

June 28, 2011
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, June 28, 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 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
Marilyn W. Sachs

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff
John D. Rochat, Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Michael J. Weidinger, Planning Commission Chairman
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
James Kirk, 436 Herr Ave., Millersville
Monica Lugo, 107 Aklass Dr., Lancaster, PA
J. Nick Storch, Future Energy Solutions, LLC

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for May 24, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Kirkham and seconded by Mr. Lastowski. Mrs. Sachs asked that the motion to approve the Mayor's attendance to the annual Mayor's Conference be moved until after she was sworn in as a Council member. It was agreed that this portion of dialogue did take place afterwards. With the noted change, the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the minutes for June 14, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Gardner and seconded by Mr. Kirkham. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mr. Saylor asked if the ordinance that restricts parking on the grass is in effect, as he has a violation to report. Mr. Bailey stated the ordinance is in effect. Mr. Kirkham commented that the property in which he refers at Elizabeth Street and South Duke Street has already been reported.

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Mr. Saylor asked if Council knew which property Student Lodging bought from Grace United Methodist Church. Mr. Arnold answered it was the same property that Apex had considered developing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Weidinger announced after the next Planning Commission meeting they will have a recommendation for the firm to use to update the Borough's comprehensive plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the monthly Police report as being an average month. Chief Rochat mentioned the clearance rate was higher this month as they wrapped up two intensive cases. He also reported that during the month they performed a school shooting training exercise with four local Police departments at the Penn Manor High School. Chief Rochat announced the receipt of a portable breath testing device (PBT) to the Millersville Borough Police Department from the DUI Council of Lancaster County. The PBT is an advanced, handheld, breath alcohol testing instrument that provides a method of determining breathe alcohol concentration (BAC) with evidential grade accuracy.

Mayor Moriarty mentioned the memorable 'Celebration in the Park' event that was held on Sunday and publicized the winners from the day of the event drawings. He thanked Steve DiGuseppe and the Millersville 250th Committee for their hard work as well as the Council members, Sue McCullough and all Borough staff that participated that day.

Mayor Moriarty met with Mayor Gray of Lancaster City to discuss their "Prosper or Perish" report on Financing Local Government Services in Pennsylvania and to consider bringing it to the annual Pennsylvania Mayor's Conference for support.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe announced Millersville University's Four Corners summer festival that celebrates the "four corners" of arts: dance, music, art and theater. These events will be held throughout the month and is free to the public. Mr. DiGuseppe mentioned the University has heard that the State budget cuts to PASSHE are to be approximately 18% instead of the earlier announced 52% decrease in State funding.

MILLERSVILLE 250th REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe thanked the Borough and everyone involved for the wonderful 'Celebration in the Park'. He had received many positive comments and believed it showcased the beauty of our community park. He announced upcoming 250th events; Community Days at the Millersville Lions Club pool on Sunday, July 17th starting at noon, a new event: Millersville Community Night at Lancaster Barnstormers on September 3rd and Millersville's Got Talent to be held mid-September.

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WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the May, 2011 Financial Reports. Mr. Lastowski introduced Mr. Nick Storch from Future Energy Solutions, LLC: Mr. Storch represents over twenty five suppliers in the energy market. He gave a brief presentation on his electric rates proposal from Liberty Power Corp. and the savings potential if the Borough would lock-in to current rates now. These rates will take effect at the termination of the current contract in December. Mr. Bailey questioned if the bidding process needs to go through the procurement code procedures since this is for the generation of electricity and not distribution. Mr. Arnold believed it does not since electric companies are already under State regulations through the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) but he is not certain that changes may have taken place since the deregulation. Mr. Lastowski made a motion to purchase electric from Liberty Power Corp. for a 30 month term contingent on the confirmation from Counsel that we are not in violation of the procurement code. Mr. Gerber seconded the motion. With no further discussions the motion passed by a 6 to 1 roll call vote, with Mr. Bailey opposed.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

None

STREET COMMITTEE

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sachs announced the Personnel Committee will be meeting with the AFSCME representatives to gather information for the upcoming contract negotiations with the non-uniform personnel. Also, she announced the Committee has scheduled interviews with the candidates interested in filling the vacant position on the Civil Service Commission.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Arnold mentioned the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau is looking for each Municipality and School District to adopt an Earned Income Tax Ordinance that is uniform; whereas each ordinance will enact a Municipal Nonresident Tax. He also announced the Tax Collection Board will be preparing joint advertisement for this ordinance.

Mr. Arnold gave an update on the progression of the West Frederick Street Infrastructure project. The Borough has received the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) from PennDOT. The Contractor will be installing detour signage by the end of week with an anticipated start date of July 5th. The Borough has placed an order for signs specifically designed for the businesses in the area and will be installing those in about a week as well. Student Services has been very cooperative and has agreed to provide an area for parking to those properties that do not have access.

Mr. Arnold announced the Glen Oaks Drive project will be moving forth shortly. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Also, there may be a temporary road closure with that project and we will inform everyone if needed.

Mr. Arnold acknowledged the plaque for Certificate of Recognition presented to the Borough on the occasion of the 250th anniversary as a Borough in the County of Lancaster by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kirkham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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