

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(Hybrid Meeting)

January 22, 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. Derr, Mr. Moralez (Zoom), and Mr. Pfeil. Also in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Jennifer Foust, Atty. Wiley, Chief Zettlemoyer. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Aber.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 8, 2025 Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the staff is closing out the 2024 year and working with other agencies to close out and reopen the new year.

Report of the Mayor: No comments. President Walker wished him well as he was under the weather.

Report of the President of Council: No comments.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer stated that usually this time of year is quiet, however that isn't the case this year. They have removed three (3) guns off the streets from individuals that should not have them. The other night while on a traffic stop, our officer noticed smoke, made contact with the homeowner and worked in conjunction with the fire department.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed council that the DPW crew have been out several times this year plowing and salting the roads. The borough has plenty of material on hand to handle the rest of the season. Winter maintenance continues and the DPW crew continues to refurbish the picnic tables.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: So far for the month of January the fire department has responded to 20 calls for service including four (4) working fires with the latest being Monday evening for garage fire in the 800 block of North Front Street. The volunteers have handled 16 Qrs calls, and Micu 15 has responded to 148 Calls for service so far in January. Chief Derr met with the EMS captain and Lt and came up with a few goals for 2025 on the Ems side. The first is to make our station a local car seat inspection location, where the department will provide inspections and teach proper installation of car seats; this will also include a car seat loan program in cooperation with PA TIPP (Traffic Injury Prevention Project). The next will be to have the ambulance certified to the advanced level of the PA CHILDREN PEDIATRIC VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM, and last to enhance the department's services to public education by providing CPR and "Stop the Bleed" education. To reach this goal the department will increase the number of EMS providers who are certified instructors by year end. We will be hosting an "Essential for Firefighting" class starting in February. We will have about 30 students attending from local fire departments. We will have six (6) of our newest members in the class with an end goal of them all reaching Fire Fighter 1 certification by July.

Public Comments: Spencer Mabus spoke up and thought that all the Fire Department information was cool.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No comments

Public Safety: No items for the agenda, however Mr. Derr thanked DPW and the Police Department for their cooperation and help with the fire Monday evening.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to enter into a Billing Agreement with PA Fire Recovery Services to bill for costs incurred by the Milton Fire Department when responding to calls.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Derr abstained. Mr. Scheimreif asked who determines the rates used for billing? Mrs. Novinger advised that rates are based on the equipment the department has. Mr. Derr advised that the rates are also based on FEMA. Mr. Scheimreif asked that only insurance companies would be billed and Mrs. Novinger confirmed.
- Consideration to allow AAMCO to repair the transmission on the bucket truck for a cost not to exceed \$6,000.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request with the tax removed from quote.
- Consideration to pay bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$169,786.63.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:10 pm, on motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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