October 25, 2011

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, October 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 (absent)
J. Philip Gerber
Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Philip A. Lastowski
Linda J. Deal (absent)
Marilyn W. Sachs

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager
John D. Rochat, Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Staff
Michael J. Weidinger, Planning Commission Chairman
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
Kaitlyn Rodgers, Millersville University Student Advisor
Elaine Jones, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal / New Era
Jim Dougherty, Lancaster Public Library
Heather Sharpe, Lancaster Public Library
C. Robert May, Lancaster EMS
Andy Smith, Millersville University Student
Melissa Rodriquez, Millersville University Student
Alaina Olson, Millersville Resident
Carlyn Slagle, Millersville Resident

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for September 27, 2011 Council meeting was made by Mr. Kirkham and seconded by Mr. Gerber. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty commented on the police report as being the highest in ten years for 'Calls for Service'. He also stated September is typically a high activity month in all categories.

The Mayor announced the Borough is the recipient of the PLCM grant in the amount of $15,000. This grant will be used for Officer's overtime reimbursement for liquor control purposes.

The Mayor introduced representatives from the Lancaster Public Library, Mr. Dougherty and Ms. Sharpe. Mr. Dougherty thanked Council for the opportunity to come forward and ask for additional funding as the Borough continues with their 2012 budget process. Mr. Dougherty presented statics on Millersville's library usage. He stated although he is grateful for the $2,000 given last year, we are the lowest municipal contributor at 27 cents per capita. He specifically asked that the Borough raise this to a dollar per capita, the approximate median.

Mayor Moriarty invited Bob May from LEMSA to give a better explanation to the relocation of the advanced life support unit. Mr. May thanked the Mayor for the invitation and proceeded to give details on why the unit has been moved to Columbia Avenue. Back in August they made a decision to swap the hours of operation of the advanced life support unit with Columbia Avenue for a trial period. Millersville is going from a 24/7 to an 11 AM to 7 PM operation to reduce LEMSA's overall call response time and increase the ALS truck's efficiency, which in turn will produce more revenue. In addition Millersville will still have the regular basic ambulance unit from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Saturday. Mr. May stated LEMSA has no intension of pulling out of Millersville completely.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe announced the many upcoming weekend events; golf, reunions, football, homecoming, fall fling, hall of fame, and the Millersville Community Parade coming to town. Mr. DiGuiseppe thanked the Borough and participating Council members for their efforts in hosting this great community event. He also announced next weekend brings Family Day, an event for the whole family that includes movies, games, bus tours, entertainment and BB-Que.

MILLERSVILLE 250th REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe announced the Millersville's Got Talent contestants will compete on November 6th and November 20th at 3 PM. The Harvest Door contest sponsored by the Millersville Women's club continues this weekend with 43 entries. The Pictorial Postmark Day will be held in the Student Memorial Center lobby this Saturday. Upcoming on October 30th is the Pipe Organ Walk starting at Zion Church, then to First United Methodist and St. Paul Lutheran Church showcasing their pipe organs and music of Millersville over the years. Mr. DiGuiseppe announced the grand finale event of the milestone year will be Sunday, November 27th at the Turkey Hill Experience in Columbia from 2–4:30 PM. There will be tours, cake and a special Millersville 250th ice cream flavor, 'Swan Swirl'.

WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the September, 2011 Financial Reports. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to advertise the amendment to the Ordinance to revise the tapping fees for connection to or expansion of the use of the Borough's sewer system. Mr. Arnold explained Act 57 Tapping Fee has two calculation parts; Capacity and Collection. The revised calculations resulted in an increase from the 2005 tapping fees. The Capacity part will increase from $1,030 to $1,735 per EDU and the Collection part will increase from $1,612 to $1,987. With no further discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the Resolution to designate Edward Arnold, Borough Secretary as the agent for the September 2011 Tropical Storm Lee. This is for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the damage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Creek Drive Pumping station. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION 2011-7

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the Ordinance which will now levy a tax on earned income and net profits of non-residents. This Ordinance shall in its entirety replace Chapter 334, Taxation, Article V, Earned Income Tax. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE BOOK
ORDINANCE 2011-5

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to advertise the Borough's budget for 2012 and a corresponding tax millage ordinance increasing the tax millage rate from 5.24 to 5.45 mills. Mr. Weidinger asked how much of the tax millage increase is to pay for the fire companies. Mr. Bailey stated there is more than one sufficient increase in next year's budget and that a 'loin share' is for the fire companies. To clarify a recent Lancaster Newspaper article Mr. Bailey stated "There will not be a fire tax". The Borough will continue to fund the Borough's fire protection services as it has in the past, through the general operating budget. With no further discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerber made a motion out of committee to consider the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for changes to the Historic Preservation Overlay District. Mr. Gerber proceeded to explained sufficient changes. A historic resource will no longer use 'more than 50 years old' but instead will use a date of December 31, 1942. Mrs. Sachs mentioned the fact that there are 14 municipalities in the process of producing historic inventories with the hope that they can form consistency throughout the County. With no further discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Kirkham made a motion to approve the time extension for the West Frederick Street project until July 16, 2012. Mr. Gerber seconded the motion. Mr. Arnold provided the details of the request. He also stated Phase II will not start until the close of the school year and that the street is intended to be opened this Friday. With no further discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sachs made a motion out of committee to appoint Mr. James A. Delle to fill the vacancy on the Park Committee with the term expiring on December 31, 2012. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Sachs made a motion out of committee to appoint Mr. James A. Delle to fill the vacant representative seat on the LIMC Greenway and Park Advisory Board with the term expiring on December 31, 2011. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to reappoint Mrs. Marilyn Sachs to the Planning Commission with the term expiration date of October 31, 2015. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote; Mrs. Sachs abstained.

Mrs. Sachs made a motion to recognize that Mary Ann Gerber can not accept the position on the Civil Service Commission based on her letter that states the rules and regulations of the Civil Service. "No commissioner shall at the same time hold an elective or appointed office under the United States government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, except that one member of the Commission may be a member of the Millersville Borough Council and one may be a member of the teaching profession." Mr. Gerber seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Arnold announced a change to the Comprehensive Plan review dates. The next meeting will be held in December at the normal Planning Commission meeting, and the public session is being put off until after the holidays. The actual date in January has yet to be determined.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After a brief recess, Council broke for an excessive session at 8:24 PM to discuss the Chief of Police's Contract.

ADJOURNMENT

With no action necessary out of the executive session; Mr. Kirkham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Arnold

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Borough Secretary

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