

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

March 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Derr, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Dale Pfeil, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Robol, and Mr. John Pfeil. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Solicitor Wiley, Mayor Aber, Doug Diehl, Chief Zettlemyer, and Sam Shaffer.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council approved the minutes from the February 22, 2023, Council meeting. President Walker abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger asked for Council's consideration to allow her to purchase a 2024 F-650 Gas Dump Truck that will be fully upfitted with spreader and plow for a not to exceed price of \$125,428.00 from the Liquid Fuels allotment for major equipment. This is COSTARS pricing. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved this request.

Next, she asked for Council's consideration to allow her to sell (when the new truck arrives) a 2002 GMC six (6) ton dump truck with aluminum box on Municibid and all proceeds from the sale will go back toward the purchase of the new truck mentioned above. On motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Derr and carried, Council approved this request.

She then asked for Council's consideration to allow her and Sam Shaffer to attend the Equipment Show & Training Day at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds on May 17 from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Topics like outdoor advertising (signs), winter service agreements, HOP, etc. will be covered. The event is free. On motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Dale Pfeil and carried, Council approved this request.

Next, she asked for Council's consideration to allow her and Sam to attend the Northumberland County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program on April 12 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in Sunbury. PennDOT staff will be sharing information about new programs and allows for better communication on a variety of topics. The event is free, and she and Sam will do their best to be back in time for Council. On motion of Mr. John Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Morales and carried, Council approved this request.

Our CDBG-CV Social Worker or Co-Responder position is officially posted on Indeed and applications are being accepted through the Center for Community Resources (CCR). She asked that if Council knows anyone interested in the position, please have them reach out to either her or Chief Zettlemyer so we may put them in direct contact with CCR.

The Borough received its delineated award letter from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crimes and Delinquency (PCCD) which stated that the Borough was awarded \$125,036.00 for CODY software which will replace Informant (Records Management System RMS); a large server for the PD and the continuation of the social worker/co-responder program through 2024.

She then reported that she spoke with Josh Funk, of Senator Culver's Office regarding our Local Share grant applications for both the garbage receptacles downtown and throughout our parks, as well as, the application for a new bucket truck and backhoe for use in the DPW and was told we can anticipate hearing something back about those applications on or about March 16.

Mrs. Novinger then informed Council that she received an email from Justin Skavery with Northumberland County yesterday afternoon that the County is re-opening the County's ARPA funding to local municipalities. Applications are due April 14, require a dollar-for-dollar match and have a maximum award of \$50,000.00. The County is prioritizing blight remediation, improvement/construction of municipal buildings, purchase of PPE and the enhancement of emergency services. She would like to further discuss.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber had no report.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker congratulated Lynda Culver on her election to the Senate Seat.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the COBRA system is up and running. They are able to see reports from multiple jurisdictions and will eventually see neighboring communities once they are on-line. Our Police Department is the first in the immediate area to have access to this. The department has made a lot of trips to the Northumberland County prison recently. He reported that some of the cases are very far behind, some since 2014. He stated his concern about the prison not taking inmates with mental health issues, DUI's, and drug related crimes. This needs to be addressed by the County Commissioners. President Walker asked if they could be taken to Union County Prison. Chief responded that they only take individuals with crimes that happen in Union County.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that the crew continues cleaning up flood debris by the river. They have also been clearing out storm water ditches. Phase 1 of the renovations at the Police Department is complete and they will be moving on to the next phase soon.

Report of the Fire Chief: Lieutenant Dakota Bearce reported that the number of fire calls were 11 fire calls, 14 for the volunteer ambulance services, and 60 for the mic unit.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety:

- A. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved a request from the Downtown Milton Merchants Association to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 using the gazebo at Lincoln Park.
- B. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved a request from Kingdom Kidz, Inc. to hold a National Day of Prayer Program on May 4, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Brown Avenue Park.
- C. On motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council approved a request from Turbotville Borough to utilize the Milton Fire Police for their Community Pet Parade on Monday, June 5, 2023, with a rain date of June 6, 2023, and their Community Parade on Friday, June 9, 2023.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved a CDBG-CV Urgent Need Budget revision This revision is from the \$15,236 from the Salvation Army that was not utilized and is being moved into the social work program.
- B. On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved preparing and advertising an Ordinance setting forth enforcement proceedings of penalties for violations of all Borough Ordinances enacted after the date of this Ordinance with a minimum of \$50.00 for the fine.

- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved preparing and advertising an Ordinance pertaining to the Quality-of-Life Ticketing Procedures Repealing and Replacing Ordinance #1235.
- D. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved preparing and advertising the 2015 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance.
- E. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved preparing and advertising an Ordinance regarding the keeping of animals in the Borough.
- F. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved a Letter of Understanding regarding the completion of the Borough's Leadership Strategic Plan contingent on it being formalized by the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- G. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$167,142.89.

President Walker thanked the General Government and Finance Committee, as well as Borough staff, for their hard work on finalizing the Ordinances.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mr. Dale Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried, Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer