

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

April 9, 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. Pfeil, Mr. Derr. Also in attendance were Mrs. Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Mrs. Foust, Atty. Wiley, Mayor Aber, and Chief Zettlemoyer. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Robol and Mr. Moralez.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the March 26, 2025, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed council that the three (3) new gateway “Welcome to Milton” signs along the Front St (Susquehanna River) corridor have been installed. These signs were funded through the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership’s mini grant program. The Borough is also getting another quote from Middle Creek Signs to do the remaining two (2) gateway signs. There are additional funds set aside in the Capital Projects line item for these signs.

She advised that the Borough submitted the pre-scoping form for the ARLE grant application and will continue to work with PennDOT to ensure the best full application submission.

Mrs. Novinger stated the Borough has been proactively reviewing all insurance options for the upcoming year. Speaking with brokers and representatives that offer some “outside the box” solutions.

The Borough and PD have also been incorporating cross-training efforts to ensure a better understanding of each role within the departments.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber advised that Senator Culver in conjunction with the Milton Police Department will be holding a License Plate Replacement Event on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the pool parking lot at Brown Ave Park. He advised that he attended the T.I.M.E. board meeting, and they are getting ready for their Summer Daze Festival on Saturday, June 14th from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. He then reminded everyone Opening Day of Little League is this coming Saturday, and that the Milton Fire Department will be having their Palm Sunday Ham Dinner beginning at 11 a.m. until sold out.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker thanked the Borough staff for their hard work on the Borough’s website as well as their social media posts.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised that the Civil Service Committee will be having a meeting on April 25, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Borough Office. They will review the changes and then bring them back to Council for approval. He also stated that since the last meeting, they arrested an individual down on Wall Street, that had an ax handle and assaulted an individual. He also had a machete and is now incarcerated. The department also investigated a strangulation downtown as well as a case that involves firearms and some threats. The Chief stated it’s been a busy couple of weeks, as was anticipated with the warmer weather.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed Council that crews are still completing landscaping and park clean up for Spring. They have started new landscaping around the three

(3) new gateway signs, but the cold weather has slowed them down. They are waiting for the new plants to arrive and to complete the area. He also mentioned that the signs are lighted, but due to the lights at the intersection of Front and Mahoning, that sign appears to be not as bright. Crews have also been working out in the cemetery at Harmony trying to finish the work on the bank along Mahoning St. The crew also did some more exploring of the stormwater and have been able to locate a lot of stormwater that Sam wasn't aware of. Some in areas that he never would have guessed stormwater was going through. It is all marked, and they are working on getting it mapped in the GIS system. Mr. Shaffer reminded everyone again to keep their leaves and brush separate for the Spring cleanup.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the fire report as follows: For the month of April the Fire Department has responded to 13 calls for service, the volunteer QRS has handled 2 calls for service, while MICU 15 has handled 46 calls for service. He reminded everyone that the Fire Department will be hosting their Palm Sunday Ham Dinner on April 13, 2025.

Public Comments: No report

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve a request from TIME to hold their Summer Daze festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 10am – 6pm. They are requesting the following:
 - To close Elm Street from the corner of Centre to Front St from 8am - 7pm
 - Mrs. Novinger advised that Elm St. will be closed from after Marlin's parking lot to Front St.
 - To have the Milton Fire Police provide security services as well as crossing guard services at the corner of Elm and Front from 10am - 6pm.
 - To rent the tennis courts at Brown Ave for a Pickleball Tournament
 - Mrs. Meckley asked if the group having the tournament was keeping the funds, or if the funds were going back to TIME, if not they will need to come before Council with their own request? Mrs. Novinger is to follow up to confirm how the funds are being handled.
 - On Motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to allow Mrs. Novinger and Mrs. Foust to attend the 2025 PSAB conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania June 2, 2025 – June 4, 2025. Mrs. Novinger amended the date of attendance to Tuesday, June 3, 2025, only.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to prepare and advertise Ordinance #1260 to vacate a portion of an unnamed alley in the Second Ward.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.

- Consideration to pay bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery account in the amount of \$108,332.78.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:15 pm, on motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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