

July 24, 2012
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 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 Council President, Michael C. Kirkham followed by the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael C. Kirkham
Philip A. Lastowski
Linda J. Deal
J. Philip Gerber

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Thomas R. Keller
Lynn M. Miller
James A. Stager

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager
John D. Rochat, Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff
Patrick Rudisill, Millersville Borough Police Officer
Michael J. Weidinger, Planning Commission Chairman
James A. Kirk, Jr., Zoning Hearing Board Vice Chairman
Steven A. DiGuissepe, Millersville University
Connor Line, Millersville University Student Advisor
Sarah Evarts, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
Elaine J. Jones, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal / New Era
Jack Gardner, 29 Fresh Meadow Dr., Millersville
Marilyn W. Sachs, 109 E Charlotte St., Millersville
Caroline Hoffer, Barley Snyder, HHF Developer Funks Farm
Donna Deerin Ward, LMS Commercial Real Estate, Funks Farm

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2012 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Lastowski and seconded by Mr. Gerber. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mrs. Sachs from 109 East Charlotte Street voiced her concern about a sub-contractor's truck and trailer that was parked outside her house for about a week. She also stated a safety concern for the condition of the equipment, the expired registration sticker and an electrical cord that was wrapped around the driver's door handle. Chief Rochat replied with the findings of her

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initial request made to his department that the vehicle registration was current, the truck load was within limits and the electrical cord was not for securing the door closed but was for a converter of power from the battery. Chief also commented that our parking ordinance does allow trucks to park in the Borough. He added that according to our Solicitor in order to enforce no parking of certain size vehicles on the Borough's streets, each street would need to be posted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Lastowski reported on the July 5th Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission meeting. The Commission motioned to advertise for an Administrative Assistant. They estimate this person will work 20-25 hours per week. They also discussed sending a mailer to solicit money from the fire district residents and businesses similar to the Fire Companies fund raising efforts in the past. Although the fire protection is funded by tax dollars people are still submitting checks and donations.

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Police Pension Fund Committee meeting held July 18th. Our representatives from Future Care Solutions and the Standard Insurance Company were on hand to answer any questions and provide the annual reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty introduced Officer Rudisill and thanked him for his contributions to the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program. Officer Rudisill gave a brief explanation of the program and hopes that he represents the Borough well. Chief Rochat stated Officer Rudisill has only been with us for two years but has done an excellent job.

Mr. Kirk of 436 Herr Avenue stated his appreciation for the police efforts in trying to catch the individual or individuals responsible for the recent burglaries. He has noticed an increased presence in the neighborhood.

Mayor Moriarty read a posthumous acknowledgement for Betty J. Finney for her service to the Borough and extended our sympathies to her family. "Betty was an avid and active supporter of many volunteer agencies and boards and saw fit to provide our citizenry with a benefit of her knowledge and experience." She last served as a member of the Millersville Borough Civil Service Commission. A brief moment of silence was observed in her honor.

In response to the request from the last Council meeting to have a police blotter Mayor Moriarty and Chief Rochat discussed the pros and cons. They also contacted the Lancaster Newspaper and received a list of protocols to fit delivery of information to be published. The Mayor has asked the Chief to continue to research other social medias such as facebook and twitter but to be conscious of creating additional work on the staff.

Mayor Moriarty commented on the Mayors Conference having a large attendance with many good topics and thanked Council for allowing him to go. He mentioned discussions made on the updates to the Borough Code that specifically affects Mayors. One such change/clarification was to Mayors performing wedding ceremonies. Mayor Moriarty notified Council that as in his past practice he will not be conducting wedding ceremonies.

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Chief Rochat reported on the progress of the investigations in to the burglaries. They have charged a 19 year old with five burglaries in Millersville, solved another two burglaries in Millersville and charges will be placed against a 43 year old by the end of the week. Two additional burglaries in Millersville have also been solved but due to the nature of these and the number of burglaries that this individual is responsible for, the Chief is waiting for approval from the DA's office to proceed.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported that Millersville University held their first time "zero waste" commencement ceremony in May. The total from the two day commencement activities came to 760 pounds of recycling and composting material. He announced the State's budget has passed with no further cuts; meaning the University will have the same funding available as last year. He touched based on additional legislature changes that affect the University. The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) recently approved a three percent tuition increase of the 2012-2013 academic year. Even with a three percent tuition increase the University is still dealing with a deficit of \$1.5 million. The increase in tuition still has PASSHE being the lowest cost option among all four year colleges and universities in the Commonwealth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to accept the May, 2012 Financial Statements. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the adoption of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance authorizing the Borough to enter into an agreement with Lancaster Township to provide certain maintenance to the proposed Wabank Road extension with the Millersville Commons project. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE BOOK
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-8

Subsequent to approval of the Intermunicipal Ordinance, Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the agreement with Lancaster Township and Blackford Development, LTD. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

None

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STREET COMMITTEE

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Miller mentioned a meeting will be held July 30th at 4 PM in room 24 of SMC. Landlords are invited. The agenda will cover announcing an Expo to benefit Millersville University Students and Parents as well as covering changes to the rental property ordinance.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Deal acknowledged and accepted a Street Department employee's retirement letter. Mr. Arnold explained as part of the negotiated AFSCME contract the borough offered an early retirement window with no additional financial obligation burden. One employee is taking advantage of the offer to retire early. The next step in the AFSCME agreement is to post the position for other AFSCME members.

Mrs. Deal made a motion out of committee to appoint Ed Arnold, Borough Manager as the interim Building Code Official and Zoning Officer. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Deal made a motion out of committee to approve a 2.5 % increase in the annual salary for the management personnel. Mrs. Sachs of 109 East Charlotte Street questioned why a 2.5% increase and whether this increase will impact the Union negotiations currently in process. Mrs. Deal stated that Management has not received pay raises equivalent to the Unions. Management's pay raises follow a process established by Council two years ago that would allow a consideration of a CPI increase upon acceptable reviews. This increase percentage is below CPI and all Management has received commendable reports. With no further discussions the motion passed by a 6 to 1 roll call vote, with Mr. Lastowski opposed.

Mrs. Deal asked for Council's approval to have a volunteer's picnic in the Borough's park for all of the Boards and Commissions members. She has tentatively reserved the pavilion for September 22nd. Her request is for the Borough to provide the meat and drinks and ask for the members to bring a potluck dish to share. Her request was approved with no objections.

Mrs. Deal announced the three vacancies on the Borough's Boards and Commissions; the Civil Service Commission, the Historic Commission and the Central Lancaster County UCC Board of Appeals Appointments Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kirkham acknowledged receipt of a thank you card addressed to all of Council from Mr. Nace which stated, "I thank Borough Council for the kind words and parting gift. It has been my pleasure to serve as Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for the past eight years."

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Arnold reported that with the exception of Verizon and the PP&L poles; the West Frederick Street Infrastructure Improvement project is complete. He announced the upcoming presentation scheduled with the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority for the Block Grant to complete the next phase of West Frederick Street improvements.

Mr. Arnold announced the Comprehensive Plan update hearing will be at 7 PM on August, 28th. He also announced the LCBA's special meeting to provide information on the significant changes to the Borough Code is scheduled for August 29th at Double Tree Resort, Willow Valley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After a brief recess, Council entered into an executive session at 8:37 PM to discuss a Police Contract item.

Upon return, Mrs. Deal made a motion to allow for the Police Officers to buy back military time using IRS accepted 457 plans. Mr. Stager seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gerber made a motion seconded by Mr. Lastowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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