

July 28, 2015
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Michael C. Kirkham followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael C. Kirkham
Philip A. Lastowski
Lynn M. Miller
David T. Aichele

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor
Linda J. Deal (absent)
James A. Stager
Daniel P. Ostrowski

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward J. Arnold, Millersville Borough Manager
John D. RoCHAT, Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Finance Officer
Sgt. Jeffrey Margevich, Millersville Borough Police
Sgt. Michael Schaeffer, Millersville Borough Police
Sgt. Brian Tatara, Millersville Borough Police
Officer Matthew Hammer, Millersville Borough Police
Officer Jason Hottenstein, Millersville Borough Police
Officer Michael Adam Cavanaugh, Millersville Borough Police
Officer Patrick Rudisill, Millersville Borough Police
Edward R. Saylor, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
Olivia Hertzler, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
Elaine J. Jones, LNP Media Group
Hilari Hinnant, 621 Crestgate Pl., Millersville
Marcus Greg Miller, 621 Crestgate Pl., Millersville
Ivan Ayres, 146 West Frederick St., Millersville

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the June 23, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Lastowski and seconded by Mr. Stager. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Hilari Hinnant of 621 Crestgate Place voiced her concerns with the Code Enforcement and Zoning issues in her immediate neighborhood and more specifically with their next door neighbor. She cited multiple Pennsylvania codes in regards to public safety and welfare of citizens and also cited that visual inspections of a property are legal if from a right of way,

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sidewalk, or other public place. She has given permission for the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer to enter their property to view the multiple violations. She re-stated her concern for their safety and urged the Borough to find probable cause to correct the situation. President Kirkham stated that he is a resident of the Crossgates area and ask if they have contacted their Homeowner's Association (HOA). She confirmed that she has notified the HOA and that they directed her to seek action through the Borough's Code Enforcement Office. Mr. Arnold acknowledged there are legal complications that can be associated with going onto a property without their permission unless you have a substantial cause or a life threatening situation; having high grass is not a safety or public health hazard of the magnitude that would cause us to go on that property. Mr. Arnold will follow up on discussions with the Borough's Solicitor on the ability to view and/or cite from a neighbor's property.

Mr. Ivan Ayres of 146 West Frederick Street presented photos of a neighbor's house, 148 West Frederick Street, which has shoulder height weeds. Mr. Arnold responded that the Code Enforcement Officer would look into his concern.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

Mr. Lastowski reported on the Blue Rock Regional Fire District Commission meeting held July 2nd. He shared the good news that in May they picked up 15 volunteers and in June another 10. He stated their next project is to look at a long term strategy plan for replacement of the fire stations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty mentioned he attended the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association conference in Bethlehem and gave a review of the resolutions that passed. He also mentioned his testimony opposing House Bill 809 which addresses occupation of dwelling units by students and unrelated individuals.

Mayor Moriarty presented Officer Hammer, Officer Hottenstein and Officer Cavanaugh with recognition of outstanding service for their exceptional police work and follow through in the successful apprehension and probable prevention of a crime within our borough limits.

Chief Rochat recognized Sgt. Margevich and Sgt. Scott's role in a seven month investigation of fraud by a local business. Sgt. Margevich mentioned that that type of a financial crime is not easy and noted Sgt. Scott's compliments received from the accountants working on the case.

Chief Rochat mentioned the department has been testing a vehicle tablet for a couple of months. Student Lodging CEO, Geoff Beers would be interested in supporting the purchase of this type of tablet if it performs as expected. The cost is approximately \$5300.

Mayor Moriarty reported that the monthly Police Report is an average month with 221 Calls for Service.

