

Pending Approval
MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

May 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Pfeil, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Swartz, Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Scheimreif, Mr. Robol, Mr. Moralez, and Mr. Derr. Also in attendance were Mrs. Novinger, Sam Shaffer, Mrs. Foust, Atty. Wiley, Mayor Aber, and Chief Zettlemoyer.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Ms. Fawess, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the April 23, 2025, Council Meeting. Mr. Pfeil abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed council that the curb cut project on Hepburn is almost through the design phase. Once design is complete, the Borough will be advertising a bid for construction.

Mrs. Novinger stated that the two (2) additional gateway signs from Middle Creek Signs have been ordered and should be installed within the next six (6) weeks.

She then asked Council for Consideration to allow her and Mrs. Foust to register for the PSAB Municipal Management Employment Law Workshop in Harrisburg on July 30 and 31. The cost of the training is \$150.00 plus travel mileage. This was a very beneficial training course in years past with legal updates that impact municipalities and their employees.

- On Motion from Mr. Moralez, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.

Last, she informed Council that there was a draft ordinance in their meeting packet for the Blight Committee. She asked Council to review and send any comments or questions back to her for review for the next meeting.

Report of the Mayor: The Mayor had 2 proclamations (read by President Walker) to declare the week of May 11th – 17th as Police week in the Borough, and the week of May 18th – 25th as EMS week in the Borough.

Report of the President of Council: No report.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer advised he would have information later in the meeting.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer informed Council that brush and leaf pickup was completed. During pickup there were still a lot of mixed piles that could not be picked up and large brush piles that were outside the normal ten (10) minute timeframe. He advised that he has spoken with Mr. Walker and Mrs. Novinger to address this before the Fall clean up. He also asked residents to make sure they are not putting their grass clippings in the roadway as it clogs up the stormwater system and the street sweeper. The new mini excavator and the new skid steer were both delivered to the Borough last week. The crew is working to get them ready to be put into use. Mr. Shaffer stated that the crew will be out mowing, depending on the weather, to get the cemeteries mowed before the holiday.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the fire report as follows: For the month of May the Fire Department has responded to 8 calls for service, the volunteer QRS has handled 5 calls for service, while MICU 15 has handled 78 calls for service. Of the eight (8) calls for service, one included a working commercial building fire at Apex Homes in Snyder County and searching the Susquehanna River from Milton to Montgomery for a missing juvenile from Lycoming County.

Chief Heddings advised on Tuesday evening the department held a hazmat drill at Weis Warehouse. The drill was in conjunction with Weis Market's emergency response team along with all our mutual aid partners.

Lastly, Chief Heddings advised he and Chief Derr along with several other members will be going to the state fire academy on Saturday, May 17th, to assist with the structural burn session to wrap up the essential to firefighting class hosted by the fire department. After Saturday the department will have three (3) new members who will be able to be interior firefighters.

Public Comments: Mr. John Cooper, Front St, Milton, advised that TIME will be holding its annual tomato plant giveaway this Saturday, May 17 from 10-2. He advised that they have 700 plants to give away to families.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report

Public Safety:

- Consideration to approve Resolution 25-02 amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Chief Zettlemoyer advised that this resolution is streamlining the process and will clean up some of the language to match the CBA.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve a rain date request for the Summer Daze Pickleball Tournament for June 15, 2025.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to sign the Memorandum of Understanding "MOU" between the Estate of Dale E. Ranck, Jr. and the Borough of Milton.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to have Solicitor Wiley prepare and advertise the Blight Ordinance.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to award engineering services for the Green Light Go project to Livic Civil.
 - 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 \$222,064.86.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.

President Walker advised that the Borough staff will be looking into a way to make the sound better for the attendees on Zoom. The Borough was recently notified that it can be hard to hear what is said during the meetings. President Walker then asked if there was any other business to come before council, Solicitor Wiley introduced Nick Grimes as a new associate at McCormick Law. Nick is a new graduate of Weidner Law, top of his class, and was an undergraduate of Lycoming College.

At this time, 7:15 p.m., on motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, Council adjourned to an executive session.

The Executive session began at 7:20 pm and ended at 7:37pm, Council did not reconvene.

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Submitted By:

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer