

**June 23, 2015**  
**MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 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 and a moment of silence.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor  
Linda J. Deal  
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 Finance Officer  
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman  
Steven A. DiGuissepe, Millersville University  
Elaine J. Jones, LNP Media Group  
James A. Kirk, Jr., Zoning Hearing Board Chair  
Deborah Sielski, 354 Manor Ave., Millersville  
Carol A. Thomas, 170 W. Charlotte St., Millersville

**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes for the May 26, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Aichele and seconded by Mr. Lastowski. Mr. Aichele pointed out one correction needed to the minutes; Mrs. Miller was present during the meeting. With no further discussions the motion with the noted correction passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS**

Deborah Sielski from 354 Manor Avenue asked Council for the status of making Heisey Avenue, between Leaman Avenue and Wabank Road a Borough Street. Mr. Aichele, Chair of the Streets Committee stated the alley is currently being surveyed to first determine if it will even be possible to make it a one way or two way street. Mrs. Sielski stated she does not want that section of Heisey Avenue becoming a public roadway. She wants it to remain private. She further stated that if the Downtown Business Development happens that road will become an access and she is very opposed to the potential traffic. Mrs. Deal clarified the reason for considering this alley as a Borough Street was due to a petition of signatures requested from a number of property owners of that alley to improve its condition. Mrs. Miller mentioned the two items, Heisey Avenue improvement and the Downtown Business Development are separate.

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Ms. Sielski recognized that they are separate planning projects but stated, “for those that live there, it very much is connected”. President Kirkham suggested Mrs. Sielski attend future Street Committee meetings as further discussions will take place at that committee level before coming to full Council for action.

Mr. Ed Saylor voiced his concern that ‘private road/residents only’ signs have been posted on a Borough speed limit sign and a ‘watch children’ sign. President Kirkham will have the Street Department Superintendent look into these signs.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Moriarty reported that the monthly Police Report is an average month with 263 Calls for Service. Chief Rochat mentioned we are one of 65 recipients of the 2015-2017 PLCB grant for the amount of \$49,954 for the two year period. Mayor Moriarty commended Chief Rochat on attaining this grant for another period. He recollects that we have received this grant every year except one since he has been Mayor.

Mayor Moriarty read a letter addressed to Chief Rochat from the Pennsylvania State Police concerning their annual audit of the Police Department’s plans, policies and procedures in place relative to the dissemination of protective information conducted on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The letter stated there were no discrepancies identified.

Mayor Moriarty mentioned he has been invited to speak at two locations. One is to appear before the House Local Government Committee to testify on House Bill 809 which addresses occupation of dwelling units by students and unrelated individuals. The second invitation is a panel discussion that he will lead on the 2006 study performed by Pennsylvania Economy League, Central PA Division concerning the impact of Pennsylvania Universities on Host Municipalities. He is hoping to bring this issue to the forefront again.

**MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT**

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported on some upcoming Summer events and mentioned an early notification for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Crispus Attucks Martin Luther King Breakfast that may draw 750-900 people on January 18, 2016. He mentioned members of the Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) conducted training exercises this past month in Hull Hall. The dormitory is no longer used for housing students and will be demolished in the near future. For the sport enthusiasts, Mr. DiGuiseppe noted MU’s baseball pitcher Chris Murphy signed with the Houston Astros. He was the 24<sup>th</sup> round selection in the Major League Baseball’s first year player’s draft. Also, Rachel Dickinson, a senior defender from the Millersville University field hockey team was named the 2015 Honda Division II Athlete of the Year. This is quite an honor for her and the University. Ms. Dickinson is a native of Millersville and led her squad to the 2014 Division II National Championship title. He also mentioned MU’s fifth year of being recognized on the list of “green” colleges published by The Princeton Review.

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Mr. DiGuseppe noted plans are moving along for the Millersville Community Parade, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with a dozen bands already booked and the opening for nominations for Grand Marshal. Nominations for Grand Marshal will be open through July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Arnold asked Council to make a motion to allow the use of the public roadway for that parade. Mr. Aichele, Street Committee Chair made such a motion, seconded by Mrs. Miller. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

None

**PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mrs. Deal mentioned the committee discussed the need for some modification/additions to Borough Code to prevent demolition by neglect. Mr. Arnold was asked to contact our Solicitor to create an ordinance if allowable.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to accept the April, 2015 Financial Reports as presented to the committee by Borough Manager, Edward Arnold. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Mr. Lastowski reported on the annual meeting held with the Borough's Pension Plan Representatives. Overall he noted both pension plans are being funded properly to keep them healthy and growing.

**WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to accept the revised Job Descriptions for the Sewer Plant Lead Operator and the Sewer Plant Operator. Mr. Lastowski seconded the motion. Mr. Arnold mentioned both of these job descriptions were approved by the AFSCME Representative. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to accept the new Job Description for the Sewer Plant Operator Apprentice. Mr. Aichele seconded the motion. Again, Mr. Arnold mentioned the job description was approved by the AFSCME Representative. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

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**SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to approve the resolution to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 enabling all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION BOOK**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to allow the Chief of Police to contact the Solicitor to pursue the creation of a false alarm ordinance. Mr. Ostrowski seconded the motion. Mrs. Miller mentioned the committee has been discussing the intentional pulling of the blue light alarms on campus. She further noted that this proposed ordinance will also include false fire alarms per Mr. Lastowski's request from the Blue Rock Fire Rescue. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Kirkham wanted to do something different with his President's Report. He tested the knowledge of Council from the Question & Answer section of the recent Borough News magazine. All questions were answered correctly. Congrats Council!

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Arnold reiterated that the dates for the continuation of the Consultant's meetings for the Downtown Business District will be held at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings on the first Wednesday in August, September and October. There will be no meeting held in July.

Mr. Arnold stated the West Frederick Street Improvement Project Phase 3 has not had the complications of the gas laterals as in the prior phase. The project is moving along and should be done in less than two months.

Mr. Arnold read a list of the upcoming Streets that are scheduled for repaving and noted that the ADA curbs/sidewalks for these streets are completed. The exact start date is unknown at this time and is dependent on the Contractor's schedule as well as the weather. It is estimated to begin around the end of July or beginning of August. The Street Department Superintendent will notify the residents of the areas in advance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lastowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Aichele.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold  
Borough Secretary

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