

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

April 26, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Derr, Mr. John Pfeil, Mr. Moralez, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Dale Pfeil. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Sam Shaffer, Doug Diehl, Mayor Aber, Solicitor Wiley, Dakota Bearce, Chief Zettlemyer, and Amy Day.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger had no official report to present. She wanted to remind everyone that it was Shelly's last council meeting as Borough Secretary/Treasurer, after 21 years of service, her last day will be Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023. Mrs. Novinger thanked Shelly for her guidance over the last 4 years and invited everyone to stay afterwards to share sentiments with Shelly and enjoy cupcakes.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber reported that he attended the following events. On April 17th, he, Officer Gaugler, and Fire Chief Scott Derr attended a planning meeting with the Milton Legion Post 71 to arrange the burial of Army Pvt. Horace Middleton. On April 22nd, he attended the services of Pvt. Horace Middleton at Harmony Cemetery. On April 21st, he attended the opening of the Miltonian Municipal Museum and participated in their "Planted in Place" event. He also attended the Touch-a-Truck event at the school on 04/22/2023.

Report of the President Walker: President Walker thanked the committees for all meeting this week, the meetings went very well. Council committees are trying to do quarterly visits to keep everyone involved.

President Walker stated an executive session regarding legal matters would be occurring after the Council Meeting. Council will not reconvene.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer reported his quarterly meeting went very well today. There was a pedestrian accident with a child on a bicycle this week on Mahoning Street. He reminded everyone to slow down. The officers are continuing with enforcement efforts. Present Walker then congratulated Chief Zettlemyer on becoming the new head coach of the Milton Football Team.

Report of the Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that there was an issue Monday and Tuesday on Brown Avenue with work being done at Brown Avenue. The issue was with the traffic crew, and they were let go so we should not run into anymore issues.

Sam then reported that brush clean-up is continuing this week and the crew is ahead of schedule. He informed the council that some residents are mixing piles and putting items out that shouldn't be. Notices are being given to those residents explaining why their piles were not picked up in case anyone asks their council representatives.

Next, he reported that the Police Department bathroom remodel should be finished next week.

He also reported that the parks have been cleaned out and mulched. Only a few parts are left at Brown Avenue to be mulched. Once brush pick-up is complete, street sweeping will begin again.

Report of the Fire Chief: Dakota Bearce reported that in April they have responded to 25 calls for service. The volunteer EMS staff have responded to 31 calls in April. Micu 15 has responded to 166 calls in April. He also reported that the Milton Fire Company members participated in the funeral for Pvt. Horace Middleton at Harmony Cemetery and the Touch-a-Truck event at the school.

Public Comments: No comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department for Noah Wilson and Dane Neilson as Trainee Drivers.
- B. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Harvest Festival Committee to hold their annual events for September 9th through September 16th.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council adopted Ordinance #1248 pertaining to the Placement of a Special Purpose Parking Zone on Elm Street.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the amended Administrative Policy.

Mrs. Meckley asked under Military leave if they receive both pay from the Borough and Military pay. Solicitor Wiley stated that Pennsylvania and Federal Law covers this.

Mrs. Meckley asked if we were considering changing the anniversary dates for accrual to the beginning of each year to make things easier. Mrs. Novinger stated that she is not considering it at this point, and it would not be helpful at this time.

- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$220,153.32.

Ms. Fawess wished Shelly, Jess, Amy, and Danielle a Happy Administrative Professional's Day and thanked them for all they do.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer