

December 9, 2014
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Michael C. Kirkham followed by the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael C. Kirkham
Philip A. Lastowski
Lynn M. Miller
David T. Aichele

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor (absent)
Linda J. Deal (absent)
James A. Stager
Daniel P. Ostrowski

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager
John D. Rochat, Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff
Steven A. DiGuseppe, Millersville University
Elaine J. Jones, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal / New Era
Olivia Hertzler, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor

MINUTES

None

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission meeting held Thursday, December 4th. The Blue Rock Fire Rescue Relief Association received their first compliance audit by the State Department of the Auditor General. It noted two findings that have since been rectified. Citizen Mrs. Sena McInnes has been appointed to chair the Public Education Committee and will be organizing all public events for the volunteers. Mr. Hagelgans is working on a plan for long-term vehicles/equipment replacement. Mr. Lastowski will be asking the Finance Committee to help in the review of the plan.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

In the absence of the Mayor, President Kirkham performed the oath of office to Olivia Hertzler for the position of the Penn Manor High School Student Advisor to the Millersville Borough Council.

President Kirkham read a certificate of recognition to the Millersville University's Field Hockey Team for their outstanding achievement as the NCAA Division II Champions.

Chief Rochat gave the monthly Police report noting two items; the clearance rates for Lancaster and the State of Pennsylvania now reflect 2013 averages. The national average Part One clearance rate is still 2012 and the 2013 Total Reported Crimes have been finalized with the revised total at 137.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe also reported on the Millersville University's Women's Hockey Team capturing the NCAA Division II Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. He noted this is the first-ever NCAA Championship for a women's sport at Millersville. He further announced that sophomore Margaret Thorwart received a special award for a player with the highest GPA of 3.967 and that the team also accepted an award for the highest Team GPA of 3.236 overall averages. The last day of classes for the Fall semester is Saturday, December 13th, with Commencement being held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 2 p.m. in Pucillo Gym. 440 are expected to graduate. The keynote speaker will be Maureen Powers, Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of Lancaster. Mr. DiGuseppe mentioned the holiday schedule. They will be closed between December 25th and January 1st with the Winter term beginning December 15th and the Spring 2015 semester beginning on January 20, 2015. Mr. DiGuseppe announced MU is currently in a national search for a Vice President for Student Affairs. He further announced Special Assistant to the President, Jerry Eckert will retire on December 31st after almost 30 years at MU, most of which he served as Vice President for Advancement. Under Jerry's leadership the University significantly increased its endowment and raised nearly \$130 million in the last two capital campaigns. Mr. Eckert was key in developing the Lancaster Partnership Program and the purchase of the Ware Center. Mr. DiGuseppe also announced that Dr. Jim McCollum, Executive Deputy to the President will retire in June 2015 after nine years at Millersville University. Dr. McCollum was instrumental in orchestrating the Presidential transition and served as the interim President between Dr. McNairy's departure and current President, Dr. John Anderson. A special team of Millersville University art students are working with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History and have the opportunity to display their bronze sculptures at the Smithsonian. Mr. DiGuseppe distributed copies of the President's Annual Report 2013-2014 and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Hertzler reported that the Penn Manor Field Hockey team co-won the State Championship and that Penn Manor had numerous Lancaster Lebanon League Fall All-Stars: Cassie Kline and Carolyn Sloss for Field Hockey, Joel Burkholder for Boys Cross Country, Lindsey Lord for Girls Cross Country, Matt Keller for Football, Bailey Kramer for Girls Soccer

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and Katina Jones for Girls Tennis. She also announced the Middle School's combined holiday concert featuring the Middle School band, strings and chorus is this Thursday and next Wednesday, December 17th is the High School's holiday concert featuring the High School band, strings, chorus and Manor Singers. She mentioned they recently had the musical tryouts and that the musical, "The Sound of Music" will be on February 27th and 28th.

Mr. Stager asked Ms. Hertzler to give a quick bio on herself. She reported she is the Lancaster County 4H Club Ambassador and is running for President of her 4H Horse and Pony Club. She plays the violin in the Orchestra, belongs to the Politics Club, the School Newspaper, and the Debate Team and is the lead attorney for a mock trial.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

None

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Stager made a motion to approve the resolution eliminating employee contributions to the Police Pension plan for 2014. Mr. Ostrowski seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kirkham wished each and every one a very Merry Christmas and that 2015 be a great year. He thanked everyone for their support and help this past year and looks forward to working with everyone in 2015.

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BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arnold asked Council to consider approving the advertisement of the Borough's meetings for the 2015 calendar year. Mrs. Deal made a motion to advertise the Millersville Borough 2015 Meeting Notice, seconded by Mrs. Miller. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Arnold asked Council to consider changing the duties of the Borough Assistant Secretary due to State legislation changes made to the requirements of an elected tax collector. Our Solicitor recommends that Council appoint the Assistant Secretary to collect taxes if the Borough Manager/Secretary is incapacitated. Mr. Aichele made such a motion, seconded by Mr. Stager. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Arnold reminded Council of the LIMC meeting tomorrow morning here at the Borough office starting at 7:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stager to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Manager

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