

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

April 23, 2025
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mrs. Mabus, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Swartz, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Scheimreif, Mr. Robol, Mr. Moralez, and Mr. Derr. Also in attendance were Mrs. Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Mrs. Foust, Atty. Wiley, Mayor Aber, and Chief Zettlemoyer. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Pfeil.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 9, 2025, Council Meeting. Mr. Robol abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed council the Borough was awarded the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the Innovative Community/Government Initiatives category. The award was for the revamping of the recycling drop-off center, noted as a creative way to improve recycling for the Borough residents as well as the residents in the surrounding region. The Borough was selected for this prestigious award out of 90 nominees. The Borough is honored to receive this recognition. In addition, the Borough was also given two citations in recognition of this accomplishment by both State Representative Michael Stender and PA State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver.

Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough received a quote from Middle Creek Signs to do the remaining two (2) gateway signs which came in at a not to exceed price of \$8,500. There are additional funds set aside in the Capital Projects line item for these signs, as the Greenway grant considered in-kind services as match.

- On Motion from Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger provided an update on current projects that include the following:

1. Green-Light Go bids for engineering services advising that bids are due on May 9th at 10am with the intention to award at the May 14th Council Meeting.
2. Working with Livic Civil on the curb cuts on Hepburn. The design review will take place on Wednesday, April 30th.
3. All quarterly taxes have been completed and
4. The Borough is in the middle of its Liquid Fuels audit for 2020 – 2024. So far things are going well and appear to be ahead of schedule.

Report of the Mayor: No report

Report of the President of Council: President Walker reminded everyone that Little League has started their season and Brown Avenue Park will be busy. He asked everyone to be careful. He also complimented the Fire Department's Palm Sunday Dinner, stating that it was "Excellent as always".

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised Council that he and Mrs. Novinger have a meeting with Siklu regarding the cameras and possible funding available. He also stated that the Civil Service Committee will be meeting Friday, April 25th in Council Chambers, and he will have any approved changes ready for Council to review at the next meeting.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed Council that all landscaping around the new gateway signs has been completed. The crew has also completed landscaping in Lincoln Park. The Borough will have a full staff of mowers this year, and they are expected to start Monday, April 28th.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the fire report as follows: For the month of April the Fire Department has responded to 24 calls for service, the volunteer QRS has handled 7 calls for service, while MICU 15 has handled 138 calls for service. Year to Date MICU 15 has responded to 792 calls. He advised that the Fire Department's Palm Sunday Ham Dinner was a great success and served over 400 meals.

Public Comments: Mr. John Cooper, Front St, Milton, addressed Council asking if the Borough has considered changing the meter parking to an online payment system. He advised that it is hard for those working downtown to remember to put money in the meters. He stated that Sunbury has an online system that seems to work well. Mr. Moralez advised that Sunbury does not like their new system, and Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough bought the current meters from Sunbury, and they now want to buy them back. She also advised that the Borough did investigate an online payment system, but that it would cost around \$10,000 to implement.

At this time, 7:09 p.m., President Walker opened a public hearing for CDBG. The hearing closed at 7:31 p.m. as there were no public comments. President Walker advised that he will take it upon himself to set up the committee that will help get the surveys completed.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report

Public Safety: No report

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to pay bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery account in the amount of \$87,808.19.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:33 p.m., on motion from Mrs. Mabus, seconded by Mr. Moralez, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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