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MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 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, Daniel P. Ostrowski, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel P. Ostrowski  
Lynn M. Miller  
Dianne M. Bates  
Bruce A. Cantey

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor  
Scott A. Bailey  
Linda L. Bellile  
Mary Ann Gerber

OTHERS PRESENT

John D. Rochat, Borough Manager / Millersville Borough Chief of Police  
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Finance Officer  
Lieutenant Jeffrey Margevich, Millersville Borough Police Department  
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University  
Victor Ramos, Millersville University  
Abbey Ford, Millersville University Student Advisor  
Elaine Jones, LNP  
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville  
Carrie Lee Smith, 404 N George Street, Millersville  
Carol Thomas, 170 W Charlotte Street, Millersville  
Brooke Magni, 37 Fresh Meadow Drive, Lancaster  
Lauren Hauck, 354 Manor Avenue, Millersville  
Ed Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville  
James Kirk, 617 Crestgate Place, Millersville  
Chris Sestrich, Hershey Engineering Inc.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Carol Thomas from 170 West Charlotte Street voiced her concern of skateboarders on the streets. Chief Rochat replied that it is state law that they are not allowed to be in the streets. He asked Lieutenant Margevich to address this concern with our Officers and ask the University to remind students that riding in the streets is not allowed.

Ed Hersh from 72 Blue Rock Road voiced his concern with the growing number of home rental business, such as Airbnb's, and a concern that the Borough's residential zoned neighborhoods are turning into commercial ventures. He would like Council to look at our Borough Code and enforcement policies. Ms. Miller mentioned that this topic has come up in the past and that it is not unique to the Borough. County-wide is struggling with the regulations of these types of home rentals. Chief Rochat asked for legal advice from our Solicitor, who stated an Airbnb is different from a regular bed and breakfast and according to regulations are to be treated under the Borough's rental program. Mrs. Gerber reiterated that these types of rentals are legal and if Mr. Hersh knows the addresses of those properties that are offering Airbnb services, to let the borough office know. At the very least they can be inspected as they are rental units.

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**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes for the July 23, 2019 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Ms. Bellile. With no discussion the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

None

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Cantey made a motion out of committee to approve the resolution to appoint the Borough Manager to fill the vacancy as the alternate member on the LIMC (Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee). With no discussion the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11

**PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mrs. Miller thanked Lt. Margevich for attending the Public Welfare and Public Works Advisory Committee meeting and for the discussions that followed with the farmer and his son on the safety concern of killing deer under crop damage allowable within the Game and Wildlife regulations. She noted an alternative method may be to hunt during Bow and Arrow season.

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to approve the resolution prohibiting the location of video gaming terminals within the Borough. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to return the Smart Growth Transportation Funding for the North/South Duke Street Realignment Project. Chief Rochat provided further explanation that this grant was awarded four years ago and even though the Borough has completed some of the infrastructure work within the realignment project, the cost estimates for the remaining North section showed that the federal environmental studies required under the grant was greater than the \$497,000 grant amount. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to award the bid for the Borough's Snow Removal Equipment Rental to the one and only bidder, R&H Excavating, LLC. The one-year contract will run from November 30, 2019 through November 30, 2020 at the hourly rate of \$110.00. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Miller made a motion out of committee to approve and record the final Subdivision and Land Development plan for 321 Barbara Street including the modification request and the Engineer's comments as listed in the letter dated August 26, 2019. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Garden Spot Electric's change order in the amount of \$9742.85 due to wiring of the Lime Fill Panel at the Wastewater Treatment Plant's dewatering project. Ms. Bellile seconded the motion. Mrs. Miller read the Engineers' explanation for the change order. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bailey made a motion out of committee to approve the July 2019 monthly financial statements as presented. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey made a motion out of committee to approve the Borough meeting its 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$483,444 and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$137,248. With no discussion the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey made a motion out of committee to accept the three-year proposal from Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants for annual auditing services (years ending 2019,2020,2021). He noted the first year will remain the same, the second and third years show a cost of living increase. Mrs. Ebersole noted that the Borough will be represented by a new Partner of the firm.

Mr. Bailey made a motion out of committee to reimburse any elected official's attendance to the LCBA (Lancaster County Boroughs Association) quarterly meeting being held July 31<sup>st</sup>. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moriarty reported from the monthly Police Report that the Calls for Service were 394 and asked Lieutenant Margevich if this was an average month for the summer. Lieutenant Margevich agreed that it was an average month and he went on to note the increase in unsolvable Identity Theft and Fraud investigations are reflected in the clearance rates.

