MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

October 28, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker. The following Councilpersons were in attendance: Mr. Swartz, Mr. Derr, Mr. Garman, Mrs. Meckley, and Mr. Scheimreif, Mr. Pfeil, Mr. Moralez, Ms. Moralez. Also attending were Mrs. Foust, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Klingler, Cpl. Lehman, Chief Heddings, and Atty. Wiley. Absent from the meeting were Ms. Fawess, Mayor Aber and Chief Zettlemoyer.

Minutes: On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: President Walker read the following as Chief Zettlemoyer was absent: The Hepburn St. paving project was completed ahead of schedule this week. Two vehicles parked in the construction zone were towed to allow the work to proceed. Aside from these parking incidents, the project was completed without major issues. Sam completed the final inspection yesterday.

A hearing was held last week regarding the church collapse at 18 N. Arch St. The Borough was granted conservator rights for the church. We are coordinating with the engineering firm to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the property next Tuesday. Once the plan is complete, it will be presented to the court, which will determine which component of the plan will be implemented.

Thank you to the fire companies that provided mutual aid to the Milton Fire Department at two fire calls this week in the Borough.

We have been in contact with a representative of the Red Hill Estates property owners. The owners continue to advance the project and plan to present it to Council in the coming weeks, requesting consideration of minor adjustments to help the project move forward.

Brush pickup continues in the Borough and should be completed by Friday. DPW will then start with leaf pick up until the first plowable snow fall.

Budget review continues.

Just a reminder, Trick or Treating will be held in the Borough, Saturday, October 31st from 6-8pm.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber was absent; however, President Walker read his report as follows, Treats on the Track was well attended. He reminded everyone to be safe on Saturday while trick or treating. He also wished all first responders a Happy First Responders Day.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker

Report of the Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer was absent; Corporal Lehman provided the following information: Parking Tickets YTD: 1018 Traffic Stops YTD: 1992. A suspect has been arrested and is in custody for commercial burglaries that occurred in the Borough. As a result of the investigation, charges are pending for additional suspects to include Burglary and PWID.
So far this month we have handled 16 child line reports.

We responded to vehicle break-ins, and a suspect was identified and is pending charges.

Officers participated in a dim-light shoot and shield training using in-house instructors. The training was held at USP Lewisburg Range.

We have had an uptick in scams targeting the elderly.

We remind people that Trick or Treating is scheduled for October 31st. and there will be a considerable amount of foot traffic throughout the Borough. Please make sure you stop at all stop signs and obey the rules of the road.

Report of the Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer reported the following to Council:

A. Street Maintenance
   - Continuing with getting power to locations for new camera system and installed poles for said equipment
   - Repaired a storm water pipe and manhole for Hepburn St paving
   - Installed no parking signs on Columbia Ave east of Beaver St
   - Right of way clearing of all Borough streets
   - Cleaned weeds from curblines on several streets in the 4th ward
   - Crack sealed and new paved areas and all curblines cleaned
   - Inspected paving of Hepburn St
   - Sept 23, 2026 – Oct 28,2026 responded to 53 one call request

B. Cemetery / Parks / River and Creek banks
   - 4 Grave opening/closing Harmony Cemetery, 5 Grave opening/closing Milton Cemetery
   - Installed seven footers the Harmony & Milton Cemeteries
   - Turned off water and drained all parks & cemeteries
   - Removed and stored all trash cans from parks and Cemeteries
   - Mowing in all parks, cemeteries and Borough owned property
   - Began cleaning out all flower beds downtown for winter

C. Building Maintenance
   - Pressure washed DPW building and started recycling area

D. Recycling
   - Continued normal operations
   - Curbside pickup
   - Brush pickup borough wide
   - Leaf collection will begin and continue until the first plowable snow

E. Equipment Maintenance
   - Serviced washed all mowers
   - Washed and cleaned all DPW trucks & Equipment
   - Rebuilt rear axel on 2002 GMC and rear brakes
   - Serviced both Morbark chippers
   - Serviced and repaired both Tarco leaf loaders

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Klingler reported the following to Council: Since the last report, the Codes Department continued to carry out its core operational responsibilities, including rental inspections, property maintenance enforcement, and permit administration.

