

August 27, 2024

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Council President (CP) Joseph Lane. The meeting began with a pledge to the flag as well as an observed moment of silence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marianne Kerlavage
Phyllis Giberson
Mary Ann Gerber
Linda Bellile

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Darlene Eager
Joseph Lane
Michael Kaufhold

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Doris Haslam, 216 Herr Avenue, Millersville
Steve Giberson, 332 Manor Avenue, Millersville
Traci Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga, Millersville Police Department
Anneli Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga
Tanya Hegedly, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga
Annette Emrich-Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga
Dave Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga
Rebekah Peifer, 107 Cinder Road, New Providence, Millersville Police Department
Jack MacGregor, 280 Hollow Road, New Providence
Karen Peter, 280 Hollow Road, New Providence
Ellen and Bret Goodman, 60 Glen Oaks Drive, Lancaster
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster
Richard Frantz, 55 North Duke Street, Millersville
Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Jon Heinly, Director of Donor Advising, Lancaster Public Library
Coreena Byrnes, Director of Library Services, Lancaster Public Library
Dr. Victor DeSantis, VP of External Affairs and Chief of Staff, Millersville University
Millersville Police Department
Jeff Margevich, Millersville Chief of Police
Andrea Pfortsch, Millersville Police Department Secretary
Emma Danae Droz, Borough Part-Time Administrative Coordinator
Rebecca DeSantis-Randall, Borough Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member (CM) Phyllis Giberson made a motion to approve the August 13, 2024 minutes. CM Kerlavage seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Mayor Aichele conducted the swearing in of new police officers Traci Starry and Rebekah Peifer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS: None

PRESENTATION: LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jon Heinly, Director of Donor Advising, and Coreena Byrnes, Director of Library Services, of the Lancaster Public Library (the “Library”), presented to Council the mission of the Library, as well as the various programs, initiatives, and resources made available by through Library. Mr. Heinly noted that in 2023, 16% of Borough residents were Library cardholders, and 11,116 materials with a value of \$286,016 were borrowed by Borough residents. Millersville Borough gave \$2,861 to the Library in 2024, and Mr. Heinly was ended his presentation with a request for Council to increase the amount given in 2025 by a minimum of 4%, to a total of approximately \$3,000.

Council posed questions to Mr. Heinly relating to book banning; details on various library programs, particularly those relating to services for senior citizens; giving by Millersville University and Penn Manor School District; and what parking is available at the Lancaster City and other locations.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE COMMISSION

CM Bellile presented the report of the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission’s meeting on August 1st. In the meeting the Commission reviewed the financial report and stated that they were on budget. As part of the consolidation of the two fire stations, the Commission will prepare a new vehicle replacement plan.

The Commission discussed funding for the new building. This included \$15,000 in grant money from the state, and that the state is holding \$40,000 to be contributed to the new building once construction begins. The Commission further noted that a reimbursement request has been made to FEMA for \$37,000. They noted that the appraisal made in 2021 for the Civic Center and Station 907 combined came in at \$520,000, which is expected to have increased in 2024. Future donations from LCSWMA and the money market account will provide about \$70,000 to \$100,000 in annual funding towards the new building. The Commission noted that the renting of the Civic Center is bringing in \$750 on a monthly basis.

CM Bellile noted that the land purchase had been completed, and that there is a 120-day due diligence period and buyback clause if the land cannot be built upon. The Commission discussed the due diligence and archaeological study and unanimously agreed to accept the proposal of Chronical Heritage.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made to approve the July financial reports by CP Lane, seconded by CM Giberson, and approved by all.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No items for action.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council discussed a request to advertise an ordinance to amend Chapter 305 to revise sewer rates. CP Lane and CM Eager suggested adjusting the language of the ordinance to have a single increase in the sewer rate followed by a period of review as opposed all three sewer rate increases included over a period of six years. Council agreed to adjust the language and vote at the September 10th meeting on the adjusted language. CM Giberson made a motion to approve the advertising of an ordinance to amend Chapter 305 to revise sewer rates. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. This item was out of committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Aichele thanked the Civil Service Committee for their hard work on National Night Out. The Mayor also stated that he had received several complaints at NNO about weeds throughout the Borough, particularly along the Millersville Parade route. He requested that any residents who saw properties with significant weeds report those properties to the Borough Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer Rob Moyer.

Chief Jeff Margevich presented the July police report in which there were 245 calls for service.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT:

Dr. Victor DeSantis, Vice President for University Relations & Strategic Initiatives at Millersville University, presented the Millersville University (MU) report. Dr. DeSantis stated that 2024 enrollment came in at 1,250 first year students and 300 transfer students, that total headcount was above 7,000 for the first time since the pandemic, and that they were just below 100% occupancy. He reported that MU welcomed its new students with the EPPIIC Weekend, and that MU had participated in FAFSA Fiesta over the summer to provide personal assistance to students and their families to complete the FAFSA. Dr. DeSantis noted that MU had been awarded a \$98,000 Digital Literacy and Workforce Development grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. He also noted that MU would be opening a Chic-fil-a in the Student Memorial Center during the 2025 spring semester. The MU Athletic Department welcomed a new athletic director, Kate Corcoran, and football season would be kicking off on August 29th. MU Homecoming was scheduled for September 20th and 21st, and would include the Millersville Parade, the Ville Block Party, and the Homecoming Football Game. Dr. DeSantis ended his report with an overview of the upcoming performing arts events scheduled at MU.

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PENN MANOR REPORT: None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager DeSantis-Randall reported that National Night Out went very well and thanked all who came out for the evening.

Manager DeSantis-Randall gave an update on the schedule for the 2025 Budget. She laid out meeting dates between September and December for review and approval of the budget by the Council committees and Council itself.

Manager DeSantis-Randall finally reminded Council again that Saturday in the Park was coming up on September 14, 2024 in Freedom Memorial Park and asked those present to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

CP Lane brought forward discussion of a resolution officially permitting use of Borough Facilities by the Millersville Area Historical Society. Council discussed the Historical Society's exemption from the application process described by the draft guiding document on use of Borough Facilities by outside organizations. CM Kaufhold made a motion to approve the resolution concerning use of Borough Facilities by the Millersville Area Historical Society. CM Giberson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21

Resolution Concerning Use of Borough Facilities by the Millersville Area Historical Society

CP Lane also brought forward a discussion of a guiding document authorizing use of Borough Facilities by outside organizations. CM Eager made a motion to approve the guiding document authorizing use of Borough Facilities by outside organizations. CM Giberson seconded the motion. Council discussed details of the application process, including whether fees would be charged and prohibited uses. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

CM Bellile made a motion to adjourn. CM Eager seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Rebecca DeSantis-Randall
Borough Secretary

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