

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(Hybrid Meeting)

March 13, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mr. Morales, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Derr, Mr. Scheimreif, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Robol, and Mr. Pfeil. Also, in attendance were Jessie Novinger, Jennifer Lamoreaux, Mayor Aber, Sam Shaffer, and Atty Wiley. Absent from the meeting were: Doug Diehl, Seth Heddings, Councilwoman Mabus, and Chief Zettlemyer.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the February 28, 2024, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger advised Council that the following grants have been completed and submitted to their respective agencies: Susquehanna Greenway Partnership's mini grant program for three (3) new gateway Welcome to Milton signs along the Front St (Susquehanna River) corridor; the Green Light Go application for the modernization of the intersection at Broadway and Turbot Ave; the Body Worn Camrea (BWC) grant for five additional cameras with a total cost of \$9,890.00, with a match requirement of \$4,945.00. She also advised that the application to FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a \$2.1 million aerial apparatus was completed and submitted, along with the letters of support.

Mrs. Novinger then advised that she and Ms. Lamoreaux attended the Northumberland County Conservation District's Winter Forum at Meadowbrook Christian School on March 12<sup>th</sup>. They were able to network with individuals from DEP about ongoing and upcoming projects within the Borough.

Mrs. Novinger advised that a press release was sent to the Standard Journal regarding Keystone Collections as the Borough's new Occupational Tax collector. The press release attempted to address many of the questions received at the Borough Office and via social media.

Mrs. Novinger asked the General Government and Finance Committee to consider amending the agenda to include a Resolution (#24-04) by Council required by DCNR to apply for the Planning Funding for the Brown Ave Park Complex Master Site Plan.

- On Motion made by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger then advised that the scope of work (SOW) for this project has been completed and reviewed with the Borough's regional representative, Wes Fahringer.

Report of the Mayor: No Report.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker advised that those Council members receiving paper copies of the agenda items will now be able to pick up their packets at the Borough office on the Thursday before the Council meeting. He also wanted to thank all the people that helped with the completion of the FEMA grant for the new aerial apparatus for the Fire Department. President Walker also advised that he had the opportunity to speak with Kris from the Milton Library on her last day and wished her good luck. President Walker also thanked Sam Shaffer and the DPW crew for helping the Little League with their batting cage in Veterans' Field.

Report of Chief of Police: President Walker advised that the Borough should have a list of qualified candidates for the new police officer position by the end of March. He also advised the Durango will be taken the first week of April for upfitting.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer reported that the crew is still out clearing the canal bed near Milton Steel. So far, they have hauled about 35 tons of debris. He advised they are working with Milton Steel to clear the other side of the canal. He also advised that the leaf blower is back up and running after repairs were made. Crews crack sealed the Tennis Courts at Brown Ave, and some will need asphalt sealing once the weather is nicer. The basketball courts will also need to be sealed.

Report of the Fire Chief: President Walker read the Fire Department report as: During the month of March the fire department has responded to 11 fire and rescue calls, including 3 mutual aid house fires. The volunteer QRS has responded to 3 calls for service. Micu 15 has responded to 66 incidents. The new Intermediate Advanced life support (IAL) ambulance stationed at station 15 has handled 29 additional calls. On three occasions already this additional service has allowed Micu 15 to be available for more critical calls for service, including two stoke patients and a pediatric cardiac arrest.

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department will be having their annual Palm Sunday drive through dinner. At the dinner the Department will also be selling 1/4-pound peanut butter eggs.

Public Comments: Katherine McKeever from Global Arrival Aid advised that she has been working with the Chief of Police and trying to make more connections within the community. She hopes to make connections for mental health to help support the Community Resource Officer. She advised that there will be a community meet and greet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm at their office at 60 Elm St, and light refreshments will be provided. She provided fliers to be hung up/handed out.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve a request from Turbotville Borough for assistance from the Milton Fire Police for traffic control on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:30pm (rain date Tuesday, June 4, 2024) for their Pet Parade. They are also requesting assistance from the Milton Fire Police for their Community Parade on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 6pm, rain or shine.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, and seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved the request.
- Consideration to approve a request from the Borough of Lewisburg for assistance from the Milton Fire Police for the Union County Veterans Fourth of July Parade scheduled for June 29, 2024.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, and seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved the request.
- Consideration to approve a request from ThinkBig-Pediatric Cancer Fund to hold a pickleball tournament at Brown Avenue Park on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 8am – 3pm, with a rain date of Sunday, June 23, 2024.
  - On motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the request.

General Government and Finance:

- Motion made by Ms. Fawess to approve Resolution #24-04, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved Resolution #24-04.
- Consideration to pay the bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$137,439.75.
  - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved the request.

At this time, 7:16 p.m., motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

Submitted By:

Jennifer Lamoreaux  
**Borough Secretary/Treasurer**