

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

March 26, 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, Mr. Pfeil. Also, in attendance were Mrs. Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Mrs. Foust, Atty. Wiley, Mayor Aber, and Chief Zettlemoyer. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Derr.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the March 12, 2025, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger asked for the Council's consideration to allow the Borough to work with CCR to apply to PCCD (via the JAG grant) for funds to reinstate the Co-Responder program for an additional 18 months with no match requirement.

- On Motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger then asked for the Council's consideration to allow the Borough to apply to ARLE for the modernization of the intersection at Mahoning Street (SR 642) and Arch Street. There is no match requirement for this grant.

- On Motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved this request.

She informed Council that the HOME grant through SEDA-COG has officially been closed out. She then stated that the Borough Administration met with members of the Library Board and the Director, Brent Mosser, for the first quarterly meeting of 2025. Things went well and the first quarter check was released. She also stated that this month's Lycoming County Resource Management bill for recycling was only \$700, which was a drastic reduction from 2024 where the Borough was averaging \$1,300 per month.

Report of the Mayor: No report.

Report of the President of Council: No report

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer read a letter from Sergeant Ulrich in regard to ending Officer Wachter's probationary status with the department. Per the letter, Christian has met all expectations, and Sergeant Ulrich recommends moving Officer Wachter to a full time Non-Probationary Officer effective April 8, 2025. Chief Zettlemoyer stated that he agrees with Sergeant Ulrich's recommendation.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Moralez to amend the agenda to move Officer Wachter to a full-time non-probationary officer effective April 8, 2025, motion was seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, council approved to amend the agenda.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed Council that crews have been out starting some of the Spring cleanup. They have been through most of the parks downtown, the municipal lot, all the flower beds, cleaning all the mulch out, re-edging everything, getting them ready for new mulch. The crew has been working on some stormwater projects trying to locate some storm water pipes. In recent days Mr. Shaffer has found out that there's a lot of storm water that he never knew about, and someday maybe a problem. So, it's been very insightful

the last couple of days of what was found. Mr. Shaffer also advised that he has been working with Jess and Jenn on the new gateway signs trying to get those installed. Installation should start next week. Once the weather gets a little nicer, those areas will be landscaped, and that project will be complete. Crews have also been out in the cemeteries working on cleaning up some of the graves we had over the winter, and they removed eight (8) large spruce trees from Grandview, the stumps have been removed, and this should make maintenance a little easier in that cemetery. Again, once the weather gets a little nicer, that area will be reseeded. One final item Mr. Shaffer discussed was the Spring cleanup, he is reminding everyone to keep their piles of leaves and sticks separate. The crew uses two (2) machines for collection, so the piles need to be a good distance apart from each other. The crew will work with those residents whose property may be a little small for separate piles, but they should still be separate.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the fire report as follows: For the month of March the Fire Department has responded to 24 calls for service, the volunteer QRS has handled 19 calls for service, while MICU 15 has handled 174 calls for service. He also stated that the UTV has been called in a handful of times for brush fires this month, and that the Department is preparing for their Annual Ham Dinner.

Public Comments: Mr. Edward Greco, nominee for the Court of Common Pleas in Northumberland County, came to introduce himself to Council and provided background information on why he is running for judge. He has spent the last 30 years as the Chief Public Defender for the County and understands the issues facing the Borough. He believes that he will serve the Borough well if elected.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report

Public Safety:

- Consideration to move Christian Wachter from probationary officer to full time officer effective April 8, 2025.
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve a request from the Milton Fire Department to hold their 32nd Palm Sunday Drive Thru Ham dinner on April 13, 2025, and its associated activities from 11am to 2 pm. They are also asking Mayor Aber to suspend the “no parking” regulations on Ridge Avenue to allow parking for the event.
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request. Mrs. Meckley abstained.
 - Mayor Aber approved suspending the “no parking” request for Ridge Ave.
- Consideration to approve the Recreational Usage Agreement between Milton Borough and Milton Little League for use of the senior baseball fields at Brown Ave Park beginning March 1, 2025 – November 1, 2025:
 - On motion from Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to award the Bid for Engineering Services for the Milton RAB Phase 2 to Livic Civil for a total project cost of \$30,000 contingent upon CDBG Compliance.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, 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 \$200,779.89.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:15 pm, on motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Pfeil, Council adjourned.

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Submitted By:

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