

October 24, 2017

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, October 24, 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, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Linda J. Deal
Scott A. Bailey
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. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
Alexandra Jean-Paul, Millersville University Student Advisor
Ryan C. Nicklas, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
Laura, LNP
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Dianne Bates, 827 Tanglegate Place, Millersville
Bruce Cantey, 410 Penn View Drive, Millersville
James A. Kirk, 436 Herr Avenue, Millersville

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

MINUTES

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty presented his quarterly report for the wedding ceremonies he performed. For the record he stated one wedding was performed for the third quarter of this calendar year in the total amount of \$150.

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Mayor Moriarty reported on the September, 2017 monthly police report, noting that the Calls for Service at 505 were another high month. He reported that the Part II Offenses clearance rate was 73% with 38 offenses cleared and 52 offenses being recorded for the month. He stated they had another good month of Part I Offenses clearances, with a rate of 66%. He noted the total traffic violations for the month were 71, vehicle accidents were 17, and parking tickets issued were 392. He further noted the bicycle miles patrolled were recorded at 22.5 miles. Chief Rochat stated MU's Homecoming weekend was a little rough this year; noting there were several large parties.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported on a few upcoming calendar events. On October 25th is their fourth annual campus Sustainability Day. This event is held to educate the community on sustainability and demonstrate how MU continues to integrate sustainable principles throughout the whole campus. Campus wide events will have projects and educational activities such as electronics recycling, bike safety training, do-it-yourself terrariums, and reusable coffee cup giveaway. Mr. DiGuiseppe reported that this week you may have heard fire drills as they are having their Fall Semester Academic & Administration Building Fire Drills. He reported again that Parent/Family Weekend will be October 27th and 28th and Saturday, October 28th is the Annual Honors & Awards Convocation. He also mentioned the last open house for the Fall semester will be November 11th and that Thanksgiving recess will begin after the last class on Tuesday, November 21st. Mr. DiGuiseppe noted the Millersville Community Parade will have a new name: "The Millersville Community - University Parade" and that he was elected as the new parade Chairman. He thanked the Borough again for their continued support. He went on to mention MU's Assistant Director of Campus and Community Engagement, Barry Kornhauser is to receive a prestigious honor from the Governor's Awards for the Arts and that Dr. Duane Hagelgans is the recipient of this year's MU Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award. He will be recognized on October 28th at the annual Honors and Awards Convocation.

The Mayor asked how many people watched the parade this year. Mr. DiGuiseppe replied well over 15,000 spectators and added that it was one of the largest participants, 2800, in the State of Pennsylvania. He recognized Dick Moriarty as having served as the fundraising Chairman and helped raise over \$58,000 of the total operational costs of approximately \$70,000. He announced next year's parade date will be October 13, 2018.

PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Ryan Nicklas reported that the Penn Manor Field Hockey team continued their undefeated season (20-0) and served Donegal their first loss in 48 games during the Lancaster-Lebanon League semi-final game. The PM Field Hockey team went on to win the L-L League Championship game on Thursday and head into District playoffs on Saturday. Mr. Nicklas announced the Penn Manor Theatre Fall play "And Then There Were None" and invited Senior citizens with a Comet Classic card to attend the free dinner and show on November 16th. He mentioned there's a colorful new walkway winding across the front of Hambright Elementary School, and every Hambright student and staff member had a hand in its creation of over 900 rocks that were hand-painted. Mr. Nicklas announced the Penn Manor ninth-graders were introduced to a new initiative designed to help them develop "soft skills" that employers say are needed to

