

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

February 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the February 8, 2023, Council meeting with corrections.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that she was selected to be a trustee of the Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) board, our Workers Compensation Insurance provider, and will officially be appointed at tomorrow's meeting.

Next, Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to allow her to attend the annual PSAB conference at the Hershey Lodge, Monday, June 5 – Wednesday, June 7 for a total cost of \$852.05 (includes mileage). The KMIT annual meeting is also immediately following the closing of the PSAB business meeting. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger then asked for Council's consideration to allow her to attend the Northumberland County Conservation District's (NCCD) Annual Winter Forum on Tuesday, March 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Christ Wesleyan Church, where topics like Stormwater Management Plans will be discussed. The cost is \$10.00. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

She then asked for Council's consideration to allow her to purchase two (2) Hustler zero turn mowers out of the Cemetery fund for a total cost of \$14,380.70 - *this is COSTARS pricing *. These mowers are not anticipated to be available for pick-up until mid-summer. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to allow her to sell (when the other two new mowers arrive) a 2012 Exmark and a Hustler zero turn mower on Muncibid and all proceeds from these sales will go back toward the purchase of the new mowers mentioned above. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger reported that she has updated all of Chapter 93 ANIMALS for the Borough's Code book. I have sent it to Solicitor Wiley for review. It addresses the keeping of animals and feral/stray cats under our unfinished business items.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker was absent.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that Rick Waugaman is in custody and the Milton Police Department was directly involved with this. He also explained that on Tuesday night, School Resource Officer Derr helped to talk down an individual with a knife. Chief credited Officer Derr's relationship with members of the man's family who attend the school.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the crew continues cleaning up flood debris by the river. He stated that there is a lot of free firewood by the river lot for people to take. They are also still working on renovations at the Police Department.

Report of the Fire Chief: Lieutenant Dakota Bearce reported that the number of fire calls were 32 fire calls, 34 for the volunteer ambulance services, and 185 for the mic unit. He informed Council that the Tower 15 is back in service.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from the Milton Fire Department to hold their 30th Palm Sunday Drive-Thru Ham Dinner on April 2, 2023. Mayor Aber also approved their request to suspend the “no parking” regulations on Ridge Avenue near the station to allow for parking for the dinner.
- B. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved an amended request from 4 Paws Sake to hold their annual Dog Festival at Brown Avenue on May 13, 2023.
- C. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from T.I.M.E. to hold their annual Beer Fest on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and close Elm Street at the area behind Marlin’s to South Front Street from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Council also approved the use of the Milton Fire Police for this event. Mrs. Meckley was opposed.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$145,182.73.

Vice-President Moralez stated that President Walker has asked Council to make a decision regarding the community pool. He directed Solicitor Wiley to research the possibility of using a referendum and leave the decision up to the community.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer