

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Walker at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: President Walker, Mr. Robol, Mrs. Meckley, Ms. Fawess, Mrs. Mabus, Mr. Derr, Mr. J Pfeil, Mayor Aber, Mr. D Pfeil, Mr. Swartz, and Mr. Morales. Also present: Jess Novinger, Brittnee Vann, Sam Shaffer, Chief Zettlemyer, and Atty Wiley

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from Sept. 27, 2023 with the correction of Mr. Mayor to Mayor Aber is the Mayor's Report: **1st D Pfeil / 2nd Meckley / Carried**

Borough Manager's Report

- The PA Auditor General released the 2023 State Aid Value of \$5,827.88 which is \$646.55 more than 2022
- Milton YMCA's Trunk or Treating event for Saturday October 14th has been canceled
- Continuing to work on the 2024 Draft Budget by meeting with department heads, and gathering updated pricing for insurance renewals
- Evaluating employees
- Continuing negotiations with MPOA and Teamsters

Mayor's Report

- Attended to community luncheon at the Bethany United Methodist Church
- Milton's Trick or Treating is October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

President's Report

- President Walker and Borough Manager Novinger met with Bob Garret from Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding a comprehensive plan for the Borough moving forward

Chief of Police's Report

- A recent incident in Milton involved a burglary suspect who fled on foot into a borough residence and barricaded himself but our Officers were able to arrest him without force
- The PD have had a significant recovery of methamphetamine via a stop and search – investigation is ongoing
- Having a bit of a mental-health issue with Geisinger but Jerry, our co-responder is working on this issue, and it seems to be moving forward smoothly for preventative measures

Public Works Director's Report

- Front parking lot of the Borough office is complete
- Paving projects to date are completed except for one on Mahoning; addressing storm sewer issues on Mahoning
- Arch St storm sewer drains needed some attention
- Fall Brush and Leaf Pick-Up begins the week of October 23rd

Fire Chief's Report

- 7 Calls for Service, 11 EMS Calls, and 71 MICU calls

Public Comments

- Jennifer Reppert, owner of Charlie's Corner, asked about street sweeping in which Sam answered regarding the street sweeping schedule. She also asked about what authority she may have regarding to smoking in front of the store. There are two benches out from that she owns, and residents have been utilizing the benches and smoking at the storefront. Chief Zettlemoyer explained that it's a public space so she cannot tell them they can't be there/smoke there but if she were to remove the benches, she could eliminate the issue

Public Works and Cemeteries

- Nothing to report

Public Safety

- *Motion* to approve the Downtown Milton Merchants Association's Costume Contest and Trick or Treat event scheduled for October 27th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

1st D. Pfeil / 2nd J Pfeil / Carried
(Meckley opposed)

General Government and Finance

- *Motion* to approve moving forward with Airiam's quote to configure and install the new PD serve at a not-to-exceed cost of \$7000.00
- *Motion* to pay the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$341,918.85:

1st Fawess / 2nd Meckley / Carried

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Final Comments

- None

Motion to adjourn at **7:10 PM**

1st Meckley / 2nd D Pfeil / Carried

Submitted By:



Brittnee Vann
Secretary / Treasurer