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MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Council President, Scott A. Bailey, followed by the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott A. Bailey	Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor (absent)
Michael C. Kirkham (absent)	Philip A. Lastowski
Jack W. Gardner	Linda J. Deal
J. Philip Gerber	Lucinda L. Ridley

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager	
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff	
John D. Rochat, Millersville Borough Chief of Police	
William Nace, Millersville Borough Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer	
Steven A. DiGuseppe, Millersville University	
Amanda Reilly, Millersville University Student Advisor	
Kaitlyn Rodgers, Millersville University Student Advisor	
Michael J. Weidinger, Planning Commission Chairman	
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman	
Nicol C. Taylor, Civil Service Commission Chairman	
Michael F. DeBerdine III, Civil Service Commission Secretary	
Betty J. Finney, Civil Service Commission	
Kevin F. Weber, Park Committee	
Amy Yocom, Millersville Market	
Carla Yocom, Millersville Market	
Susan Lithgoe, George Street Café, Millersville Market	
Bob Musser Jr, Millersville Market	
Lynn Miller	Mary Beth Mostyn
Ashleen Nice	Nora Popova
Adam Walker	Erin Wesser
Anthony Natale	Kyle Byerts
Adam Hoy	Grant Schuster
Shauna Davis	Erin Donovan
Nate Trimmer	Jacob Gehman
Kristen A Reinhold	Rachael Ward
Charles Hackett	Joel Washik
Beth Anne Heesen	

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MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for January 25, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Lastowski and seconded by Mr. Gardner. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mr. Weidinger voiced his concern with the four properties on Prince Street owned by the University which is clearly in violation of the International Property Maintenance Code. In his opinion the Borough has left them go too long and believes it is not fair to the other homeowners in the Borough. He realizes it is not an easy issue but feels it is time to do something about these four buildings that are all boarded up.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Committee. The Commission has spent a lot of time to revise the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and is bringing the draft version to Council tonight through the Safety Committee for approval. Mr. Taylor publicly thanked the other committee members, Mr. DeBerdine and Ms. Finney for their hard work and dedication to this endeavor. He also thanked Chief Rochat for his excellent resources. Mr. Lastowski thanked the committee members as well for their time and efforts on these much needed revisions.

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission monthly meeting held in February. The Commission received draft by-laws for the Commission. At the next meeting they should adopt the by-laws and set up the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Lastowski also reported they have received twenty five applications for the Fire Commissioner position. They also discussed setting up a Blue Rock Regional Auxiliary for those people who are dedicated to raising money for the fire companies. The next public meeting will be held March 3rd at 6:00 PM here at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Weber, Park Committee member introduced Amy Yocum, Coordinator of the Millersville Market. They are looking to move the location of the Market this coming season as they are growing. They would like Council to consider allowing them to use the Borough Park. They intend to remain seasonal with one night a week on Wednesday's from approximately 3 to 7 PM and continue to promote "buy fresh, buy local" as most of the vendors are within five miles of Millersville. The Market is also family oriented and the Park would be a good match. It would allow for the children to enjoy park while their parents shop. Concerns of limited parking and the possibility of vehicles overflowing into John Herr's Market parking lot were brought forward. Ms. Yocum doesn't believe that will be a big issue as people tend to come and go through out the evening, not necessarily staying the whole four hours. However she is more than welcome to have further discussions to address any issues the Eshleman family may have. It was determined that the Eshleman's and the Market representatives will be invited to the next Park Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 7th.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

None

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe reported on upcoming events including the weather station open house on March 4th from 6 to 8 PM in Caputo Hall. Weather center director Eric Horst and student meteorologists will provide tours and answer questions. He also announced on March 26th the University will host the Pennsylvania Central Region Science Olympia competition which consists of more than 40 schools. Each school will bring 15 students who compete in various events on topics such as genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, engineering and technology. Another note of importance mentioned was the release of The President's 2009-2010 report. The report details the current state of the University including some information on the economic climate at the University, national distinctions, being responsible stewards and the recent purchase of the location in downtown Lancaster. Mr. DiGuseppe announced the University received a \$250,000 National Science Foundation grant to research on how climate change will impart our risk of malaria and dengue fever. He also announced the University's Dining and Conference Services has partnered with Edie Waste Systems and Oregon Dairy Organics to develop an organic waste recycling program to benefit the University and the environment.

Ms. Reilly reported on issues she had taken back to the students concerning the smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and the trash at Windsor Court. The students believe the dumpster is a good idea to help diminish the rubbish but no one had any strong input on the smoke detectors or fire extinguishers issues.