President Kirkham asked Council to approve the expenses incurred by the Mayor for his testimony opposing House Bill 809. Mr. Lastowski made such a motion, seconded by Mr. Aichele. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe reported that parent and family orientation for transfer students will be August 3rd and freshmen arrive on campus for move-in and orientation on August 20th. The first day of classes for the Fall semester will be Monday, August 24th. He announced that summer enrollment is up for this year, while the Fall enrollment is holding steady and freshmen commitments are up 2% over this past fall. He continued to report the second annual American Dream Scholarship Ride will occur in the Millersville area on Saturday, September 19th. The riding routes are available that range from five to thirty miles as well as a walking route in the Borough. Mr. DiGuseppe announced MU has a few new degrees and academic offerings. There is a new masters' degree, fully online for a Master of Education degree in Assessment, Curriculum and Teaching that will meet the demand of teachers who need expertise in online teaching and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). There is also a new bachelors' degree in interactive and graphic design and MU is the first and only University in Pennsylvania to offer classes that satisfy the new requirements needed to coach at a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) school. Mr. DiGuseppe noted the East Village residence hall with 601 beds will be ready for fall students and that Pucillo Gym is getting a new floor. Plans are moving ahead for the new 'Net Zero' building near the residence halls, adjacent to Gordinier, which will be the home of the new Admission Welcome Center and the Housing/Residence Life staff. This building will also serve as the sustainability education center for the University and surrounding community. To date, over \$1.25 million has been pledged in private dollars and another \$3 million will be contributed through our residence hall auxiliary toward the total project cost of approximately \$6 million.

PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Olivia Hertzler reported on the recent visit of Governor Tom Wolf at Hambricht Elementary School to talk about his education funding priorities during a stop on his "Schools That Teach" tour. She also reported on several Manor FFA members who were among the top finishers at the recent Pennsylvania FFA Convention and Activities Week. They have earned the right to compete on the national level. She mentioned a documentary, created by Red Hat Films, which includes interviews of students, teachers and staff about the 1:1 program, which provides laptops equipped with free, open source software to every student at Penn Manor High School. In the fall, the program will be expanded to Manor and Marticville Middle schools. She announced the first day of school for students is August 26th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to accept the June, 2015 Financial Reports as presented to the committee by Borough Manager, Edward Arnold. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lastowski made a motion out of committee to approve the advertisement for trash and recycling services for the Borough. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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WASTE WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PLANNING AND BETTERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

None

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Aichele made a motion out of committee to advertise for the winter snow removal assistance in the Borough. Mr. Arnold mentioned the Street Department Superintendent is increasing the services by requesting a third vehicle be available. The prior contract had stated the rental of (2) four-wheel drive pickup trucks with plows and operators for snow removal. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Aichele made a motion out of committee to approve the amendment to the parking prohibited at all times in certain locations ordinance. Mr. Aichele explained that this amendment is for the "No Parking" at Kauffman Alley and Landis Avenue for 70 feet East of Kauffman Alley on the North side. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Arnold noted that we will hold this advertisement for the possibly of another amendment currently under consideration.

Mr. Aichele made a motion to approve the use of public streets on September 27th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a 5K mini-thon run hosted by Student Services. Mr. Stager seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Aichele mentioned discussions held on the status of Heisey Avenue. A map of the completed survey has been received and will be available at the August meeting. He further noted that the committee intends to invite the property owners at the September Street Committee meeting to discuss the findings provided by the Engineer. Mr. Arnold mentioned that the results showed enough footage available to make a one-way road. Mr. Arnold further noted that conversations with our Solicitor indicate that Heisey Avenue is a public alley based on a prior resolution naming the alley 'Heisey Avenue'.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Stager made a motion to make an offer to fill the Sewer Plant Operator to Mr. Eugene Ray Oldham Jr. at an annual base salary of \$43,845 (step 3) for the 2015 calendar year. Mr. Lastowski seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Stager mentioned that the committee held their first meeting with the AFSCME union to begin contract negotiations.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kirkham stated his appreciation to Mayor Moriarty for his representation of the Borough in the recent legislative issues.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arnold asked Council to support advertising for a public hearing to receive comments and recommendations from interested individuals and to consider a request for an approval of an intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license by Bert's Bottle Shop, LLC. He noted this hearing could be held at the August 25th Council meeting and that the applicant is willing to pay for the advertisement. No one from Council objected to moving forward with the advertisement.

Mr. Arnold announced the milling and paving dates for the multiple streets project will be August 10th & 11th for milling and August 17th & 18th for paving, of course weather permitting.

Mr. Arnold mentioned West Frederick Street Phase 3 is complete and awaiting PennDOT's final ok to re-open the street.

Mr. Arnold noted the Borough's application submittal for the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$800,000 for the North/South Duke Street Corridor and he will be following up with our legislators so that they are aware of our application. Mr. Arnold also noted in August he will be meeting with PennDOT to do the scoping meeting on this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lastowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Aichele.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Arnold
Borough Secretary

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