

## MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

### ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the August 26, 2020 Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that Big Rock Paving has completed all paving throughout the Borough, and she is very pleased with their work. They came in approximately \$6,000.00 under their estimated cost.

She then gave a pool update stating that Impact Management was at the pool on Friday last week and pressurized the pipes. To further assess the water lines, she is asking Council to consider allowing her to authorize Impact Management to remove concrete around a skimmer to address a known underground leak at an estimated cost of \$2,860.00. This repair will allow the remaining pipes to be properly assessed. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the request as outlined by Mrs. Novinger.

Mrs. Novinger informed council that she will be-mailing them dates and times to schedule an investigative meeting at the Community Pool.

Next, Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to execute the PennDOT Municipal Winter Traffic Agreement for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$21,662.27 for the Borough to remove snow and ice on State Routes. This is a \$323.77 increase from last year. On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council authorized Mrs. Novinger to execute the documents as outlined.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Nelson was not in attendance. Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Mayor was in the Police Department for the first time last week and continues to get stronger. He will make a decision regarding Trick-or Treating in the Borough after discussing it with the staff.

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

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that the 911 Center has now been able to drop the Department's CADS in the Records Management System (RMS) system. Mr. Specht asked if the Chief has had any updates on the COVID situation in the Borough. Chief responded that he has not heard anything from the County.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that they have finished paving the new pavilion pads and parking areas. The electric is running, and all pavilions now have electric and can now install the new pavilions. All weeding and moving is complete.

Report of the Fire Chief: Scott Derr reported that since the last meeting the Department has responded to 16 calls for a total of 137 manhours. They have also had volunteers at the Panther Cub games and will be going to the High School games as well. Mr. Specht commended the Fire Department for their quick response to a small fire in his neighborhood recently.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Highways and Protection to Persons and Property:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Winterfest Committee to hold their annual tree lighting event in Lincoln Park on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and close Bound Avenue from Broadway to Center Street on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to have their sleigh ride as outlined in their request.

General Government and Recreation:

Ms. Fawess reported that the committee will be meeting with Mrs. Novinger and Shelly on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to review the draft Usage Agreement for the fields at Brown Avenue Park.

Finance, Health and Sanitation

- A. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Specht and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$86,029.76.

Mr. John Pfeil addressed Council stating that we need to purchase bodycams for the Police Department. He stated that this could be done for approximately \$6,000.00. He then made a motion to purchase the bodycams. This motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. Because this is not a budgeted item, Attorney Benion responded that it be budgeted for next year. Mrs. Novinger stated that she and the Chief have discussed this, and the entire bodycam system would be significantly more money than that and we currently have no policies in place for this. Mrs. Meckley felt that we should be given a presentation of the different types available and what it involves. Mr. John Pfeil then changed his initial motion directing the Borough Manager and Chief Zettlemoyer continue research for the next Council meeting. This motion died due to a lack of second. After a lengthy discussion, President Shearer said that he does not believe anyone on Council is against this, but we must have policies in place before moving forward. He then asked Mrs. Novinger and Chief Zettlemoyer to continue with their research and report back to Council at the October 14, 2020 meeting.

Mr. John Pfeil then asked Mrs. Novinger when the budget process begins. She responded that she has already begun the process.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom

Secretary/Treasurer