

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

January 28, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Ms. Morales, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Scheimreif, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Pfeil, Mr. Morales, Mr. Derr, and Mrs. Meckley. Also attending were Mrs. Foust, Atty. Wiley, Chief Zettlemyer, Alec Klingler, Sam Shaffer and Seth Heddings.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council approved the minutes from January 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Chief Zettlemyer started his report by extending a “thank you” to all the residents that complied with the parking restrictions and recommendations made during this past weekend snowstorm. The DPW crew will continue this week, in the early morning hours, with the removal of snow in the business district. The crew has been working long hours and will continue to do so.

He asked residents not to shovel or blow snow onto the streets. It is a violation of Chapter 233: § 233-34 *Sidewalks; driveways; parking areas*.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, when clearing sidewalks, private driveways or parking areas, to deposit snow on the streets or alleys of the Borough of Milton.

B. It shall be unlawful for anybody other than Borough employees or contractors contracted by the Borough of Milton to plow snow on any public right-of-way within the Borough limits.

He advised that he and Mrs. Foust met with representatives from the library. They provided fourth quarter financials, and we are waiting for their finalized 2026 Budget. The new library director, Cherie Martin, is excited about the opportunity to lead the library into the new year. She indicated that they are looking for additional funding sources to help resolve funding shortfalls.

He informed council that he and Mrs. Foust met Justin Skavery, Northumberland County Planning Coordinator. The meeting was set up to assist in providing insight into qualifications that would be needed in the event the borough wanted to pursue services from a grant writing consultant. We will be meeting with other agencies who utilize grant writers to compile a comprehensive list of qualifications that are needed to meet our needs.

He advised council that the borough received a resignation letter from Amy Ward. Her last day will be next Tuesday. We have received numerous applications for the job and will be starting interviews early next week. In the meantime, Mrs. Foust will be handling payroll and billing duties.

Finally, he advised that he and several council members attended an event held for Representative Dan Meuser last evening. Representative Meuser has expressed his commitment to the residents of Milton Borough and the entire 9th Congressional District. We will be scheduling a meeting with his staff in the coming weeks.

Report of the Mayor: No Report

Report of the President of Council: President Walker advised that the DPW crew has done a great job, and the roads look a lot better than in other areas after the snowstorm. He truly appreciates all the work the crew has done. He advised that a meeting was held with representatives of the Milton Area School District, Chief Zettlemyer, Mrs. Foust and Mr. Houtz from Turbot Township regarding safety concerns and traffic in the area of Baugher Elementary.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemyer advised that snow enforcement with Codes continues as contractors have been moving snow to Borough property for removal. Act 18 is now in place for the department, this act tracks and compiles items such as ethnicity of those stopped during traffic stops. There was a meeting between the 911 center, Snyder County, Upper Northumberland County Chiefs of Police to discuss changing the radio frequencies. He also advised that Act 44 is now in place at the schools. Act 44 deals with weapons possession in a school setting. Parents may receive more emails from the school, and the school is doing a great job of notifying the public. The department has dealt with numerous arrests this month. We have also contacted Lackawanna County Cadet Academy for new hires.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised the following: Power for the camera system is going to be an extensive task. Brown Ave and the Borough are done. Power to the red lights will be next. The crew has been working long hours the last few days. Residents and contractors pushing snow into the street is the biggest issue. They will be hauling snow out of downtown starting tomorrow morning.

Report of Codes Enforcement Officer: Mr. Klingler advised the following: During this month, the Codes Department remained fully engaged in its core responsibilities, including rental inspections, property maintenance enforcement, permit administration, winter weather compliance checks, and coordination with the Police Department on abandoned-vehicle matters. All departmental functions were carried out efficiently and without interruption.

The department issued one building permit valued at \$20,000, along with one sidewalk permit and one dumpster permit. Seventeen rental inspections were completed, including one inspection for a newly registered rental unit. No other permits have been issued. Inspection activity remained steady throughout the month. In addition to the 17 rental inspections, Samantha and I conducted numerous property maintenance inspections, resulting in a total of 86 violations. Three building inspections were completed in connection with the active building permit.

Property maintenance violations were issued across several categories. These included 14 violations for garbage and rubbish accumulation, 31 violations for snow and ice not being cleared from sidewalks, 10 violations for depositing snow onto public streets, and 31 violations for abandoned vehicles.

A significant portion of the abandoned vehicle enforcement activity involved a borough-wide sweep conducted jointly with the Police Department. This included tagging vehicles located on public streets and reviewing both previously marked and newly identified vehicles on private property to collect owner information for more thorough contact.

Two court hearings were attended during the month. The first pertained to the collapsing structure on S. Front Street, where the borough successfully obtained an order for the removal of the unsafe building. The second hearing involved a property on Raymond St, where accumulated garbage and rubbish has been the subject of ongoing enforcement. An

agreement was reached to conduct an on-site meeting with the property owner to determine what items must be removed prior to the next scheduled trial.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings reported the following: In the month of January, the Milton Fire Department responded to 24 fire and rescue calls to include MVA's, fire and service calls to assist the public and Law Enforcement. Our QRS/Voluntary Ambulance has responded to 21 calls for service, totaling 45 calls for the month. Members took part in over 24 hours of in-house training totaling 480 man hours in training for the month. This training includes hose management drills and ventilation skills, to CPR and First Aid recertification. MICU 15 had 97 transports within the month; Ambulance 15 had 27 transports in the month.

This past weekend, besides CPR and First Aid training, members spent time preparing for the snow. Members made sure the apparatus was fueled and the stations were ready for snow. The last few days, members were out and about shoveling out fire hydrants and cleaning up around the stations. Totalling 26 man hours. The members would like to thank everyone in town who shoveled out the hydrants around their homes.

The membership and officers of the department are looking forward to another great year of growth in training, community involvement, and safety. Keeping the same goal in mind, to service the Milton community with the best integrity, readiness and pride, while being 100% volunteer.

Public Comments: No Report

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Report

Public Safety: No Report

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve a lot consolidation located at 336 Locust St.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve the Marsh Road proposal from Larson Design.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to appoint Raymond Callenberger to the Vacancy Board Committee as Chairman.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley 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 \$133,002.56.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:22 pm, on motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By: _____
Jennifer Foust
Borough Secretary/Treasurer