

December 12, 2017

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, December 12, 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. He welcomed everyone, mentioned this was to be his last meeting and noted the full room of attendance has made his day. He then proceeded into the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael C. Kirkham
Philip A. Lastowski
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
Ryan C. Nicklas, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
Dianne Bates, 827 Tanglegate Place, Millersville
Linda Bellile, 437 Penn View Drive, Millersville
Bruce Cantey, 410 Penn View Drive, Millersville
James A. Kirk, 436 Herr Avenue, Millersville
Marilyn W. Sachs, 1306 Hunsicker Road, Lancaster
Dr. Michael Lechliter, Superintendent Penn Manor School District
Jeff Roth, Athletic Director, Penn Manor School District
Penn Manor Field Hockey Head Coach Matt Soto, Assistant Coach Denise Gobrecht
members of the Penn Manor Field Hockey team and supporting Parents

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Aichele and seconded by Mrs. Deal. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

None

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty recognized the accomplishments of the Penn Manor Field Hockey team. He stated that not only did they win the Lancaster-Lebanon League, Districts and State Championship titles but they also claimed the number one spot in the 2017 National Rankings. Mayor Moriarty went on to say that any one of those is quite the accomplishment but to attain them all while going undefeated is a first for Penn Manor. He then introduced Coach Soto who asked his Assistant, Coach Gobrecht and the attending Seniors to rise and introduce themselves. He proceeded to ask the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman to do the same. Mayor Moriarty gathered the group front and center for photo opportunities and to read aloud the certificate of recognition.

Mayor Moriarty recognized the upcoming retirement of the Borough's Manager, Edward J. Arnold. He noted that Ed has been the Borough Manager as long as he has been the Borough's Mayor. He noted a few of his accomplishments, the first being the financial condition of the Borough and how it has improved under his leadership. He noted the business commerce located at Millersville Commons and the creation of the Downtown District overlay. He went on to mention over the most recent years, the West Frederick Street infrastructure and reconstruction project, the Freedom Memorial Park improvements, including the addition of the Veteran's Memorial, the 911 artifact displayed in the lobby's showcase and last but not least, the new administration and police building. He admitted that it has not always been rosy, in fact there have been many items (as he throws a long sheet of label paper across the dais) that they have not always agreed. After the humorous jester, Mayor Moriarty read aloud a certificate of appreciation of public service as the Borough's Manager, thanking him for his service and wished him the best on his retirement. He then presented Mr. Arnold with a small gift of appreciation; a framed picture of the municipal building that included his years of service. Mr. Arnold stated that without the support of the elected officials, he could not have accomplished all that he did.

Mayor Moriarty handed out the same small gifts of appreciation for the Council members that would not be continuing as representatives of Borough Council (Mr. Kirkham, Mrs. Deal, Mr. Lastowski, and Mr. Aichele).

Mayor Moriarty asked if there were any questions on the monthly police report or if Chief Rochat had anything to report. Hearing none, the Mayor closed his report.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported on some dates of importance; their Fall Baccalaureate Commencement will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 2 p.m. in Pucillo Gym with commencement speaker Lancaster City's outgoing Mayor, Rick Gray; that the University will be closed for the holidays between December 25th and January 1st and their Winter session will run from December 18th through January 21, 2018. He noted an upcoming event, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 15, 2018 starting at 6:30 a.m. in the Student Memorial Center sponsored by the Crispus Attucks Community Center. Mr. DiGuiseppe announced that late this fall, Acacia, a Millersville University fraternity announced that they had raised over \$3,900 for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and that Millersville ranked 24th under "National Universities – Masters" for the 2017 Washington Monthly College Guide. The Washington Monthly College Guide provides both parents and students with a resource to help them choose the best school. Washington Monthly rates schools based on social mobility, research and service. He went on to mention MU Professor Dr. Changfu Chang's documentary

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broadcast worldwide on BBC, entitled “The Return”. Dr. Chang directed and produced this film. The documentary is 12 years in the making with filming taking place in the United States and China. This documentary airs internationally on BBC World News which is available in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. The documentary introduced the Chinese government’s way to control population, the one-child policy allowed most couples to have only one child or face the possibility of fines, sterilizations and abortions. For decades, hundreds of thousands of families in China were forced to relinquish their over-quota children. Dr. Chang documents one couple’s odyssey to reunite with their lost daughter. In 1995, when a Chinese couple left their 3 day-old baby on a street, they also left a note with the child asking whoever raised her to bring her back to meet them at the legendary “Broken Bridge” in Hangzhou on July 7th in 10 or 20 years. The couple has since made a trip to the bridge every year, waiting for the daughter’s arrival. Twenty-two years later, in August 2017, their daughter Kati Pohler, adopted by a family in the US, finally arrived on the bridge making her way through the crowd towards her birth family.

PENN MANOR REPORT

Mr. Nicklas announced Christmas break will begin on the 22nd of this month. He mentioned that several theatre students received awards for their work during the PA Thespians State Conference and highlighted that Brianna Clow received a superior rating in scenic design for her rotating stage for this year’s fall play “And Then There Were None” and that she also was named to the Pennsylvania Thespians Technical Hall of Fame. Mr. Nicklas added comments to the team recognition of the Penn Manor Field Hockey by announcing that Emma DeBerdine was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association first team All-Region with 27 goals and 30 assists and provided a few more team statistics; they outscored their opponents 148 to 5, with 23 shutouts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Mr. Lastowski mentioned he has served on Council for 12 years and for those years he also served as Finance Chair. He stated one of his last official acts as Chair is to settle what the Borough owes to the Borough Manager for collecting the borough’s taxes. He proceeded to count out 15 one-dollar bills to Mr. Arnold, representing a dollar a year.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

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STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Aichele stated there was no report and that there would be no meeting on Thursday.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bailey dittoed no report or meeting for this coming Thursday.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aichele to approve the ordinance to revise the regulations governing Borough Council. He stated this ordinance will change each Standing Committee to be composed of four members, with one Chair and one Vice Chair. With no further discussions the motion passed by a majority voice vote, with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Deal abstaining.

