

January 13, 2026

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Before the meeting was called to order, Mayor Phil Lastowski administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member Ryan Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Council President (CP) Lauren Hauck, followed by a pledge to the flag as well as an observed moment of silence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lauren Hauck, President
Joseph Lane, Vice President
Gregg Barley – absent
Michael Kaufhold

Philip A. Lastowski, Mayor
W. Michael Miklos, Asst. Secretary
Ryan Hoffman
Marianne Kerlavage

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Bellile, 437 Penn View Drive, Millersville
Dave Rhodes, 25 Wabank Road, Millersville
Phyllis Giberson, 332 Manor Ave, Millersville
Mike and Maggie Weidinger, 146 Victoria Road, Millersville
Richard Frantz, 55 N. Duke Street, Millersville
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster
Kyle Miller, Borough Streets Superintendent
Emma Danae Droz, Borough Administrative Specialist
Rebecca DeSantis-Randall, Borough Manager
Jeff Margevich, Borough Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member (CM) Lane made a motion to approve the December 9, 2025, and January 5, 2026, minutes. CM Kerlavage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS:

Linda Bellile, 437 Penn View Drive, voiced her concerns about the proposed change to Borough Council from a committee structure to a liaison structure. She requested an explanation of the new model. Lastly, Ms. Bellile expressed concern about changing the fourth Tuesday Council meeting start time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM, worried that the change would prevent residents from being involved in meetings. CP Hauck and Manager DeSantis-Randall explained that under a liaison-structure, the first meeting of each month would be a time to deep dive into legislative issues, with the second meeting reserved for Council votes. They further emphasized that Council has always, and will continue to, record minutes for all Council and committee meetings. They both invited Ms. Bellile to discuss any further concerns with them after the meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS

Manager DeSantis-Randall brought forward permission to advertise Bid for 2026 Street Paving (Landis Avenue from Herr Avenue to Wabank Road) and approval of Resolution to Add Escalator Clause. She explained that the escalator clause allowed bidders to account for changes of price in road materials between the time of bidding and the bid award. CM Miklos asked where bids are advertised, which Manager DeSantis-Randal confirmed would be through the local newspaper, sometimes through an online platform PennBid, and by reaching out to contractors directly. After discussion, CP Hauck made a motion to approve the Resolution to Insert an Escalator Clause in Bidding Documents and Contracts of Road Materials and advertise bidding. CM Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CP Hauck brought forward discussion of the reappointment of Jillian Healy to the Park Commission with a term ending 12/31/28. Manager DeSantis-Randall confirmed that Ms. Healy's interest in reappointment came in late December and had not been reviewed by prior Council. CP Hauck then made a motion to place the reappointment of Jillian Healy to the Park Commission on the January 27th voting agenda. CM Miklos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager DeSantis-Randall presented discussion of a proposal by Cherry Bekaert, LLC to provide annual audit service to the Borough. Due to the Borough's move to outsourcing accounting services through SEK CPAs and Advisors, the Borough needed to find a new auditor. Cherry Bekaert is used by other municipalities in the area and also works with SEK. She noted prior Council's desire to reduce audit costs, stating that the Borough has been approved by Truist to complete a normal DCED audit. Together with the switch to SEK, the Borough should break even overall and hopefully save even more by having cleaner books by the time of the 2026 audit. Council discussed prior lack of promptness from SEK, and Manager DeSantis-Randall noted SEK has improved. She also noted that the new auditor would interface with both SEK and Borough staff. After discussion, CP Hauck made a motion to place the approval of the Engagement Letter to Provide Annual Audit Service to the Borough with Cherry Bekaert, LLC on the January 27th voting agenda. CM Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Council brought forward discussion of Policy Development Prioritization/Brainstorming for 2026. Manager DeSantis-Randall noted prior Council's interest in addressing native gardens as well as Borough staff's desire to address the SALDO and Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance, an updated rental ordinance, and a purchasing policy. Council then discussed various areas of interest, including the timing of a potential native garden ordinance, zoning protection against data centers, grant programs for the addition of shade trees, working with Millersville University to improve recreation opportunities, increasing business attraction, and adding accessory dwelling units.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lastowski reported that he attended the January 7th Millersville Business Association meeting.

CM Gregg Barley joined the meeting at 6:33 PM and did not participate in any voting items.

Mayor Lastowski also reported that Municipal Bootcamp would be coming up in late January. He and some of the new Council members would attend to learn more about their new role on Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager DeSantis-Randall reported that applications for the 2026 Hometown Hero Banner Project would open on January 30th. She hoped to have 25 banner spots available. Existing banners would stay up for a few years and then be returned to sponsors.

Lastly Manager DeSantis-Randall announced that the Borough had been awarded a DCNR grant for the renovation of Freedom Memorial Park. The Borough received the full amount of its \$373,000 ask, and with the award from DCED, would cover a portion of Phase 1 of the Mater Plan. With the award, Borough staff will begin working on engineering with the Borough's consultant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CP Hauck thanked Manager DeSantis-Randall for her work on obtaining the DCNR grant.

CP Hauck also asked Council members to let her know what areas interested them so that she could begin considering liaison assignments.

CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS:

Linda Bellile spoke again, stating that she and other residents were struggling to hear Council and Manager DeSantis-Randall during the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

CM Lane made a motion to adjourn. CM Kerlavage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Rebecca DeSantis-Randall
Borough Secretary

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