

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

August 25, 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. 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 attended via phone. Mr. Medina was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 11, 2021, Council meeting.

President Walker then changed the agenda to be Public Comments next. Amanda Bradley addressed Council as President of T.I.M.E. stating that they have forged a partnership with the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Partnership (SVCEP) which will see mini courses being offered through TIME's Milton MakerSpace location in the Milton Moose Family Center. The SVCEP is an effort to launch a community college in the valley. Ms. Bradley presented a slideshow outlining the programs that will be offered. She also stated that she felt confident that they would receive grant funding for this project. President Walker thanked her for the presentation and hopes that the community college will have an impact on our Borough.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that we have received Danna's letter of resignation. Her last name with the Borough will be Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. It is with regret that she is asking Council to accept Danna's letter of resignation. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this motion.

Mrs. Novinger then asked for Council approved Mrs. Novinger to enter into an agreement with Danna Moser as a per diem, hourly employee with no benefits for a not-to-exceed cost of \$25.00/hour and not to exceed fifteen (15) hours per week, until a new candidate is hired and trained adequately to complete these tasks independently. We will revisit this in 3 months. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Morales was opposed.

Next, she informed Council that she received a proposal from Bob Garrett from the Greater Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the creation of a Strategic Plan for the Borough for a not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000.00. She has e-mailed the proposal to Council for their review for action at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer had no report but asked that everyone be aware of school students now that school has started. He also reminded everyone that the Harvest Festival will be happening soon and to attend as many events as possible to support the community.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker thanked everyone that attended the meeting to resolve the issues with the Historical Society. .

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer introduced Officer Scott Davis who recently started working part-time for the Milton Police Department and is one of approximately 200 drug recognition experts in the State. He said the experts must meet a number of criteria, including completing five weeks of hard, intense training. At the end of that training, officers must score 100% on an in-depth test which is administered. It's a very elite group of officers. He reported that in 2019 there were approximately 49,000 arrests for driving under the influence in Pennsylvania. Of those, 67% of the individuals taken into custody were found to have drugs in their system. He noted that identifying someone under the influence of drugs varies from alcohol as different drugs produce varying signs of impairment. Council thanked Officer Davis for his report. President Walker asked if he was able to train our officers and he responded that he could.

Chief Zettlemoyer then asked for Council's permission to hire Greg Watson as a part-time at-will officer at \$25.31 per hour and work up to 12 hours per week. Mrs. Novinger noted that we would not be outfitting the officer. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved this request as outlined by Chief Zettlemoyer.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the last 6 storm drains are now completed. They continue to clean storm drains. The Department has cleaned the curb lines downtown and on 405. The sweeper should be back soon. Mowing continues. The new hire is working out well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr reported that so far in August they have responded to 26 calls for 270.1 manhours. This included a river rescue and the recent fires on Filbert Street and ACF Industries. He thanked Mr. Morales and Officer Ulrich for their quick response and assistance to get neighbors out of their homes on Filbert Street. Council thanked them also, as well as the Fire Department for their efforts to quickly put this fire out and for the fire they responded to at ACF Industries. President Walker praised the Department for their efforts to quickly save the 13-year-old girl in the river.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a Land Development Plan for Baugher Elementary School as presented by Doug Diehl and Larson Design Group .
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Resolution #21-09 amending Resolution 21-03 which increased filing fees under Ordinance #1145.
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Maintenance Agreement with the Milton Historical Society with the changes set forth from Attorney Benion.
- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council authorized Attorney Benion to prepare and advertise an Ordinance for Article 6 of the Floodplain Ordinance.
- E. 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 \$160,568.17.

At this time, 8:15 p.m., Council entered into an Executive Session do discuss Personnel issues. Council reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Robol and carried, Council approved the revised Clerical Position Agreement. Mr. Moralez and Mrs. Meckley were opposed.

President Walker asked for an update on the feral cat situation and the memorial tree planting for the late Mayor Nelson at the next Council meeting.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil , seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer