

March 9, 2021
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 Carrie Smith followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was then observed. President Smith announced that the public meeting is being recorded.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carrie L. Smith	David T. Aichele, Mayor
Lauren E. Hauck (via teleconference)	Brooke G. Magni (via teleconference)
Linda L. Bellile (via teleconference)	Mary Ann Gerber (via teleconference)
Daniel P. Ostrowski	Lynn M. Miller (via teleconference)

OTHERS PRESENT

John D. Rochat, Borough Manager & Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Michael J. Weidinger, Millersville Borough Planning Commission (via teleconference)
Michael D. Walker, Millersville Borough Planning Commission (via teleconference)
Dr. Victor DeSantis, Millersville University (via teleconference)
Claire DeVinney, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor (via teleconference)
Kenneth Eckert, 104 Circle Road, Millersville (via teleconference)
W. David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Ed and Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville
Rev. Robert Haslam, 216 Herr Avenue, Millersville
Richard and Darlene Eager, 529 Oak Ridge Drive, Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mr. Sykes asked if the Planning Commission and/or Council could put together what we think should be developed (at Rt 741 and Rt 999) and see if the developer is interested. He believes what is being proposed is a little high density. Mrs. Miller stated the land is not owned by the Borough; a family trust owns that land. The landowner has a right to try to make as much money as possible. Ms. Hauck mentioned that the Planning Commission has already asked Council to investigate the possibility of a new zone for those parcels. In that case the public will be involved but that remains to be determined.

Mr. Hersh stated that citizen input should be the first step before considering a new zone. He said, if we want Millersville to continue to look like Millersville, we should stay with the already established zones. President Smith read Mr. Hersh's letter submitted to her on March 8th. In summary the letter addressed getting citizens' input for the land development and the request for Council members to be present at all public meetings. Ms. Hauck replied that Council is in compliance with State requirements for attending public meetings. Herself nor any other Council member wants to put the public or each other at risk. Until things change, it is up to the individual whether they want to attend in person. President Smith acknowledged that this has been a really

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difficult time for everybody in many different ways. She stated that we do the best we can and insure we stay in compliance with the Sunshine Act. She further stated that we encourage citizen participation and have specifically chosen this hybrid version so that people have the option of joining either in person or virtually.

MINUTES

None

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele commented that this Council is dedicated to making sure the Borough continues to run smoothly even though we are all trying to deal with this pandemic. He appreciates the effort Council has put in during this past year.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. DeSantis thanked Council for the opportunity to be present tonight. He started his report with some troubling news. As most have already heard, the University had come under a cyber-attack that heavily impacted all of their systems. The IT department and outside contractors have been working around the clock trying to bring their systems back up. They are very appreciative for the patience that has been shown by faculty, staff, and students. He finished his report with good news by stating that the support they received on this year's One Day Give was remarkable. This year they raised over \$600,000 from over 2700 different gifts.

PENN MANOR REPORT

Miss DeVinney reported the school has once again switched to total virtual attendance for this week due to the individuals effective by COVID, not by the number of COVID cases. She reported that St. Joseph Children's Health is doing a meal handout at the Pequea Police Department building. The school district is encouraging Penn Manor families in need to utilize this opportunity. She also reported that Penn Manor is offering SAT's (Scholastic Aptitude Test) to all Juniors due to COVID cancelling many scheduled exams.

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BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Chief Rochat announced that Maher Duessel will be attending the next Finance Advisory Committee meeting to present the 2020 yearend financials in detail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Weidinger, Chair of the Borough Planning Commission stated that the members were unanimous on recommending to Council the proposal from Mr. Charlie Schmehl of Urban Research and Development Corp (URDC). He noted that the Planning Commission would very much like to have a large assembly of the community and that all their public meetings have been held in-person. He went on to note that the scope of URDC proposal is somewhat a limited scope. He stated the Planning Commission believes it is appropriate to get Mr. Schmehl's opinion or the opinion of another professional as the next step. Council discussed and had questions on citizen's input, how and when that would happen, when to hire a consultant, and potentially have other outside sources provide economic impacts, environmental impacts, and housing needs, what agencies or experts could be beneficial to talk to and having a communication plan. There were then discussions on the option to do nothing. It was stated that the current zoning with the overlay has been created with significant public input and that this zoning has been in place for decades which allows Millersville to grow and have some businesses. Ms. Hauck mentioned the option to re-zone that area could be considered if Council wants to make changes that could not be addressed through other options when there is a developer that wants to work with the Borough. Chief Rochat mentioned another fact to consider is the Borough's Comprehensive Plan is due for another update in about a year. Ms. Hauck made a motion to accept the URDC proposal and move forward with engaging them for an initial phase of review. Ms. Bellile seconded the motion. Specifics to the motion were discussed and further explained. Having no further questions, President Smith called for a roll call vote. The motion did not pass. Ms. Bellile and Ms. Hauck voted yes. Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Magni, Mr. Ostrowski and President Smith voted no.

President Smith asked Council to comment on where they wanted to go next. She started by saying she would like to see the Planning Commission to come up with a bit more of a timeline and structure on where the Consultant fits and the other pieces would fit in. Mr. Ostrowski mentioned he would like to see the framework of what we would ask the consultant to do and that it would be wise for Council to look at a couple more consultants. Discussions then turned to creating an ad hoc advisory committee and to lay out a scope of what this committee would be responsible for. President Smith stated she would look to advertise the vacancies of this new committee and have the Personnel Advisory Committee interview and make recommendations to Council for appointment. Ms. Hauck stated her reservations that citizens will not be able to serve the role of a professional planner or a consultant. President Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ostrowski to create an ad hoc advisory committee to Council comprised of Planning Commission members, Council members, and citizens of the Borough. With no further discussions on the motion, President Smith call a roll call vote. The motioned passed 5 to 1, with Ms. Bellile abstaining and Mrs. Gerber voting no.

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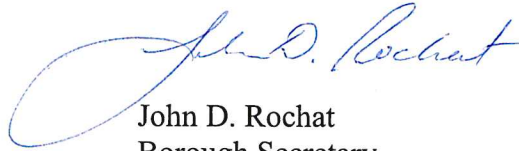
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Ms. Hauck.

Respectfully submitted,



John D. Rochat
Borough Secretary

JDR/jle