

January 25, 2011
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, January 25, 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
Michael C. Kirkham
Jack W. Gardner
J. Philip Gerber

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Philip A. Lastowski
Linda J. Deal
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
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
Amanda Reilly, Millersville University Student Advisor
Kaitlyn Rodgers, Millersville University Student Advisor
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Elaine Jones, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal / New Era
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux, Millersville University Vice President for Student Affairs
Peter J. Anders, Millersville University Chief of Police
Michelle Perez, Millersville University, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for December 14, 2010 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Kirkham and seconded by Mr. Gerber. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, with Mr. Gardner abstained.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Fire Chief, B. Keith Eshleman presented his 2010 yearly report for the Millersville Fire Company. He thanked Borough Council for their support last year and for the support going forward with the Blue Rock Fire Rescue. He gave special thanks to Mr. Lastowski and Mr. Bailey for their efforts in this merger. He gave a brief overview of his report, noting this completes the 99th year of protecting the residents of Millersville Borough and surrounding areas. Mr. Eshleman has compiled statistical information relating to fire calls, service calls, mutual aid calls, training and fire prevention for Millersville Fire Company for over 25 years.

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission meeting held in January. Mr. Crème is in the process of creating the by-laws, therefore no appointment of positions have been made for the members. Discussion were made on the Fire Commissioner position which as been advertised and interviews should start in the next few weeks.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty presented Mr. Steven A. DiGuseppe with a commendation of merit stating the appreciation for his continued service and dedication to our community. He was also presented with a key to the Borough.

The Mayor reported the statistics are low for the December monthly police report.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. Breaux introduced Mrs. Michelle Perez as the new Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Mr. Peter J. Anders as the new Chief of Police. Both individuals gave brief information on where they have come from and their work experiences. Council members welcomed them to Millersville University and the community.

Mr. DiGuseppe reported on various announcements and upcoming events for January.

MILLERSVILLE 250th REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe wished Millersville a happy 250th and announced the committee calendar of events will soon be starting. He presented extra copies of the Lancaster Newspaper supplement which ran last weekend. This issue has stirred a lot of excitement for the event. He stated he received many calls and emails. WGAL has inquired on covering the opening event and other organizations are interested in sponsoring additional events throughout the year. They are working with the Historic Society in producing a coffee table book. He is looking forward to a great year and thanked the Borough for their financial support as well as their commitment to the events.

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WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to accept the November Financial Reports. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to support the lease agreement with Zayo Bandwidth for the installation of new ground based equipment at our cell tower site. Mayor Moriarty inquired on any noise that will come from the new equipment. Mr. Arnold confirmed there will be no excessive noise. This equipment is to provide a service to the existing cell site carriers for a communication media, i.e. a fiber line connection that they do not currently have. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerber made a motion to advertise the ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150, Article 1, Property Maintenance, to prohibit parking of vehicles on the grass. Mr. Lastowski seconded the motion. Chief Rochat stated his concern that the ordinance may not have specified for residential properties only. With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gerber asked for Council's support to move forward on a fenced in dumpster at the Windsor Court development. The support of Council was given with confirmation that it is still more economical to manage the trash in this way. It was stated the recyclables and over-sized items will still be picked up curbside. Chief Rochat supports the change however he is concerned with the placed of the container and enclosure.

Mr. Gerber stated it is the opinion of the Planning and Betterment Committee to not move forward with the Tattoo and Body Piercing ordinance based on the fact that there are no such establishments presently in the Borough and the limited areas where such an establishment could exist. He therefore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kirkham to not approve the adoption of the Tattoo and Body Piercing ordinance distributed by the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC). With no further discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

STREET COMMITTEE

None

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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 calls for at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 2A-10B:C, ABC Dry Chemical, to be placed in the kitchen and a sealed lithium battery operated smoke detector. Mr. Bailey stated his concern with the fire extinguisher must be "in the kitchen" due to the layout of some units. Further discussions revolved around the battery operated smoke detectors and adding language for hard-wired detectors. Based on those discussions the motion was tabled to allow for the revisions.

Mrs. Deal stated there was a motion made in committee to recommend to Council to adopt the ordinance to amend 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. However, it was determined that further review of the language within the ordinance was necessary and therefore Mrs. Deal did not bring the motion out of committee for Council's action.

Chief Rochat asked for Council's approval to enter into an agreement with the North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. for the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement & Education Project. Chief Rochat explained the program and with no further inquires; Mrs. Deal made the motion to enter into this agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lastowski and passed unanimously.

Chief Rochat asked for Council's approval to apply for a grant with the PA Liquor Control Board for the 2011 to 2012 year for a maximum funding amount of \$15,000. Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. Deal made the motion to approve the application for the grant. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ridley made a motion out of committee to ratify the advertisement for the Crossing Guard position and the filling of the position by Mary Jane Witte effective January 19, 2011. With no discussions, the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Ridley made a motion out of committee to approve the Resolution to eliminate employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2009, 2010 and 2011 with contributions effective January 1, 2012. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION 2011-1

Ms. Ridley announced the remaining alternate member vacancy to the Zoning Hearing Board remains unfilled.

Ms. Ridley made a motion out of committee to reappoint Dawn Fisher to the Historic Commission with the term expiring on February 24, 2016. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Ridley made a motion out of committee to accept the process for determining performance adjustments to Supervisors' salaries. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

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Ms. Ridley made a motion as a result of the Managers' evaluations of 2010 to approve a 1.5% increase in the annual salary for the following: Street and Sewer Supervisors, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer and Accountant/Administrative Assistant effective January 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Ridley made a motion as a result of an exemplary performance review of 2010 to approve an additional salary increase of 4.5% for Jessie Ebersole effective January 1, 2011. Mrs. Deal seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Arnold asked for Council's consideration for the annual appointment to the PSAB voting delegate. In the past Council as appointed the Borough Manager. Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Gerber made a motion to reappoint Edward Arnold as the official voting delegate of the Borough at the annual conference. With no discussions the motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gerber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kirkham to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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