Mayor Moriarty mentioned he attended the YMCA Advocacy Day, this year held at Burrowes Elementary School in Lancaster. He continues to serve on the County-wide joining forces coalition, an outgrowth of the anti-heroin task force. Mayor Moriarty mentioned he met with a few Vice Presidents at MU, including and welcoming Victor Ramos, Vice President of Advancement. Mr. Ramos stated he previously served at HACC and is looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Mayor Moriarty encourage everyone to visit Freedom Memorial Park to view the latest work performed by Staff and to also visit the WWTP to view the large project being installed.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuseppe welcomed Ms. Ford's return for her final semester at Millersville University. Ms. Ford mentioned classes started yesterday, Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The annual State of the Ville will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Winter Center starting at 4 p.m. The first ComMUity Fest, hosted by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, between 3:30-6:30 p.m. This is a new opportunity for local businesses, non-profits, organizations and vendors to directly engage and interact with our nearly 8000 MU students, faculty, staff and community members. This is the only time where community partners

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are given the opportunity to directly market their products and services to MU students on campus, at an organized event this large. She went on to mention MU undergraduate student, marine biology senior, Clayton Collum recently appeared on NBC's The Ultimate Ninja Warrior TV show and recently 20 PA State Police Officers attended a daylong training program on campus. Contract negotiations between the State System and the Faculty Union continue, as their contract ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>. That contract remains in effect until a new collective bargaining agreement is ratified. And the Penn Manor Parking Deck, located on the MU campus, adjacent to the High School will be closed to MU but open to all Penn Manor activities for the next three years, due to the major construction at the high school. East Frederick Street has been reopened for one-way traffic and an additional 80 parking spaces have been created along both sides of that street. Parking spots in the East Village Parking Lot have also been reconfigured to accommodate an additional 102 commuter spaces. This now creates a total of 207 commuter spots. This was done to counterbalance the loss of parking spots at the Penn Manor Parking Deck. She continued to announce that MU's Campus Grill has a new location, now serving at the "Lookout" on the second floor of Gordinier Halls Upper Deck, Monday-Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mr. DiGuiseppe noted a few additional items. Millersville received a \$1.35 million grant to help combat the opioid crisis, as well as addictions. The majority of the grant is 84 scholarships for \$10,000 each to Millersville students enrolled in the Master of Social Work or the Doctor of Nursing Practice starting this fall and lasting for three years. Another grant in the amount of \$10,000 was received from PA Department of Environmental Protection and used to install two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the McComsey parking lot across from the Lombardo Welcome Center. This makes a total of six EV charging stations across campus. They are located in the McComsey, McNairy Library and Stayer Hall parking lots. He went on to announce that Millersville University recently appointed Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood as the Chief Diversity Officer. Dr. Brown-Haywood will serve on the President's cabinet and will provide strategic leadership for the Office of Diversity and Social Justice. She is an accomplished higher education administrator with over 20 years of experience and previously served as Chief Diversity Officer at Penn State Harrisburg campus. Mr. DiGuiseppe stated another accolade, MU was recently ranked in the Forbes magazine as one of the best colleges in the USA, along with 39 other private and public institutions. The Forbes rankings examine colleges that deliver the best academics, highest salary and lowest debt. He ended his report with again welcoming Victor E. Ramos as Vice President for Advancement. Mr. Ramos will be responsible for strengthening relations with the University's alumni, donors, community members and campus leaders. He will also guide the current fundraising campaign, Imagine the Possible, to its successful conclusion.

PENN MANOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Chief Rochat reminded everyone that the deadline for having a brick engraved and installed by Veterans Day is September 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reminded everyone of the Borough's Fall Street Cleaning program will begin September 10<sup>th</sup> and run through September 12<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. He also noted that the County Assessment Office sent a sample notice for us to use at the time a property owner applies for a building permit. Chief Rochat went on to discuss two citizen's concerns that were recently handled. The first was parking issues at the church on East Charlotte Street. The new property owners were contacted and confirmed that no authorization for parking

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was given. The other concern was the loudness of the newly installed speakers at MU's Biemesderfer Stadium. He also mentioned that a canon is being donated and will be used to sound at each touchdown. Chief Rochat noted that Chapter 257 Noise, of the Borough Code allows this under exemptions. Mrs. Gerber added that music is not an exemption.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ostrowski mentioned the Local Economic Development Committee that was formed this year to provide citizen-based feedback on the potential development which has been put on hold due to the city water tower construction may be suspending the remaining meetings advertised for the calendar year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

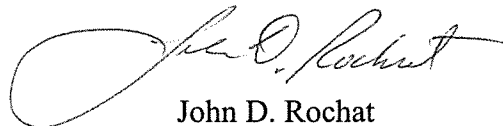
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Bellile made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bates to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John D. Rochat  
Borough Secretary

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