

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

September 8, 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. Morales, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Robol, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Dale Pfeil, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Sam Shaffer, Chief Derr, Mayor Shearer, Attorney Benion, and Kevin Mertz. Chief Zettlemyer and Mr. Medina were absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Morales seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved the revised minutes from the August 25, 2021, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that we have hired Amy Day for the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable/Payroll Clerk position. Her first official day will be Monday, September 13, 2021.

Next, she informed Council that we received word from Golden Equipment that the Street Sweeper repairs are complete, and it is ready for pick up. However, when we picked it up, it is not running correctly. Someone will be looking at it tomorrow and hopefully it is an easy fix.

She then stated that the agreement with the Historical Society for placement of the railcar and baggage cart on Borough property was executed this week (with all changes discussed at the last Council Meeting on Aug. 25). The car is tentatively scheduled for delivery on Monday, September 13, 2021. The dogwood tree has been removed and taken back to Mr. Bittner's place of business for tending until Fall (which is the best time to plant).

The Borough was able to locate and purchase two new trailers (to be utilized for curbside recycling and leaf pick-up) through the current DEP grant. We were also able to sell our 1992 Eager Beaver Trailer for \$8,120.00 and our 1989 Eager Beaver Trailer for \$5,750.00 on Muncibid. The sale of these trailers exceeds the Borough's 10% match requirement for the new trailers purchased through the DEP grant.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer reminded everyone that the Harvest Festival will be starting this weekend and to attend as many events as possible to support the community. He thanked all of the volunteers for their help with this event.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker informed Council that effective the next Council meeting, we will be offering Zoom for Council meetings should anyone wish to join virtually.

Report of Chief of Police: Officer Gaugler and Officer Stotelmyer attended the meeting. Officer Stotelmyer stated that he has been a police officer for 8 years and is happy to be in Milton now. He reminded everyone of no parking downtown during the Harvest Festival. The Police Department has also partnered with various agencies recently for many indictments and will continue this in the future.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the Department has started the concrete at the Recycling Center and will continue as they can. This should be completed within the next few weeks. They

continue to get the cemetery building replaced and are waiting on the Architect. The building has been demolished. They are retrofitting 2 trailers in-house for the recycling center. Mowing continues

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr reported that so far in September they have responded to 8 calls for 46.9 manhours. There have been 492 calls year to date. He also reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting for the new engine sometime in December.

Public Comments: No comments.

President Walker then expressed how thankful he and the town are for the Fire Department's rescue on the river on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Because of them, a life was saved. At this time, Chief Derr, along with Assistant Chief Joe Lupo and Deputy Chief Arthur Whitenight, presented Medals of Valor to firefighters Graffus Butch Johnston and Terry Derr for the rescue. Michael Poust also received the medal but was unable to attend the meeting. Council applauded the firefighters.

Public Works and Cemeteries: Mr. John Pfeil reported to Council that after researching the possibility of planting a Franklinia Alatomaha tree in the Dorothy Hermani (Center Street) Park in honor of the late Mayor Ed Nelson, and discussing this donation with Mr. John Cooper, the Committee is recommending accepting this donation. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this with planting in the Spring. Mr. Cooper has committed to planting the tree and maintaining it. President Walker asked that Mrs. Novinger and Sam Shaffer be notified prior to the planting.

Public Safety: No report.

General Government and Finance:

- A. Consideration to enter into an agreement with the Greater Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the creation of a Strategic Plan for the Borough was tabled for further discussion and research.
- 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 \$163,665.03.

Mr. Morales expressed his thanks to Senator Bob Casey for touring the Borough.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil , seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom  
Secretary/Treasurer