

March 9, 2010
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 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 Vice President, Michael C Kirkham, followed by the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scott A. Bailey (absent)
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, Borough Manager
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff
Gary G. Hess, Planning Commission Secretary
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Jim Eshleman, Millersville Fire Company
B. Keith Eshleman, Chief of Millersville Fire Company
Mike Hite, President of Millersville Fire Company
Steven A. DiGuseppe, Millersville University
James Buescher, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal / New Era
James A. Kirk, Jr., 436 Herr Ave., Millersville
Robert P. Thompson, 177 New St., Millersville
Karen T. Giordano, 510 Oak Ridge Dr., Millersville
Amos Hess, 9 N Duke St., Millersville
Steve Cote, 317 N George St., Millersville
Barbara Hynicka, 103 Oak Knoll Circle, Millersville
David Keen, 376 W Charlotte St., Millersville
Jason Lenahan, 434 W Charlotte St., Millersville
Dominic Piccolo, 28 Kendes Rd., Millersville
Christopher DeLong, 537 Oak Ridge Dr., Millersville
Nicholas Kramer, 87 Shenks Lane, Millersville
Jon Keenen, 402B N George St., Millersville
Dave Wiker, 3234 Blue Rock Rd., Lancaster
Bob Howells, 114 S Queen St., Lancaster

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MINUTES

None

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mr. Kirk inquired on the receipt of the RACP Grant funds. The money has been received and discussions on the disposition of the funds will be held at the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 17th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminded us that the 2010 Census questionnaires will be arriving to every household soon and to please take the time to complete and return promptly. It is vitally important for the Borough. The data collected from the Census will be used for the distribution of State and Federal funding for the next ten years.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. Steven DiGuiseppe announced Spring Break is now, March 6th thru 14th. He also announced upcoming calendar events. Mr. DiGuiseppe reported the higher education professionals have been on campus for the last few days. Over 150 faculty, staff and students collaborated on a comprehensive report on several key areas; relative to the University's integrity, student assessment, resources, admissions, retention, and educational offerings. This accreditation happens every ten years. They have received a fairly good verbal response from the team and will receive the official report in June.

WASTEWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kirkham announced the Street Committee meeting scheduled for April 8th at 6 PM will invite the citizens of the community to discuss the intersection improvement proposed for West Frederick and Duke Streets.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

None

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kirkham announced the Millersville Fire Company is celebrating 100 years with a Lancaster County's Fireman's Parade being held in Millersville on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Millersville Fire Company President, Mike Hite, read a prepared statement announcing the Millersville Fire Company supports the efforts of the Consolidation Task Force and the proposed merger of the four fire companies. Within the statement he extended appreciation of the efforts of the Task Force and all the time that the Borough Council has given to this issue. He made a comment on the name which was selected for the new Company (Blue Rock Fire and Rescue Company). The desired was to find a name associated with both municipalities and not associated with any of the names of the fire companies involved in the merger.

Mr. Jim Eshleman stated, "the report is not perfect but it is a good start". He continued by stating that the Task Force Committee is at a stand still until Millersville Borough Council and Manor Township Supervisors come up with their ideas/suggestions to work out the details. He added the firemen are interested and ready to go.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion that Millersville Borough agree in principal to further discuss and pursue the recommendations as listed on pages 9 and 10 of 25 in the "Findings and Recommendations" report submitted by the Emergency Services Task Force. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion.

Mayor Moriarty believed the way the motion was phased gave commitment that Millersville Borough Council agree to the merger but quoted, "the nuts and bolts of it need to be worked out".

Mrs. Deal recognized a letter received from the West Lancaster Fire Company stating their support for the merger.

Mr. Arnold mentioned the importance of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement, which is one of the recommendations stated on page 9 of 25. Millersville Borough Council will need to support that ordinance; in addition being agreed and adopted by Manor Township. Adoption of the ordinance doesn't set parameters for agreement scrutiny and review but says that our intention is to consolidate the fire services and provide it through an inter-municipal agreement. He continued illustrating whenever two municipalities are going to join together to provide any type of joint services they initiate an intergovernmental cooperation agreement.

Mr. Keith Eshleman asked for both municipalities to understanding fires services need a change in direction for survivability. His understanding is if both municipalities are in agreement to continue to move forward then the next step is to approve the intergovernmental cooperation agreement and determine whether to continue with the same task force or whether form a new group to get the answers of what is to be expected from the municipalities and the fire companies (the details of the agreement). The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Kirkham thanked Mr. Lastowski and everyone else on the Task Force for the last two years for all the work they have done and their service and dedication to our community.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gerber made a motion seconded by Mr. Gardner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Arnold
Borough Manager

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