

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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January 25, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council approved the minutes from the January 11, 2023, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the Borough has hired Samantha Marvin as the Part-Time Code Enforcement Official to specifically focus on violations addressed in the Borough's Quality of Life Ordinance. Samantha is a life-long Borough resident and currently resides on Hepburn Street with her family. She graduated from Milton High School in 2017 and Lycoming College in 2021. We are looking forward to working with Samantha and getting her acclimated.

Next, she reported that she, Council President Walker, and Doug Diehl met with the Revitalization Committee last Wednesday, January 18th. It was a good meeting that discussed the "Welcome to Milton" signs; the Borough's Food Truck ordinance; Removal of excess satellite dishes; Downtown trash cans (pending grant); Exterior property maintenance (Quality of Life Ordinance) and the P/T Code Official position. There was a good dialogue and sharing of ideas.

She and Sam Shaffer are working with the Milton Rotary to submit additional PPL pole "attachment requests" to allow for expansion of their Hometown Hero Banner fundraiser.

The COSTARS 2023-2024 Statewide Road Salt contract has been completed and submitted.

She and Amy will soon begin to work with Klacik & Associates on the 2022 audit.

Mrs. Novinger then asked Council to allow her to open contract negotiations with the Milton Police Officers' Associate (MPOA). On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved this request.

She updated Council on the Borough's Strategic Plan stating that she met with Bob Garrett from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is willing to assist the Borough with the Plan for a cost of approximately \$5,000. Mrs. Novinger will continue to update Council on this.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber was absent.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker welcomed Jennifer Mabus as the 4th Ward Council member. He then informed Council that a final decision has to be made regarding the community pool. A decision needs to be made to either keep the pool or permanently close it, and if we close it, what we will do with it. He asked Council to be ready to discuss and vote on this at a future council meeting.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer stated that they are still working with the Watsontown Police Department to search for Rick Waugaman, who has six warrants out for his arrest, including two protection from abuse warrants and one felony firearm violation. He asked that if you see or hear 4-wheelers running around town to call 911 right away and don't approach him.

He also asked people to report missing gas cans on their property as Waugaman has been spotted in Milton traveling by 4-wheeler.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the storm today was not what they expected, and things went well. The recycling fence is moving along. He will continue to update Council on the progress. The Public Works staff were able to fix the truck that was down, and it is back in service.

Report of the Fire Chief: Captain Seth Heddings reported that the number of calls received for 2022 were 339 fire calls, 423 for the volunteer ambulance services, and 2,586 for the mic unit. This year there have been 14 fire calls, 41 volunteer ambulance calls, and 173 mic unit. He also stated that the Fireman's Banquet is on February 4th.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

General Government and Finance:

- A. At this time, 7:13 p.m., Solicitor Wiley opened the Conditional Use Hearing for Mr. Milton, LLC. The request is to develop the site into a warehouse and distribution facility that also includes a retail establishment. The site is zoned for manufacturing. Kenneth Estep from Mid-Penn Engineering gave a presentation to Council on how the project would impact local traffic stating that the total number of trips in a given day is approximately 1,076 in and out. The traffic generated would primarily be distributed across six state routes and two non-state routes, those being Upper Market and Locust streets. This traffic would include both employees and trucks. Mrs. Meckley asked about truck traffic routed through the downtown area and was opposed to increasing traffic on Broadway. Mr. Damaghi said that they also have put money into fixing up the rail at the facility and would rely partly on rail transportation to reduce the use of public roads. Mr. Estep stated that there are potential tenants interested in using part of the site for long-term store products for a period of multiple years which would also generate very little traffic. Following all testimony and questions, on motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, the Conditional Use Hearing was closed at 7:58 p.m. Solicitor Wiley stated that Council has up to 45 days to make a decision on the conditional uses.

President Walker announced that Council would enter into an Executive Session and would re-adjoin. He re-opened the Council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

- B. Mrs. Meckley stated that Council was tabling a decision on the conditional uses for Mr. Milton, LLC until the next Council meeting.
- C. On motion of Ms. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council adopted Resolution #23-02 for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement.
- D. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council approved the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Borough.
- E. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved revising the agreement to provide fire protection to East Chillisquaque Township. This revision is to provide maintenance to three dry hydrants. Mr. Derr abstained.

- F. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved a Letter of Support for the Milton Regional Sewer Authority to support two grants.
- G. On motion of Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved amending the agreement with Peter's Consultants for engineering for additional curb cuts on South Turbot Avenue and Hepburn Street utilizing CDBG funds with a minor correction on the agreement.
- H. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$169,321.30.

Mr. Moralez thanked everyone involved in obtaining the social worker position. He feels it is a great new and innovative way to use funding.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer