

MILFORD BOROUGH – MEETING MINUTES 1/6/25

The Milford Borough Council met January 6, 2025, at 7PM in the Borough Hall located at 109 W. Catharine Street for a regular council meeting. This meeting was advertised and open to the public. Present were Interim Council President Maria Farrell, Council Members George Lutfy, Peter Cooney, Doug Manion, Sharmie Ford and Richard Provenzano. Also present were Solicitor Jason Ohliger, Interim Mayor Joseph Dooley and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo. The meeting was called to order followed by a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Minutes: 12/16/24. **Motion to approve by Manion/Provenzano, AIF.**

Adopt Agenda: **Motion to adopt by Manion/Provenzano, AIF.**

Public Comment: Fred Weber asked why the names of the Mayoral interested parties names withheld from the public in the beginning. Solicitor Ohliger stated that at the December Council meeting the Council agreed not to release the names of the interested parties until after the deadline of submission.

Appointment of Mayor

- a. Interested party presentations and Q&A from Council. Presentations were made to the Council in alphabetical order starting with Douglas Jacobs followed by Candace Mahala and Derek Ricciardi.
- b. Nominations from Council. Council Member George Lutfy nominated Douglas Jacobs and Council Member Doug Manion nominated Candace Mahala for the Mayors position.
- c. Public Comment on nominees. Several comments were made on behalf of the two nominees by Linda Seudal, Karen Loeschorn, Tim Haar, John Messer, Fred Weber and Joe Decker.
- d. Roll Call Vote by Council. A roll call vote ended 3 votes each for Douglas Jacobs and Candace Mahala. Interim Mayor Dooley broke the tie in favor Jacobs.
- e. Vote on Resolution to appoint Mayor. **Motion to approve by Lutfy/Cooney, AIF.**
- f. Swearing in of Mayor. Mayor Douglas Jacobs was sworn in by Interim Mayor Joseph Dooley. Joseph Dooley resumed his position as Council President.

Treasurer's Report: The final 2024 year-end financials will be sent out later this week for the Council's review. The Borough received reimbursement from the trucking company that crashed into the wall on Broad St and Harford St in the amount of \$2,500.

PSAB bidding thresholds have increased by 2.4% for 2025. Any purchases below \$12,900 require no formal bid or written quotes, purchases or contracts between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require three written quotes, and any purchase or contracts over \$23,800 require a formal bid.

PSAB has posted the training and webinars for 2025 on their website. Council Members in enrolling in a training should contact the Borough Secretary.

Special Events/Applications:

- a. Walk, Run, Roll Spring 5K – Progressive Rehab – 4/26/25. **Motion to approve by Manion/Farrell, AIF.**
- b. Milford St. Patrick's Day Parade – PCCC - 3/16/25. **Motion to approve by Manion/Farrell, AIF.**
- c. Special Event Security – this was tabled to the next meeting in February.

HARB/Certificates of Appropriateness: None

New Business:

- a. Approve new contract for Kiley Associates as Borough Engineer. **Motion to approve by Farrell/Manion, AIF.**

Old Business:

- a. Act 600 Ordinance update. This was moved to the February Workshop meeting.

Mayor's Report: None

Police Report: The following actions were taken by the MPD: 19 Parking tickets, 22 traffic citations, 34 verbal warnings, 60 traffic stops, 7 commercial vehicle stops. Vehicle miles accumulated equaled 2,729. The MPD assisted other Municipalities with 13 calls.

Total action taken for 2024: 209 parking tickets, 387 Traffic citations, 575 Verbal warnings, 448 written, 1137 traffic stops, 125 commercial vehicle stops, 25 commercial vehicle citations, 36,778 patrol miles 2,224 call for service, and 1,023 patrols of Grey Towers.

Additionally, Officer have been wearing new body cameras for a month, two officers will be attending VASCAR training and one Officer has completed the Police Bike training program.

Committee Reports: Vice President Farrell reported that the Recreation Committee will be holding the Chili and Mac-n-Cheese Competition on February 2nd at St Patrick's Church. Those interested in entering the competition should contact Farrell or Scott Sheldon.

Council Member Provenzano thanked the public for being patient with DPW in regards to yard waste pickup. There was a delay in clearing all the roads of snow due to two trucks being out of service. One truck had an issue and the other is attached to the leaf vacuum that is at the auto shop for repairs. Vice President Maria Farrell state that the ice-skating rink is not open yet because the ice is not fully solid at this time. Candace Mahala suggested the Recreation Committee look into purchasing a chiller to keep the ice frozen.

Council Member Peter Cooney raised the question about garbage collection in Matamoras. President Dooley state that he is in touch with Matamoras and will update the Council when a decision has been made. Milford Boroughs loan for the truck is ending December 2025.

Correspondence:

- a. Letter from PennDOT regarding stop signs on Seventh Street. The Borough received a letter from PennDOT in response to our inquiry about adding stop signs along Seventh Street at the intersections of High St, Catharine St and Ann St. PennDOT stated they are going to conduct a traffic study and will have a conclusion to our request by January 31, 2025. Police stats from the radar boards are being sent to PennDOT weekly to help with their research.

Appointments/Resignations: None

Borough Solicitor Update: None

Council President Update: None

Public Comment on Matters Under Borough Control: Craig Selnik stated that the vans are still cutting through on Third St and running through the stop signs. He asked the Council or Matt, Chief of Police to contact the company again in regards to this.

Fred Weber asked Council Member Provenzano to repeat the date PennDOT is going to end their traffic study on Seventh Street and Provenzano responded with January 31, 2025.

Another resident stood up and said that there are several lights out through out the Borough, President Dooley asked him to make a list and send it to the Borough Secretary to report them. Candace Mahala volunteered to make that list to send to the Secretary.

Executive Session: Motion to open the Executive Session by Manion/Farrell, AIF. Motion to close by Farrell/Ford, AIF.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 pm by Farrell/Ford, AIF.