

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(Hybrid Meeting)

January 8, 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 and Mr. Pfeil. Also in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Jennifer Foust, Atty. Wiley, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Mayor Aber. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Moralez.

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the December 11, 2024 Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council of the following items: All DCED forms have been updated with the Borough's elected officials and tax rates. The Borough has once again renewed its PSAB+ training membership. She asked Council to let her know if they would like to register for any upcoming training courses. She also advised that the 2021 Police Tahoe loan was paid off last month, and that no police vehicle is planned for purchase this year. Mrs. Novinger then asked for Council's consideration to allow her to register herself and Jenn Foust for the PELRAS Conference February 26 – 28, 2025 at the Hershey Lodge. The conference is \$845.00 to attend. This conference will discuss multiple current labor related topics like: Heart & Lung Updates for the PD; FLSA; ADA; Municipal Ethics; First Responders Psychiatric; Q&A with Arbitrators; Right to Know Updates; Collective Bargaining Health Care Trends, etc. (this was anticipated in the budget).

- On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and Carried, Council approved this request.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber stated that he met with the Chief, all went well over Christmas and New Year's. Chief reported all was quiet.

Report of the President of Council: No Comments

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer informed Council that the Christmas program went well again this year and was really rewarding for the guys as they delivered the gifts to the residents. He thanked all the service organizations that helped this year, and Danielle, who did all the coordinating, wrapping and buying of the gifts. The mayor went along this year to help deliver, just like last year, and the Salvation Army provided meals for the families that were recipients of the Christmas program. The Department is continuing with CODY training and through the new modules. He advised Council that Officer Engleman is nearing the end of his tenure with the Borough. Chief Zettlemoyer would like to bring him to the next meeting so that Council can recognize his years of service to the Borough. He also advised that Officer Engleman is in the process of transitioning the Evidence Room to Officer Stotemyer, and in doing so, the department filled a four (4) ton dump truck, to take to the landfill, of items that they were able to dispose of. One goal for this year is to keep the least amount of property needed downstairs. President Walker asked for the Chief to get with the mayor to discuss what he would like to do for Officer Engleman's retirement.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised the Borough had a few storms since the new year began. The DPW crew plowed and salted once this season. He asked residents that have off street parking to please use it. On street parking makes it harder for the crews to plow and get around. Crews have started winter work, bringing down the picnic tables from the pavilions and removing as much graffiti as possible from them, as well as removing the Christmas decorations from downtown. He reminded residents that Christmas Tree pickup will begin on Monday, January 13, 2025, by ward.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: 2024 Milton Fire Department recap total fire/rescue and QRS calls 486, this included 25 building fires, 37 vehicle accidents, 4 water rescue, 7 vehicle fires, and 203 QRS calls. Total man hours for calls were 1,519.48 hours. Total in house training hours were 2,409 for a total 3,728.48-man hours for calls and trainings for 2024. Micu 15 had 2,325 calls for service. President Walker extended his congratulations to the new officers that were voted in last week.

Public Comments: John Cooper, 106 S Front St, Milton addressed council as a board member of T.I.M.E and spokesman for the Milton Garden Club, advised of a new initiative that he will be working with T.I.M.E. called Blooms on the Bank, which involves getting a grant to pay for the cleaning of the river bank from the bridge to the Milton Community Center, to remove any invasive plants, and then replant native plant species. He would like to get a quote from DPW to see if they would clear the land. The second initiative is called 250 trees for 250 years to commemorate the Country's 250 years, where they will be handing out 250 different species of oak trees to be planted instead of the tomato plants that they usually provide.

Public Works and Cemeteries:

- Consideration to have DPW plow the Milton Library driveway and parking area. Mr. Derr questioned liability to the Borough with the size of the driveway and parking area. Mr. Shaffer advised that the driveway is narrow, and the parking area has diagonal parking spots. The DPW trucks are not made to plow private areas, and it would be very hard to maneuver in that lot.
  - Mr. Scheimreif made a motion to approve, however it died on the floor with no second.
- On Motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council declined plowing of the Milton Public Library. Mr. Scheimreif opposed.
- Consideration to appoint Paul Rapp as Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Mike Brown as the alternative SEO.
  - On motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

Public Safety: No Comments

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to pay bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$271,153.61.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker asked if there was any other business, Mr. Derr advised that he had a chance to ride along with one of the DPW team members while they were out plowing. He recommends Council ride along to see what they actually have to do if they have the chance.

At this time, 7:18 pm, on Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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