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succeed in the workforce. All freshmen will complete online courses toward earning a Comet Credential, a certificate indicating that they have completed the training. Students will complete the courses in addition to their regular academic work. The Comet Credential program is a collaborative effort involving local business representatives, the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board and Career Link of Lancaster County.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Lastowski, Mr. Ostrowski made a motion out of committee to accept the budget adjustment and Capital Reserve transfer (Sewer Capital Reserve to General Capital Reserve) in the amount of \$120,425. Mr. Arnold explained this transfer will refund the General Capital Reserve Fund for the sewer line replacement costs of the West Frederick Street Phase 4 project. The entire project was initially costed in the General Capital Reserve Fund. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to advertise the Borough's 2018 General Purpose Tax Millage Ordinance of 4.9 mills and the 2018 proposed budget public inspection notice with the proposed adoption dates. Mrs. Deal seconded the motion. Mr. Arnold explained the 2018 budgets will reflect the real estate revenue at the County's new assessment values and calculated a no increase to the average residential homeowner. He went on to explain that based on preliminary assessment numbers from the County, the Borough's average residential home will increase to approximately \$164,000. So depending on whether your home is more, or less, than the average home will determine if you pay more, or less, in Borough taxes. The equivalent revenue of the former 6.4 mills is the new proposed 4.9 mills. He went on to mention the statute states that a municipality cannot raise their tax revenue more than 10% over the prior year in a reassessment year. The Borough is proposing a 0% increase. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion out of committee to approve the release of payments to the Borough's community service providers. (Contributions to the County Library in the amount of \$2500, Meals on Wheels for \$350 and Lancaster EMS for \$1500.) With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion out of committee to mail the annual letter of donation appeal, in the lieu of taxes, to the tax exempt properties located in the Borough. With no discussions the motion passed by a majority voice vote, with Mr. Bailey opposed.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion out of committee to approve the resolution eliminating Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension plan for 2017. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15**

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion out of committee to allow the Mayor and Council President to be reimbursed a combined \$250 per year mainly for meal expenses occurred while on borough business. With no discussions the motion passed by a majority voice vote, with Mrs. Miller and Mr. Bailey opposed.

Mr. Ostrowski mentioned Bob May from LEMSA gave a presentation on the state of ambulance services in Lancaster County and across the State. He noted they collect about 51 cents on every dollar spent due to either bad debt or contractual limits on reimbursements.

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Mr. Ostrowski noted that the municipality's contributions will not begin to make up that difference. LEMSA will need to see changes made to Medicare and Medicaid programs. He further noted that they cannot charge for services unless they actually transport a patient. The committee agreed to include an additional \$500 contribution to LEMSA next year (\$1500 to \$2000). Mrs. Miller questioned increasing the other organizations the Borough has budgeted; Meals on Wheels and the County Library. She stated LEMSA are not volunteers; they get paid for their services. Mrs. Deal mentioned that Millersville University does provide a significant contribution to LEMSA that was not in the presentation facts and that they deserve to be recognized and thanked.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to award the lowest bid for the North Stream Bank Erosion Control project located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Kinsley Construction Inc. in the amount of \$71,297.00. She noted the project was budgeted at \$182,000 and therefore should save the Borough some money. She further noted that Mr. McMullen, our Sewer Superintendent did have the contactor contacted to confirm specifications. The other bids were Mason Dixon Contractors for \$96,705.93, Reamstown Excavating and Concrete for \$112,672, Flyway Excavating Inc. for \$144,800, Construction Masters Services LLC for \$159,950 and JFS Inc. for \$194,097. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ostrowski stated the agreement of a Borough Police Officer's eligibility for Heart & Lung benefits. The incident occurred on September 24, 2017. Mr. Arnold explained that in the State of Pennsylvania under the Heart & Lung Act, when an Officer is hurt while performing his job duties, he will be compensated for 100% of his pay and medical expenses. Any workers' compensation wage loss benefits received by the employee will be turned over to the Borough.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to accept the resignation of Lucie Lehr as Millersville's member on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission effective December 31, 2017. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. President Kirkham asked to extend the Borough's thanks to Ms. Lehr.

Mr. Ostrowski mentioned the Committee had interviewed two applicants for the Borough Manager's position and has two more scheduled for tomorrow night.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kirkham mentioned this is his 60th anniversary for arriving in the United States and he is very proud to be an American citizen.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arnold mentioned the County is seeking nominations of elected officials for a regional representative on the Lancaster County Planning Commission. He mentioned this is a four year term starting January 1, 2018 and that their meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month starting at 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested must have their nomination submitted in writing before December 1st.

Mr. Arnold announced the contractor for the Lancaster City water line replacements in Quaker Hills Development are ready to start next week.

Mr. Arnold asked Council to consider approving a resolution in opposition to House Bill 1620, entitled the "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill". He explained that House Bill 1620 would strip municipalities of their right to regulate the placement of wireless towers in public right-of-ways. Mr. Aichele made such a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After a brief recess, Council broke for an executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a litigation issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ostrowski.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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