

August 23, 2022
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 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 Vice President, Mary Ann Gerber, followed by the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lauren E. Hauck, Absent
Christopher Hubb
Darlene Eager
Mary Ann Gerber

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Linda L. Bellile
Phyllis Giberson
Maggie Weidinger, Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Sue Kornfeld, Millersville Borough Finance Officer
David Sykes, 344 Valley Rd., Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Dr., Lancaster
Phil Gerber, 12 Circle Rd, Millersville
Steve Giberson, 332 Manor Ave., Millersville
Richard Frantz, 55 N. Duke St.
Carol Thomas, 170 W. Charlotte St., Millersville
Gary Hess, 453 N. George St., Millersville
James Frantz, 123 N. Duke St., Millersville

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN TRESCOT

County Commissioner John Trescot, was appointed as Commissioner to finish out the term for Craig Leaman. He spoke at length at the meeting about how County government works in relation to local government.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Carol Thomas, 170 W. Charlotte St. Millersville, discussed a house at 209 W. Frederick St. that was messy and disorganized outside. Ms. Gerber said she would have our code enforcement representative, Rob Moyer from Commonwealth Code, look at the property. She then mentioned putting banners up for Veterans in town. Ms. Bellile said that that the Borough was discussing it. She also discussed the planters on Manor Ave. Ms. Thomas said they didn't look great and wanted to personally help revitalize them again. It was suggested by Council that she leave her number and she would be given a call. James Frantz, 123 N. Duke St. Millersville, discussed trash hauling issues. He said that cans on Prince St. were being left out in the street for days after trash pick up when they're supposed to be taken in sooner. He also noticed that there appeared to be rental properties on Prince St. that had more tenants than the allowed 3 per unit. This was noticeable, particularly when a unit might have 6 cars parked outside on a regular basis. Ms. Gerber said that the Borough had contracted Commonwealth Code for inspections and

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zoning. She said she would be passing this information on to Rob Moyer. Also, if Mr. Frantz would like, he could call the Borough office to inform us of such matters when they occur.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Hubbs to approve the June 28, 2022, minutes. Ms. Eager seconded. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Gary Hess, Planning Commission Secretary, reported that there would be a hearing on the final comprehensive plan in 2 months.

BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE COMMISSION

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 2, 2022, at the Millersville Station. Michael Cardillo, Kready Ave. discussed the siren. He requested that it be turned off during the day. It was resolved that it is a public safety issue to keep the siren in service during daytime hours. The financial report was reviewed. It shows a surplus because the new rescue vehicle was not yet received. Due to several grants, the sale of 2 trailers and an upcoming sale of a boat, the costs have been covered. Bats are still an issue at Station 903. Until they migrate, further sealing of the building can't be done. The cause of their return after the initial mitigation was that the chimney was not adequately closed. They are currently in the basement. Coordination of the BRRFD and BRFR long range plans continue along with getting appraisals for all Blue Rock property. The are considering consolidating 4 locations into one large facility. A new incident form is being developed. A draft 2023 budget, which has remained the same for 11 years, has been provided.

LANCASTER INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Gerber made a motion to accept the July financial statement. Ms. Bellile seconded. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Bellile said that the Ordinance Chapter 315 Relating to the Borough MS4 needed to be amended because of the Department of Environmental Protection. To do any of our sewer work, we need the verbiage changed in a few areas. Our solicitor discussed it in depth. A motion was then made out of committee to make the changes. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Bellile said that it had to be advertised by September 13th.

Ms. Bellile said we have cost estimates by GHD to do the University Dr. stream restoration project and the Freedom Memorial Park stream restoration. That total comes to \$450,000. Ms. Gerber said this is the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money that we will be requesting from the county. Ms. Bellile said that we were asked to make these 2 separate motions. Ms. Gerber said one motion is for the Freedom Memorial Park. Ms. Bellile said one is for W. Frederick and South Duke St. Infrastructure. Then Ms. Bellile clarified and said they only actually needed one motion. Ms. Gerber then made a motion out of committee to request the \$450,000 ARPA funding. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Gerber said that there was a motion out of committee to approve the W. Frederick and S. Duke St. Infrastructure Improvements. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Bellile said the next item was the Millersville Borough Golf Course Interceptor Relocation. Ms. Gerber said this was a motion out of committee. With no discussions, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Eager said an exception to the rule regarding a rental ordinance had been requested. The individual's parents had lived there for over 40 years. In estate planning, they gave her the deed to the house. Now she is being forced to have inspections for the home to become a rental property. She has asked for an exception to the rule because her parents lived there for 40 years, continue to live there, and don't pay rent. If someone else moved in, the exception would not apply. The solicitor is suggesting that we keep the ordinance the same. Ms. Gerber suggested that since no decision had been made at that meeting, to continue the discussion at other meetings.

