

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

September 25, 2024
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: On Motion from Mr. Moralez seconded by Mr. Pfeil, and carried, Council approved the minutes from the September 11, 2024, Council Meeting. Councilman Robol abstained.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger informed Council that Tim Bitner, from the Milton Historical Society, came in recently to let her know that the Board is still working on the structure design that will be erected to cover the ACF railcar, currently placed in the Milton PD front lawn. Mrs. Novinger advised that the Borough has begun the GIS update process. THE ERSI subscription has been purchased and information from the existing GIS layers will begin being transferred over within the next 10 days.

She then notified Council that the Borough will be working with the Northumberland County Housing Authority to connect a stormwater inlet to an existing inlet in the Housing Authority's parking lot to drain some stormwater off Mahoning Street in a different direction, which will ideally reduce the number of times Mahoning Street will need to be closed due to standing water from heavy rainfall. The Borough did allocate monies from the ARPA grant for stormwater work and the estimates to complete the work in-house are around \$3,000.

Mrs. Novinger then mentioned that the Milton Rotary Club sent a "Thank You" letter for allowing use of the Borough Facility and all the PD and Fire Police assistance to help make their bike race event a success.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Aber advised he attended the Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 14th where he was asked to judge the sidewalk chalk contest, which he did.

Report of the President of Council: President Walker advised that he and his family attended the Harvest Festival, and it was outstanding. He also advised that the Comprehensive Plan Survey has been distributed, and encourages all Borough residents to participate in it, and the Borough should have an update from Mr. Garret next week with initial findings.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that Rick Waugaman, a wanted and violent individual, was arrested without incident the other night. The department and Mrs. Novinger participated in the school's active intruder drill. They were able to witness the collaboration between the SROs and the school administrators. He believes it was a positive experience for Mrs. Novinger to be involved, not only as leader in the community, but also as a parent. He also advised that the kids are great during this training, and they know how to act, what to do, and take proactive steps to ensure safety. Chief Zettlemoyer also asked the residents to keep reporting issues and concerns.

Report of Public Works Director: Mr. Shaffer advised that Fall Brush pickup is scheduled for October 21 – 25th, and advertising has begun. The crosswalks downtown and all the stop bars have been repainted for the year. He also advised that crews were out on Monday clearing storm drains after the heavy rains over the weekend. Mr. Shaffer also advised that crews are working to fix the stormwater issue in the Borough Office parking lot due to the sidewalk and trench settling. This was causing trip hazards, so they will be lowering the drains to stop the ponding. This project should be completed by Friday. He advised that he and Mrs. Novinger would be in training all day on September 26th, to renew their pesticide license, so if anyone is trying to reach him he will be in his office. Fall leaf pickup will begin the middle of October and continue until the first plowable snowfall as the Borough did last year.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Heddings read the report as follows: the Fire Department responded to 21 calls for service, the volunteer EMS responded to 14 calls along with attending the Friday night football games, and MICU15 responded to 160 calls for service September.

Public Comments: No Comments

Public Works and Cemeteries: No Comments

Public Safety:

- Consideration to amend the agenda to add the preparation and advertisement of the fire department billing ordinance.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.

Mrs. Novinger advised that she and Atty. Wiley have been working on this ordinance and have found vendors that will help with the actual billing of the services. She advised that once the ordinance has been finalized through her office, she will forward to all of Council for Review.

- Consideration to allow Atty. Wiley to prepare and advertise Fire Department billing services.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to approve PA American Water's request to place an additional fire hydrant at 625 Golf Course Road due to the addition of Red Hill Estates.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.
- Consideration to allow the Arrowhead's "Cruise" to circle through town on October 15th shortly after 5:00 PM. Rain date to be October 22nd with the same route and times.
 - On motion from Mr. Derr, seconded by Mr. Moralez, and carried, Council approved this request.

General Government and Finance:

- Consideration to approve the YMCA's playground expansion project by relocating two (2) ADA parking spaces and removing three (3) regular parking spaces from the Municipal Lot at no cost to the Borough.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, 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 \$213,935.04.
 - On motion from Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. Scheimreif, and carried, Council approved this request.

At this time, 7:20 p.m., President Walker advised that Council would be moving to an Executive Session to discuss legal matters and would not reconvene.

On Motion from Mr. Pfeil, seconded by Ms. Fawess, Council adjourned and entered the Executive Session which ended at 7:32pm.

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Submitted By:

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