

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

December 11, 2024
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the November 26, 2024 Council Meeting. Mr. Robol abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough is now accepting applications for the Code/Zoning Officer position, in person or via Indeed.

Mrs. Novinger reported that the Fire Department Utility truck sold for \$9,100, \$2,300.00 more than what we were offered for a trade, and that the Borough would be paying off the Police Department Tahoe on Friday, December 13, 2024, with Mifflinburg Bank.

Mrs. Novinger then advised that the Borough office would close at noon on December 24, 2024, and would reopen on December 26, 2024, at 8am, in observance of the Christmas holiday; and the office would also be closing at noon on December 31, 2024, and would reopen on January 2, 2025, at 8am, in observance of the New Year holiday.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber advised that he attended the TIME board meeting on December 3, 2024 along with Ms. Fawess and Mrs. Mabus and that it was quite the experience. On December 4, 2024, he swore in the new School Resource Officer, Darryl Fisher. He also attended the Winterfest festivities on Friday December 6, 2024.

Report of the President of Council: No Comments

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised that the department will have defensive tactics training on December 12th, and they got through the first session without any issues. They have one more session to go before the new year. The department is in full swing for the Christmas project, and they will be moving forward, and the packages will be delivered the week of Christmas. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised that leaf pickup was completed, and he has spoken to Doug about getting the last few piles addressed. The DPW crew is working to get all the trucks converted over to winter usage. The crew was out salting once and may be out again tomorrow. The weather has been mild, and he is thankful for that. He also reported that Winterfest activities went off well.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: the Fire Department responded to 11 calls for service, the volunteer EMS responded to 5 calls, and MICU15 responded to 83 calls for service. He also reported that their annual toy drive was a great success and filled both the boat and the new utility truck during the Winterfest parade. Chief Heddings also informed Council that the Department will be attending the funeral services for fallen Firefighter, Lt. Michael Bastian, on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Public Comments: No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety: No Comments

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to reappoint Jessie Novinger to the Milton Regional Sewer Authority for a five (5) year term ending in December 2029.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to reappoint James Baldwin and Virginia Kaar to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term ending in 2028.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to reappoint Brett Meckley to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term ending in 2027.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request. Mrs. Meckley abstained.
- Consideration to adopt the 2025 Budget.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Robol and Mr. Moralez opposed.
- Consideration to approve and advertise the 2025 Council Meeting Dates. President Walker did point out that the Borough is limiting the meetings to one (1) per month in the summer months, however if a second meeting is needed, one can be called.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request. Mrs. Meckley opposed.
- Consideration to adopt the 2025 Tax Ordinance #1256.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to amend the Amusement Tax Ordinance #1257.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to adopt the Firefighter Earned Income Tax Ordinance #1258.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Derr and Mrs. Meckley abstained.
- Consideration to adopt the Volunteer Fire Department Billing Ordinance #1259.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to cancel the December 23rd Council Meeting.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, 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 \$305,079.88.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker asked if there was any other business, President Walker thanked everyone for their hard work this year. He thanked the DPW, Fire and Police Departments for their hard work. He sent his heartfelt condolences to Lt. Michael Bastain's family. Mr. Scheimreif advised that he followed the DPW crew during budget season and he wanted to say that he thinks they are doing a great job.

At this time, 7:16 pm, on Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

Jennifer Foust
Borough Secretary/Treasurer