Ms. Bellile discussed the auction of the Borough property at 187 W. Frederick St. The house sold for \$140,000.

Ms. Bellile discussed the codes and zoning report. She mentioned that our Commonwealth Code representative, Rob Moyer, had been doing a great job. He attended the zoning hearing board, settlement inspections were done, and did garbage and trash inspections. He provided an extensive history of everything he had addressed.

Ms. Bellile mentioned that the Lancaster EMS representative had asked to make a presentation to the Public Works Committee. He was unhappy with the \$2,500 donated from the Borough. Ms. Gerber pointed out that the EMS building on Charlotte St. has been tax exempt for over 40 years. She mentioned that she had seen in the news that they had purchased a property for \$1.6-\$1.9M. Ms. Bellile said that they had said they were doing so well that they were outgrowing their current location. She said that this should be a finance committee issue since it seemed to be a budgetary question.

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Ms. Gerber asked a question regarding the parking on Model Ave., which had been on the agenda for the Public Welfare and Public Works meeting. Ms. Bellile said there was a request that they allow parking on Model Ave., which is located near the high school and across from Cottage. All the neighbors support parking on the street. Our Streets Supervisor, Andy Boxleitner, would be investigating further.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele discussed the status of the hiring of new police officers. Lt. Margevich gave the Millersville Borough Police Report. He said there were 306 calls for service and 4 ordinance complaints. 1 involved animals, 2 were open alcohol complaints and 1 other. There were 3 ordinance citations and 1 disruptive conduct reports issued. There were 12 criminal arrests. 8 were adult and 4 were juvenile. Part I offenses were 4 with 1 cleared. Clearance rate for the month – 25%. Part II Offenses were 19 with 13 cleared. Clearance rate for the month – 68.4%. Total traffic violations were 31, with 20 being speeding violations and 11 were other traffic citations. There were 4 vehicle accidents, with 2 reportable and 2 non-reportable. There were 23 parking tickets issued. Vehicle miles patrolled – 3,563.

Lt. Margevich wanted to commend Officer John Reynolds for great police work. At 2AM he had noticed a pickup truck with equipment violations. After stopping the car, it was discovered that there was a mismatch with the paperwork on it. The car was impounded, and after working with the Lancaster City Auto Theft Taskforce, pulled the windshield off to get to the one remaining vin plate on the vehicle. That plate had been altered and was covering the original vin plate. This had been a rental vehicle that was stolen and altered.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Andrew Geer, Millersville Student Representative, said that the campus was thriving again after the pandemic. On campus housing is full and there are off campus students as well. Facilities that had been understaffed due to the pandemic were starting to come back to how it was in 2019. Some renovations had been done over the summer. The ponds had been dredged and looked beautiful. There had also been renovations on both the streets and sidewalks. He stated that it was great to be back.

Dr. Victor DeSantis, University President, said that the opening headcount was 6,862. It was 3% less than the opening day headcount last year. The occupancy rates on campus did increase though. They are up to 2,114 students living in resident halls on opening day. This is an increase from last year's totals of 1,800-1,900, which represents to them, a return to a level of normalcy. In the state budget this year, they did well. There was an increase in the budget that allows them to not only freeze tuition again this year, but also gives some breathing room. Dr. DeSantis also wanted to discuss Homecoming Weekend, which is October 22nd and 23rd and the Millersville Parade, which is a community and university partnership. The parade would be October 22nd, with an 8:30 kickoff time for the game. The PENNDOT permit was even received early this year. The university had a fundraiser for the parade. There had been a meeting between the borough and additional safety measures were going to be taken this year.

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James Frantz, 123 N. Duke St. Millersville, asked where the dredging from the university ponds went. He said it was put behind Cooper baseball field. He said it was a mess and was hoping this could be resolved. Ms. Gerber said this was a question for the university.

PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Giberson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Greg Sahd
Borough Manager

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