintain the site. Mr. Gummo stated that he is willing to donate the railcar with the understanding the canopy eventually be put in place. He and Mr. Bittner presented Council with a proposed drawing of the canopy. In addition to the railcar, Mr. Bittner said Mr. Gummo will also be donating a 4 x 10' restored baggage wagon to be displayed on site. Mr. Gummo also asked Council to approve the project to move forward to allow the railcar to be put in place in time for the Harvest Festival. He said Council could decide on approving the proposed canopy design at a later time. Attorney Benion advised Council to have a committee first review the historical society's proposal, so the project is not done too quickly. Upon that recommendation, President Walker referred the matter to the General Government and Recreation Committee. Ms. Fawess stated that the committee will try to meet with Mr. Bitner prior to the next Council meeting so the project can be considered for approval at that time. It was also mentioned that a special Council meeting could be called to consider the project. In addition to the railcar, Mr. Bittner said Mr. Gummo will also be donating a 4 x 10' restored baggage wagon to be displayed on site.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved a request from Mifflinburg Borough and the Mifflinburg Hose Company to walk through the Borough for their 911 Memorial Walk.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for PA American Water Company as presented by Patrick Boggs. They are adding a larger clear well and high-pressure pump station.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved naming a private road Weis Lane as requested by Union County to give proper 911 responses for emergencies.
- C. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council rejected any and all bids for the Alley Paving Project at the recommendation of the Borough Manager as the bids were over the anticipated cost.
- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$175,586.81.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil , seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer