

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

July 8, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mr. Swartz, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Pfeil, Mr. Derr, Mr. Garman, Mrs. Meckley, and Mr. Scheimreif (ZOOM). Also attending were Mrs. Foust, Mr. Sam Shaffer, Mr. Alec Klingler, Chief Heddings, Atty. Grimes, Chief Zettlemoyer and Mayor Aber. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Moralez and Ms. Moralez.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 10, 2026, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Chief Zettlemoyer reported the following to Council: The contractors for Marsh Road have completed the obligations agreed upon for the DCED funding. The grant closeout was submitted last week, and we are currently awaiting reimbursement from DCED.

Representatives of the Revitalization Committee will be canvassing the Borough to complete the required income surveys for the CDBG grant project. The individuals will be identifiable, and we will provide community updates outlining the specific days the canvasses will be conducted. All information will remain confidential and will not be shared. The survey information will be returned to SEDA-COG for analysis, as outlined in the grant requirements.

The camera project is in its final stages of completion. We are currently waiting for PPL to connect power where needed. Once power is connected, a final completion date will be provided.

We are currently accepting applications for the part-time Code Enforcement position. Interested applicants may submit resumes to the Borough office or apply online through Indeed.

All recycling invoices have been sent out. Thank you to everyone who has submitted payment.

We are pleased to announce that credit card payments are now accepted at Borough Hall. We are also exploring options to accept credit card payments at the Police Department.

We met with LIVIC Civil regarding the traffic signal project at Turbot Avenue and Broadway. The project remains on schedule. We were provided with design templates, and the plan has been submitted to PennDOT for final approval. The project is anticipated to be completed by May 2027.

The KMIT safety grant is due on August 1st. We will be working to submit the appropriate paperwork. This grant is typically used to support Public Works and the Police Department. We will meet next week with a vendor to discuss mobile payment processing options that can be added to the existing downtown meters.

Next week, we will meet with an individual who has expressed interest in filling the Borough's animal control position, as 4 Paws Sake is no longer providing services.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber advised that he attended the Time board meeting.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker sent prayers to the family of the Pennsylvania State Trooper who was killed on duty. He also advised that he plans to attend the library board meeting next month.

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised that the department continues to move forward with their annual training. CPR training will take place next week, and range training this week. The department is working with Justin Skavery on a PCCD grant for body cameras. The department is also running speed checks throughout the borough. New lines have been painted, and he cautioned residents to slow down.

Report of the Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised Council of the following:

- A. Street Maintenance
 - Continuing with getting power to locations for new camera system
 - Paving restoration done on all open storm drains, paving repairs made on Filbert St & Old Orchard Rd
 - Installed a new alley Wall St for residence to access off street parking
 - RR crossing warning lines and crosswalks are all painted
 - Municipal parking lot is seal coated and all lines and crosswalks repainted
 - Began prepping an unnamed ally in the 4th ward for paving
 - June 11, 2026 – July 8, 2026, responded to 69 one call request
- B. Cemetery / Parks / River and Creek banks
 - 1 Grave opening/closing Harmony Cemetery, 1 Grave opening/closing Milton Cemetery
 - Installed ten footers for headstones
 - Had a contractor in to weed killed all Borough owned property on Riverbank and Limestone run
 - Mowing continues in all parks, cemeteries and Borough owned property
 - Clean up of storm damage in several locations
- C. Building Maintenance
 - Repaired rain gutters on DPW building
 - Removed two bushes at DPW and planted two memorial trees at DPW
- D. Recycling
 - Continued normal operations
 - Curbside pickup
- E. Equipment Maintenance
 - Serviced all mowers and repaired two flat tires.
 - New front steer tires on 2002 GMC.

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Klingler reported the following: Since the last report, the Codes Department has continued to carry out its core operational responsibilities, including rental inspections, property maintenance enforcement, permit administration. A total of 9 building permits and 10 zoning permits were issued during this reporting period, along with 65 property citations. Department staff also completed 6 rental inspections and 6 building inspections associated with active permits and ongoing compliance requirements. Property-maintenance enforcement remained a significant focus throughout the reporting period. Violations were issued across multiple categories, including 15 violations for garbage and rubbish accumulation, 21 violations for high grass and weeds, 21 violations for violations of the International Property Maintenance Code, 7 violations for abandoned vehicles, and 1 Violation for Buring. These actions bring the year-to-date total to 384 violations issued by the department.

The Codes Department remains committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of borough residents through consistent enforcement of municipal ordinances, interdepartmental coordination, and continued professional development.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings advised that in the month of July, the Milton Fire Department responded to eight (8) fire and rescue calls, including MVA, Fire and service calls. The QRS/ Voluntary Ambulance responded to six (6) calls for service, totaling 14 calls for the month. Members took part in here (3) hours of in-house training. Training was on equipment, maintenance and care. Totaling 45 man hours of training for the month. MICU 15 was dispatched to 45 calls for service. In the month of June, the department responded to 31 fire and rescue calls, including MVA and fire and service calls. The QRS responded to 18 calls for service, totaling 49 for the month. Members took part in 12 hours of in-house training. The training was on hose loads and charged hand line movements. Totaling 240 man hours of training for the month. MICU 15 was dispatched to 190 calls for service. YTD Fire Department responded to 198 calls, QRS 125 calls for a total of 323 calls, and MICU 15 responded to 1,233 calls. The department has completed 21 in-house training hours with 38 members in attendance totaling 2,394 man hours for the year. President Walker asked Chief Heddings if he could provide a comparison of numbers from 2025 to current.

