

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

July 9, 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. Moralez, and Mr. Derr (ZOOM). Also in attendance were Mrs. Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Mrs. Foust, Doug Diehl, Alec Klingler, Atty. Wiley, and Chief Zettlemoyer. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Pfeil.

Minutes: On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the June 11 and June 26, 2025, Council Meetings.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that the Borough worked with APPI/Environ to shop the Borough's natural gas rates. She was pleased to announce that the Borough will see a decrease in gas prices from \$7.17 per City Gate Dth (dollar per thousand) to \$6.774 per City Gate Dth (dollar per thousand) beginning in February of 2026.

Mrs. Novinger advised Council the Pennsylvania Association of Municipal Administrators (PAMA) will be holding its annual conference in Bethlehem August 11-13. The Borough was awarded two (2) first time attendee grants based on a narrative that was submitted that covers the cost of the conference for both herself and Mrs. Foust (totaling \$620). The cost of hotel accommodations and mileage will not exceed \$400. We are excited to network with other municipal administrators and learn from new presenters.

Finally, Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough has recovered \$1,777.35 utilizing PA Fire Recoveries. This money is being deposited directly into the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund account.

Report of the Mayor: No Report

Report of the President of Council: President Walker commended the Police Department, Department of Public Works and Borough staff for their work on the incident that occurred in the Borough last week.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised that the PD in conjunction with the DUI Association hosted a class in Council Chambers, where Scott Davis was able to teach the class as a representative of the DUI Association. The PD had some officers attend, and there were other officers from surrounding communities in attendance also. He advised that ARIDE is an advanced course that allows officers to detect whether someone's under the influence of different things such as drugs or alcohol. He advised anytime that the department can attend this type of training is a good thing and definitely makes for a better case moving forward. He informed Council that the department did make an arrest of an individual for holding a firearm to someone's head, and that the individual is in Montgomery County Prison; the department made a couple other arrests as well, one for making terroristic threats to blow up a residence. He stated its typical summer business.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed Council mowing continues throughout the Borough and the crew has completed the yearly maintenance work. The crew completed all the

mulching in the parks and playgrounds last week. Mr. Shaffer hopes to finish with the weeding and then begin stormwater work this week. The crew will be working to address the Mahoning Street stormwater issue to correct the flooding and alleviate that issue.

Report of the Fire Chief: President Walker read the report as follows: for the month of June the MICU 15 responded to 71 calls, the QRS responded to 9 calls, and the fire department responded to 9 calls for services; one being a mobile home fire in West Chillisquaque Twp.

Public Comments: No report

Public Works and Cemeteries:

- Consideration to approve the placement of the Chef Boiardi Statue at the corner of Center St. and Bound Ave.
 - On motion from Mr. Scheimreif, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve Ordinance 1261 Establishing a Blight Committee.
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to prepare and advertise the closing of Cherry Alley to vehicular traffic.
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to advertise the Borough-wide Camera Bid.
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request. Mrs. Meckley opposed

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to allow Mrs. Novinger and Mrs. Foust to attend the PAMA conference in Bethlehem August 11 – 13th for a total not to exceed \$400.00. *We received a grant from PSAB as first-time attendees for this conference. *
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Mabus, 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 \$252,850.62.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Mabus, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:18 pm, on motion from Mrs. Mabus, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, Council adjourned.

(Seal)

Submitted By:

Jennifer Foust
Borough Secretary/Treasurer