ORDINANCE BOOK
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

Mr. Ostrowski introduced the proposed resolution to reestablish the Standing Committees of Council to be (1) Public Welfare Advisory Committee, (1) Public Works Advisory Committee and (1) Administration and Finance Advisory Committee. He asked Mr. Arnold to explain the duties and responsibilities of each new committee. Mr. Arnold replied that the duties and responsibilities are not much different than the current six committees. It is basically merging two committees into one. The current Safety and Planning & Betterment committees merged into Public Welfare Advisory Committee, the Streets and Waste Water committees merged into Public Works Advisory Committee and the Personnel and Finance committees merged into Administration and Finance Advisory Committee. Mr. Arnold explained that a draft document of the revised duties and responsibilities would be circulated after the meeting. Mr. Arnold went on to explain per Council's request that the resolution before them is to establish the names of the committees. Mr. Ostrowski decided not to make a motion to approve the proposed resolution as it is stated and to delay action for the new Council next year. Mrs. Miller agreed and added that she has concerns with the amount of responsibilities that will be under the proposed Administration and Finance Advisory Committee.

Mayor Moriarty stated that there are several Mayors in the State that sit on committees that he assumes are part of Council. President Kirkham stated that Mayors can sit on committees if so desired by Council and that prior Councils had not done so.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to approve the resolution to fill the vacancy on the Borough's Civil Service Commission by appointing Susan Wallace with the term of office expiring on December 31, 2023. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19

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Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to approve the resolution to fill the alternate member vacancy on the Borough's Civil Service Commission by appointing Linda Deal with the term of office expiring on December 31, 2019. Mr. Aichele seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to approve the resolution to fill the vacancy on the Borough's Civil Service Commission by appointing Melissa Ostrowski with the term of office expiring on December 31, 2019. Mr. Aichele seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, with Mr. Ostrowski abstaining.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21

Mr. Ostrowski explained that Council had approved last month, to grant an exception as a onetime allowance to an Officer to use sick time for Jury Duty due to the miscommunications. He noted that the Police Association has filed an unfair labor practice on how the situation was handled. As a negotiation to drop the unfair labor practice, the Police union has requested that we open the contract, which was just finalized last year, and add a side agreement that states that any police officer that is required to serve on jury duty may use sick leave. Mr. Ostrowski noted that this side agreement would be for the period of time until an agreement is reached following the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement (December 31, 2020). Mr. Aichele made a motion to enter into the side agreement, noting a last minute revision that any jury duty reimbursement received by the Officer is to be submitted to the Borough. Mr. Lastowski seconded the motion. Mr. Ostrowski commented that during the countless hours/months of negotiations with the Police Association, not once did the mention of Jury Duty compensation come up. He went on to state that the Police agreement is clear on what sick time is to be used for, therefore anything that is not sick time would need to be paid out as vacation or compensatory time. Mr. Arnold further explained that this is not an amendment to the contract and that this issue would need to be discussed during the next negotiations. With no further discussions the motion passed by a majority roll call vote, with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Kirkham opposed.

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to hire Robert S. Checchia as a Sewer Plant Operator Apprentice with a starting salary of \$42,829 (step one with a CDL) contingent on passing a pre-employment physical. Mr. Aichele seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski gave an update on Borough Manager's applications received. There are two more candidates we are interested in interviewing on December 20th starting at 6 p.m. If this Council is ready to offer the position after the interviews, then a special meeting would need to be held before the end of the year. Mr. Ostrowski, seconded by Mrs. Deal made a motion to advertise for a special meeting to be held December 28th starting at 7 p.m. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arnold explained that currently the Park has no accommodations for discarding hot coals when grilling on individual grilling units. The Park Commission discussed this concern and agreed that since Pavilion A has the charcoal grill area, that the Borough should restrict all grilling to just that area. Mr. Arnold asked Council to take action to change the regulations of the Park to restrict grilling except in fireplaces or areas specially designated for that purpose. Mr. Ostrowski made such a motion, seconded by Mrs. Deal. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Arnold requested Council consider a motion to advertise the reorganization meeting for January 2, 2018, the Borough Planning Commission meeting for January 3, 2018, the Civil Service Commission meeting at a date to be determined by Chief Rochat, and a regular Council meeting if needed on January 9, 2018. Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to advertise the meetings as mentioned, seconded by Mrs. Deal. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kirkham took the opportunity to address all of Council, for possibly the last time and thanked them. He stated that it is due to their dedication that this Council is so successful and he asked that the newly elected Officials continue in the same cooperative effort. He stated he has enjoyed his time serving and that it has been an honor to serve as President.

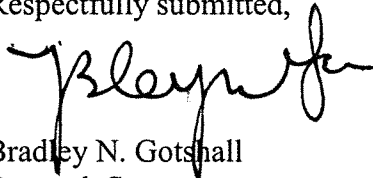
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lastowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley N. Gotshall
Borough Secretary

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