Report of the Library Director: No Report

Report of the MRSA representative: Mrs. Foust advised that MRSA had their regular month meeting, no changes to report.

Public Comments: Rick Dandes from the Daily Item questioned where things stand with the church. Kaylee & Brandt Arnold introduced themselves to Council advising they were looking for a conditional use for their business to use a lot on Cameron Ave.

Public Works and Cemeteries:

- Consideration to approve Resolution 26-01 approving handicapped parking spaces on 2nd St and Upper Market St in the Borough.
 - On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz, and carried, Council approved this request.

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve Trish Derr as a Trainee Driver for the Milton Fire Department.
 - On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved this request. Mr. Derr abstained.
- Consideration to approve TIME's request to hold Music and Mocktails in Lincoln Park on Friday, July 17th from 7-9pm. They are requesting use of the park, pavilion and electricity.
 - On Motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve the Milton Police Department's participation in the 287-G program.
 - On Motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Ms. Fawess. Mr. Scheimreif asked to table this vote as he did not get through the MOU and he would like extra time for that and possibly public comment.
 - Lynn Yocum 314 High St: asked what the program actually is and who the Borough would be partnering with and in what manner. Chief Zettlemoyer

advised that we current work with the government and this would allow the Borough to be compensated for their work. It would give the Borough the ability to search the government's database should they encounter someone. It does not change how they currently operate in the Borough, it just provides some funding for the efforts.

- Rev. Mendell Bartholomew: advised that she didn't know this was going to be voted on, and how it was communicate to the community. Other communities have had a lot of discussion around this before it came up for vote. Asking Council to table the motion and allow for public comment.

A roll call vote was called

Mrs. Meckley: Yes	President Walker: Abstained
Mr. Garman: abstained	Ms. Fawess: Yes
Mr. Derr: Yes	Mr. Scheimreif: abstained
Mr. Swartz: Yes	Mr. Pfeil: Abstained

Mayor Aber: Yes (tie breaker)

At this time, 7:25 p.m., an executive session was called for legal matters. The executive session ended at 7:45 p.m.

At this time, 7:46 p.m., the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 1265 began. – Amending the Borough's zoning ordinance to define scrap processing, auto wrecking, and junkyard, and allow for permitted use in the Economic Development District. (EDD). Jennifer Wakeman – Executive Director of DRIVE had questions regarding the advertisement of this ordinance, as well as the advertisement of the agenda for the planning commission meeting on June 9th. She questioned if the Planning Commission met, since there is no information on the website. She advised that Direct Recovery is interested in the site at Cameron Ave/ 1 Cherry St.

Kaylee and Brandt Arnold: owners of Direct Recovery, 29 Frosty Valley Rd, Buckhorn, PA. looking to expand their current business to this address. The business does require rail access and they feel their business would benefit the community. They are happy to discuss their business and the benefit it could bring to the community.

Lynn Yocum: 314 High St Milton. Questioned posting of ordinances in a better place than the newspaper.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve Ordinance 1265.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil a roll call vote was called:

Mrs. Meckley: Yes	President Walker: Yes
Mr. Garman: Yes	Ms. Fawess: Yes
Mr. Derr: Yes	Mr. Scheimreif: abstained
Mr. Swartz: Yes	Mr. Pfeil: Yes

- Consideration to approve the quote from Barry Isett & Associates for grant writing services in the amount of \$2,800.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve Resolution 26-02 approving the Borough to apply for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$700,430.00 for improvements to SR 642/ Mahoning Street.

- On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to hire Quaylin Rice, effective July 12, 2026, as a part time police officer, to fill an open part time vacancy, at the rate of \$30.82 per hour.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to appoint the following members to the Blight Committee: Virginia Kaar, Linda Meckley, Alec Klingler, Jamie Walker, Troy Wagner, and Chad Gonzalez. First meeting is
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to amend the agenda to add Consideration to authorize expenditures of up to \$220,000 from the Borough Reserve Funds for the rehabilitation and securing of the property located at 18 N Arch St.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to authorize expenditures of up to \$220,000 from the Borough Reserve Funds for the rehabilitation and securing of the property located at 18 N Arch St. Lynn Yocum questioned what the Borough was spending this money on. Atty Wiley advised that the Borough is not spending the funds at this time, just showing the court system that they have the funds available if need be. President Walker spoke of his frustration with this situation and that the Borough could be looking at this financial burden to handle a blighted property.
 - On Motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to pay the bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$454,304.92.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

Rev. Mendel Bartholomew asked if there is a way to have an ordinance that makes property owners have insurance for issues like this. She also thanked everyone for their hard work with this situation as she was helping with Milton Developmental Services when this all started.

At this time, 8:10 pm, on motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By: _____
 Jennifer Foust
 Borough Secretary/Treasurer