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MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 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, assisted by Madison Montalvo and Alec Martin with the pledge to the flag and then a moment of silence was observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Marilyn W. Sachs
Scott A. Bailey (absent)
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
Steven A. DiGuseppe, Millersville University
Alexandra Jean-Paul, Millersville University Student Advisor
Ryan C. Nicklas, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
Elaine J. Jones, LNP
James A. Kirk Jr., 436 Herr Avenue, Millersville
Linda Bellile, 437 Penn View Drive, Millersville
Carol A. Thomas, 170 W Charlotte Street, Millersville
Madison Montalvo, 4th grade student, Eshleman Elementary
Alec Martin, 4th grade student, Eshleman Elementary
Ellen & Bret Goodman, 60 Glen Oaks Drive, Lancaster
Jamie Phelan, 69 Quaker Hills Road, Lancaster
Michelle Nicklas, 36 Derby Lane, Lancaster

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Ms. Jamie Phelan from 69 Quaker Hills Road, inquired on who is responsible for the erosion of their property due to the forced drainage that comes from the top of their development, 62 Oak Ridge Drive down through 77 Quaker Hills Road. Mr. Arnold explained that the stormwater easements were created at the time of the development and should be recorded on each property's deed. These stormwater easements are the responsibility of each property owner; they are not public easements. Mr. Arnold went on to explain that the Borough will be performing maintenance on the stormwater pipe that is located at Oak Ridge Drive to remove sediment. Removing the sediment should alleviate the fanning out of water in that immediate area. Ms. Phelan asked if the property owners could put a continuous pipe in their backyards. Mr. Arnold stated if they could get consensus of all the property owners, then the concept could be brought back to the Streets Committee for consideration. Mr. Arnold further stated that altering the surface water drainage could open the property owners up for liability from other neighboring properties.

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Ms. Ellen Goodman of 60 Glen Oaks Drive voiced her concern with the multiple water main breaks and inquired when repairs will be made. Mr. Arnold replied that he has been in contact with the City of Lancaster's Director of Public Works and that their plan is to accelerate the time table for the replacement of the water lines in Quaker Hills. The Borough would look to replace any sewer or stormwater infrastructure at the same time. The project is anticipated to start sometime later this year or next Spring. The best recommendation at this point is to continue to monitor the City of Lancaster's website for their public notifications. It was further noted that the potential curbs/concrete work that may be requested prior to any road resurfacing in that area has not yet been reviewed.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Ostrowski and seconded by Mr. Aichele. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the minutes for the April 25, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Sachs and seconded by Mrs. Miller. With no discussions the motion passed by a majority voice vote. Mr. Ostrowski and Mr. Lastowski abstained due to their absence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission meeting held at the Civic Center on May 4th. He noted that the Fire Commissioner is looking into organizing a possible County-wide volunteer workers compensation insurance pool. Mr. Lastowski stated that at the end of 2017 all of the breathing apparatus are due to expire. The cost to replace them is approximately \$400-\$450,000. Mr. Hagelgans met with Senator Smucker to request Federal funding for the 70 units and 140 tanks. He further noted that they received a \$49,000 grant for the installation of showers in the Millersville Station House. The Millersville Station was the only Station House that did not have a shower facility. This needed facility will assist in the removal of contaminants before the volunteers return home from an active scene.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty reported on the April, 2017 monthly police report. He noted the Calls for Service were very high at 553, an undoubtedly all-time record high. Criminal arrest were high at 48 for the month and Part I & Part II offenses came in at 50% and 82% respectively. Parking tickets were at an average month of 210 and bicycle miles patrolled were recorded at 15.4 miles.

Mayor Moriarty gave an update on the status of Senate Bill 251 – which will allow municipal police to use radar guns. The bill currently sits in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Mayor requested Council's support in contacting our local Senate members, Scott Martin and Ryan Aument to ask the bill to move out of Appropriations. Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to provide written support. The Mayor volunteered to draft the letter and email the Borough Manager for final approval and submittal. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Moriarty reported on the Anti-heroin issue. The County-wide task force group in searching for "what's next", is reviewing a model referred as Project Lazarus which was

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developed in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Chief noted from the Detective's report that the Borough had the first drug overdose (Fentanyl) and that charges were placed. Chief also mentioned Sergeant Margevich has been selected to attend the State Police Leadership Development Program being held at the academy in Hershey.

Mayor Moriarty presented a certificate of recognition to Omega Psi Phi, a nationally recognized fraternity celebrating 40 years of "Men Making a Difference" in the Millersville community.

Mayor Moriarty honored two 4th graders from Eshleman Elementary, Madison Montalvo and Alec Martin for the Mayor's 10th annual government classroom discussion and contest. This year's project was a four-pane window drawing and 'what do you see when you look out each pane'. Both students were congratulated on their drawings and he further noted that these window pane displays will be hung in the lobby for the summer.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported that several camps and conferences are arriving soon on the campus for the summer. They are expecting approximately 8000 visitors to utilize their facilities. This weekend about 350 will be attending the Arabic Baptist Conference and in early June they are hosting the Global Well Being Conference.

Mr. DiGuiseppe thanked the Borough for their sponsorship and assistance with executing the 4th annual Saturday in the Park event hosted by the Millersville Business Association. He mentioned that despite the gray and cool day over 300 children and family members attended.

Mr. DiGuiseppe also thanked the Borough Police, Blue Rock Fire and other special traffic coordinators for their two tiered commencements. Due to inclement weather MU opted to host two indoor events, which required logistics of double traffic coordination. All in all, everything went well. Several campus sites hosted a live feed of the ceremonies and were viewed by people in 15 different countries via the web.

