

July 23, 2024

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 - absent
Joseph Lane
Michael Kaufhold

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas Hyland, 31 Chamberlain Lane, Millersville
Richard Frantz, 55 N. Duke Street, Millersville
Bill Hess, 33 Pilgrim Drive, Lancaster
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Mary Lyons, 426 Spring Drive, Millersville, Civil Service Commission
Rebekah Peifer, 107 Cinder Road, New Providence, Millersville Police Department
Traci Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga, Millersville Police Department
Anneli Starry, 1 Centre Drive, Conestoga
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Ken Eckert, 104 Circle Road, Millersville, Civil Service Commission
Matthew Hammer, Millersville Police Department
Luke Pennington, Millersville Finance Officer
Sue McCullough, Millersville Receptionist & Recycling Coordinator
Emma Danae Droz, Millersville Administrative Coordinator
Jeff Margevich, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member (CM) Kerlavage made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024 minutes. CM Bellile seconded the motion. CP Lane discussed that a few emails had been sent by residents to Council in relation to the July 9th meeting and requested that the emails be added to the record prior to posting of the minutes. With no objections from Council, the motion to approve the July 9, 2024 minutes with the noted additions passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Richard Frantz, 55 N. Duke Street, spoke about his ideas regarding improving safety for the crossing guards, including adding cameras, police patrols, and parking empty squad cars.

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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 July 11th. In the meeting they reviewed the financial report and stated that there will be an increase in the 2025 budget due to the cost of future facilities and other rising costs. They also plan to consolidate two of their four stations into one. Their current building fund is \$90,000. They received a total of 80 calls in June. They discussed an impending change in their radio systems per the county. They also discussed the proposed contract for the land that they hope to purchase.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Upon recommendation of the Civil Service Commission, presented by Ken Eckert, the motion was made by CM Giberson to extend conditional offers to Traci Starry and Rebekah Peifer for the vacant police officer positions in the police department, pending final testing. CM Bellile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Eckert also reminded everyone in attendance of the upcoming National Night Out on August 6th, 2024, and asked that they all attend.

Mayor Aichele introduced the two potential police officers, Traci Starry and Rebekah Peifer, and noted that they will be making history as the first female full-time officers of Millersville Borough. Major Aichele also invited Officer Matthew Hammer forward, presenting him with a plaque thanking him for his twenty-five years of service to the Borough in light of his upcoming retirement.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made to approve the June finance report by CP Lane and approved by all. This item was out of committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A motion was made to approve of filling the vacancy on the Park Commission with applicant David Sykes, with a term ending date of 12/31/2025, by CM Marianne and approved by all. This item was out of committee.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

No voting items. CM Giberson invited anyone interested to read the minutes of the July 9th meeting once they are posted.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Aichele stated that with the addition of the two potential police officers presented during the meeting, the police department should finally be fully staffed by September. The Chief of Police presented the monthly police report, in which there were 327 calls for service.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT: None.

PENN MANOR REPORT: None until Fall.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

CM Giberson made a motion to adjourn. CM Kerlavage seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Rebecca DeSantis-Randall
Borough Secretary

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