MILLERSVILLE 250th REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe announced the opening event is this Saturday with approximately 130 people attending. He is looking forward to a great year of activities and is very appreciative of the many sponsors including the Borough, that have given between \$25,000 to \$30,000 in support toward the programs they wish to accomplish this year. He asked that we in turn give patronage to these other sponsors.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Gardner reported on the status of the request for sewer service by the Funk's Farm developer, HHF Real Estate Development LLC. An agreement with Manor Township has been drawn up by our Solicitor to allow the Borough to provide sewer service for the Funk's Farm residential development, known as the Village at Funk's Farm.

Mr. Gardner made a motion out of committee to accept the four utility easements for the Glen Oaks Drive stormwater and sewer line replacement project. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve funding and advertisement for bids for the West Frederick Street Capital improvements project. He noted the Planning and Betterment Committee is also in agreement with this project. Mr. Arnold presented details on the budgeted revenues and expenses for this and the Glen Oaks Drive project to show the total impact to the Sewer Capital Reserve. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve funding and advertisement for bids for the Glen Oaks Drive sewer/stormwater project. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve participation in a Lancaster County program for a wastewater plant energy audit. The evaluation process has no cost to the Borough; however, if the audit finds energy efficient changes then further discussions will be needed to determine if these energy conservative measures will provide reasonable payback to the Borough. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski announced the Finance Committee tabled moving forward with the ten year Comprehensive Plan update until additional alternatives could be investigated by the Borough Manager.

Mr. Lastowski mentioned receiving the Millersville Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association compliance audit report from the Auditor General's office for the years 2006 thru 2008. The report concluded everything was in order and the funds were received and expended in compliance with State laws and procedures.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerber made a motion for Council's approval to lend two historical wall maps to the Conestoga Area Historical Society Exhibit through the end of the calendar year. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. Discussions on the safety of articles and insurance coverage provided by the CAHS were held. Mr. Gerber stated he would let Mr. Hoak, President/Curator of the CAHS provide satisfactory details to Mr. Arnold. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gerber made a motion out of committee to advertise the ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150, Article 1, Property Maintenance, to prohibit parking of vehicles on the grass. This ordinance was discussed last month with the request to specify that prohibiting parking on the grass would only relate to residential properties. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Deal made a motion out of committee to allow the use of Borough streets and borough personnel for the Lancaster County's Fireman Parade on Saturday, June 4, 2011. The same roads will be used for the annual Millersville Community Parade. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

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Mrs. Deal made a motion out of committee to allow the use of Borough streets and borough personnel for the Millersville Community Parade on Saturday, October 29, 2011. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Deal mentioned tabling the motion made in committee to create a resolution that will formally support the design of the traffic control loop at the intersection of West Frederick Street and North/South Duke Street for future discussions with concerned parties until Mr. Arnold can present the finalized plan.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Deal made a motion out of committee to advertise the ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 290, Rental Property, to require owners of rental units to provide fire extinguishers and install smoke detectors. This ordinance was discussed last month with the request to add the provision that a ten-year sealed lithium battery smoke detector is not required if the residential rental unit has an operational hard-wired smoke detection system. Mrs. Deal explained anyone not in compliance will be told with this year's inspection and must adhere by the next inspection. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski made the motion out of committee to adopt the ordinance and amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Fire Company, to provide for recognition of the Blue Rock Fire Rescue and the Blue Rock Fire Rescue Relief Association. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION 2011-1

Mr. Lastowski made a motion to release our normal contributions and the Capital money budgeted for the Millersville Fire Company to purchase equipment contingent on the Fire Commission being able to receive the funds and disburse them in accordance with the ordinance as well as the agreement with Manor Township. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Deal made a motion to adopt the revisions to the Millersville Borough Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations as recommended by the Civil Service Commission pending approval of the Borough Solicitor. The Borough Solicitor will then prepare a Resolution to amend and restate the rules and regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerber. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

None

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bailey reported on the newspaper story stating the increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, which used to be called the food stamp program. The increase to the Borough of Millersville was listed at 30%. With that, he urged everyone on Council to continue to be vigilant as they have been since the four years he has been on Council. He stated, "The tax burden is significant in this town. We need to fight to maintain the services that we have at the same price and cost to the citizens. If they can't afford food, then they can't afford the tax."

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Arnold announced the Lancaster County Boroughs Association (LCBA) quarterly meeting will be at Gordinier Hall tomorrow night starting at 6 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After a ten minute recess, Council broke for an executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss an offer for property acquisition at 102 Municipal Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no action necessary out of the executive session; Mr. Gardner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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