During this reporting period, the department issued 10 building permits and 15 zoning permits, while also issuing 108 property-maintenance citations. Department staff completed 5 rental inspections and 12 building inspections associated with active permits and ongoing compliance requirements.

Property-maintenance enforcement remained a significant focus throughout the reporting period. Violations were issued across several categories, including 16 violations for garbage and rubbish

accumulation, 47 violations for high grass and weeds, 29 violations for violations of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2 violations for indoor furniture being used outdoors, and 13 violations for abandoned vehicles. These enforcement actions bring the year-to-date total to 608 violations issued by the department.

In addition to routine enforcement activities, department staff met with the Blight Committee to review blighted properties throughout the borough and provide updates regarding matters before the Northumberland County Blighted Property Reinvestment Board. The department also participated in online training related to the Community Rating System (CRS) to support the Borough's continued compliance with federal floodplain-management requirements and to better position the community for future flood-insurance rating opportunities.

The department continued providing assistance to residents by responding to inquiries related to zoning requirements, permitting procedures, and property-maintenance standards. These outreach efforts support voluntary compliance and help ensure consistent and fair application of borough ordinances.

The Codes Department remains committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of borough residents through consistent enforcement of municipal ordinances, responsive public service, and ongoing interdepartmental collaboration.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings provided the following information to Council: In the month of September, the Milton Fire Department responded to 23 fire and rescue calls, including MVA, Fire and service calls. Our QRS/Volley AMB has responded to 27 calls for service, totaling 50 calls for the month. Members took part in 12 hours of in-house training. Totaling 180 man hours of training for the month. MICU 15 was dispatched to 220 calls for service.

In the month of October, the Milton Fire Department responded to 34 fire and rescue calls, including MVA, Fire and service calls. Our QRS/Volley AMB has responded to 23 calls for service, totaling 57 calls for the month. Members took part in 9 hours of in-house training. Totaling 135 man hours of training for the month. MICU 15 was dispatched to 190 calls for service.

The officers and members of the department would like to thank everyone who came out to the harvest festival and stopped by the stand to support us. The membership has also been busy with going around and giving this year's fire prevention program to local schools and day cares.

Members have also been out and around town for the last few weeks for Halloween events. We would like to say that with Halloween coming up and all the events out there to watch out for kids and parents walking around. We would also like to ask if you go out and have a dark colored costume. Please use a flashlight or glow sticks to make you more visible to divers and others walking around. The fire station will be open on Halloween night giving out candy and to be a safe place for anyone and everyone. Don't be afraid to stop by.

The department would also like to invite everyone to the next fundraiser we are holding on November 7th; we are holding a pork BBQ drive through dinner at our station. It will follow the same route as our ham dinner off Turbot Ave through the station. It will be from 11am until 2pm or sold out.

Report of the Library Director: Ms. Martin reported the following to Council: The Milton Public Library will be holding Trick or Treating on Friday, October 30th from 4-6pm followed by the Rocky Horror Picture Show movie. They will be holding a Sunflowers on Canvas Fundraiser on November 7th at noon, followed by a question-and-answer session with Author Cassandra Elizzabeth. The library will also be holding a blackout poetry fundraiser on November 14th at 11 am.

Report of the MRSA Representative: No Report

Public Comments (agenda items): No Report

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Report. President Walker advised that there will be some items coming to the committee for further review.

Public Safety: No Report

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve Resolution 26-05 reducing the Police Officers' contribution to the Police Pension plan for 2027.
    - On motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, council approved this request

- Consideration to pay the bills from the General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of $143,173.39.
    - On motion from Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, council approved this request.

Public Comments: At this time, President Walker expressed his sympathy and condolences to the family of Ken Gaugler, long time member of the Milton Fire Department, and father of Officer Gaugler, who passed away.

At this time, 7:16 pm, on motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Mr. Derr, and carried, Council adjourned to an executive session to discuss legal matters and did not reconvene. Executive session ended at 7:29 pm.

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Submitted By: _____
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