Mr. DiGuiseppe announced through the end of June there will be on-going mandatory testing of campus fire alarm systems in many of the campus buildings. These will be occurring during the weekday hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. He further announced that by now you most likely read and heard about the tragic incident that occurred last week when one of MU's groundskeepers, Michael Keefer, died from injuries sustained in a lawn mower accident. He has worked for MU since 1990. Funeral services will be later this week.

Mr. DiGuiseppe announced that Dr. Aminta Breaux, current Vice President for Advancement has been named President of Bowie State University in Maryland, effective July 1. She has served MU since 2008. Dr. Breaux had served as Vice President for Student Affairs at MU from 2008 to 2014 before joining the advancement division.

Alexandra Jean-Paul reported the second annual Susan C. and Gerald C. Eckert Service and Philanthropy Endowment Award ceremony was held recently. Jim Hagelgans and Gale Zorian were recognized for their exemplary service and philanthropy in the arts and advancing the mission of public higher education. She also reported that College Values Online recently ranked Millersville University's bachelors' degree in biology with animal behavior option fourth in its top ten. Ms. Jean-Paul continued to report that the Millersville University archaeology program has made a discovery of national significance. Students excavated the first pioneer settler's cabin in Lancaster County. The cabin dates back to 1714. Lastly she mentioned that LED lights are being added to the Stadium. These LED lights will increase the brightness on the field and will use about half the energy.

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PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Nicklas reported that prom took place Friday, May 12th at the Downtown Marriott and that commencement will be held June 6th at Franklin and Marshall College Alumni Sports and Fitness Center. Five seniors have been selected to speak, Mark Battle, class valedictorian, Christine Bye, class salutatorian, Brooke DeBerdine, Danielle Althouse and Jordan Martzall.

Mr. Nicklas announced Penn Manor High School Class of 2017 received 170 scholarships and awards totaling \$118,375 during the Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 18th. The honors included more than 30 scholarships and awards administered by Penn Manor Education Foundation totaling more than \$60,000 the remaining awards are from individuals, organizations and business contributions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to accept the April, 2017 Financial Reports as presented to the committee by Borough Manager, Edward J. Arnold. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Miller made a motion to accept the one and only bid for biosolids removal by Jesse Baro Inc. in the amount of \$34.15 per wet ton and to enter into the Biosolids Management Service Agreement. Mrs. Sachs seconded the motion. Mr. Arnold commented that it is not unusual to only receive one bid for this type of service. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Aichele commented on the Eagle Scout completion of the new bus shelter at St. Philip the Apostle and noted that it looks wonderful and is a great addition to the Borough.

Mr. Aichele made a motion to award the lowest bid for the Maple Avenue Storm Sewer project to Doug Lamb Construction Inc. in the amount of \$258,276.00. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The other five bids received were from Wexcon Inc. in the amount of \$258,470.00, Horst Excavating in the amount of \$259,675.13, Kinsley Construction Inc. in the amount of \$309,838.00, DOLI Construction Corporation in the amount of \$316,291.00 and Barwis Construction LLC in the amount of \$356,544.00. It was further noted that the bid includes the City of Lancaster's water line costs estimated at \$115,737 which brings the Borough's amount in under budget. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Aichele made a motion to approve entering into a reimbursement agreement with the City of Lancaster for the costs associated with the water line replacement as part of the Maple

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Avenue Storm Sewer project. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Aichele made a motion to notify Millersville University to move forward with preliminary work necessary for the roadway exchange, including an Engineering Study. Mrs. Sachs seconded the motion. The roadways to be considered are for the Borough to vacate a portion of East Frederick Street from High School Avenue to Creek Drive and in return take possession of Centennial Drive from Creek Drive to Shenks Lane. Mr. Arnold presented two significant reasons to move forward with this consideration. The first is recognizing the University's long term plans, which have been established in their Comprehensive Plan, by abandoning the portion of East Frederick Street and to take Centennial Drive as an outside loop around the facilities. The other is financial. East Frederick Street will need to be completely reconstructed and resurfaced. He further noted that Centennial Drive does not currently meet all PennDOT specifications. It is however a very drivable road and does meet specs in certain areas. Chief Rochat voiced his concerns with taking Centennial Drive; the speed limit should be set at 15 mph and some safety concerns with certain crosswalks and low lighting areas. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion, as recommended by the Millersville Borough Civil Service Commission to promote Police Sergeant Jeffrey S. Margevich to fill the vacant position of Lieutenant. Mr. Aichele seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kirkham announced with regret the resignation of Borough Council member Marilyn W. Sachs effective May 31, 2017. Mrs. Sachs is moving out of the Borough. President Kirkham stated he will miss her and thanked her for all that she has done while serving the community over the past 17 years. With her departure leaving an opening on Council effective June 1, 2017, President Kirkham asked that any interested candidates should attend the next Council meeting being held on June 13th. At that time Council could fill the seat with her replacement serving until the first Monday in January. It was further noted that the vacancy has enough time to go on the November ballot. Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to accept Mrs. Sach's resignation, seconded by Mrs. Miller. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arnold mentioned a Park Commission meeting notice that will be hand delivered to the property owners that adjoin a section of the Borough's Freedom Memorial Park to discuss the installation of a six foot high chain link fence in replacement of the longstanding arborvitae.

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Mr. Arnold mentioned that West Frederick Street Phase 4 Infrastructure Improvement project is wrapping up and anticipates completion in the next two-three weeks.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Aichele.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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