

July 28, 2020

MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Council President Carrie Smith followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was then observed. She confirmed those that were dialed in by telephone and welcomed a larger than normal attendance in-person (6 citizens).

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carrie L. Smith	David T. Aichele, Mayor (via teleconference)
Lauren E. Hauck (via teleconference)	Brooke G. Magni (via teleconference)
Linda L. Bellile (via teleconference)	Mary Ann Gerber (via teleconference)
Daniel P. Ostrowski (via teleconference)	Jenna L. Erb (via teleconference)

OTHERS PRESENT

John D. Rochat, Borough Manager & Millersville Borough Chief of Police  
Lieutenant Jeffrey Margevich, Millersville Borough Police Department  
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Finance Officer (via teleconference)  
Steven A. DiGuseppe, Millersville University (via teleconference)  
Mamie Covell, Millersville University Student Advisor (via teleconference)  
Diane Duell (via teleconference)  
Edward Hersh (via teleconference)  
Reverend Jerona Rokins (via teleconference)  
Elaine Jones, LNP  
Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville  
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville  
James Kirk, 617 Crestgate Place, Millersville  
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville  
Evan Graybill, 36 East Cottage Avenue, Millersville

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mr. Graybill of 36 East Cottage Avenue voiced two concerns. He first thanked Council for their time in hearing his concerns. The first concern was that of speeding on East Cottage Avenue heading toward Rt 741 and the second concern was the lack of sidewalks on High School Road. He questioned whether they could extend the sidewalk for pedestrian walking while the High School construction is going on. Chief Rochat inquired on the time of day he was noticing the speeding. He also stated that Lt. Margevich could setup a speed detail and Lt. Margevich stated he would also setup the speed survey equipment to detail the traffic over a two-week period. Chief Rochat also stated the procedure for Vascar and the enforceable limit for speeding as over 11 miles per hour. He mentioned that under the new construction there will be flashing school signs that will help by allowing speed enforcement. He noted the sidewalk concern would be reviewed and best handled through the next Public Welfare and Public Works Advisory Committee.

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MINUTES

None

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Mrs. Hauck reported on the Borough's Planning Commission meeting held July 1<sup>st</sup>. She shared that RGS Associates and Burkentine Real Estate presented their concept plan for the land development at Rt 741 and Rt 999. She stated it was the same plan that was presented to Council. The Planning Commission reiterated Council's desire to develop the parcel but added their request to meet the requirements of the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District. It was further noted that with this presentation the developers stated that the entire project would be 100% rentals and that Burkentine will maintain ownership of all 584 units.

Mrs. Hauck reported that the LIMC will be meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> with one of the discussions to be on Fireworks. She noted there was a concern mentioned at the Public Welfare and Public Works Advisory Committee meeting on the fireworks being set off in Millersville. She noted the State law requires that fireworks cannot be set off unless they are more than 150 feet from a structure. There are very few places in Millersville that can meet that criteria. Chief Rochat stated that local police can enforce the law, so citizens were requested to call the police.

Ms. Bellile reported the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission held a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 2, 2020. She noted the financials showed approximately 2% underbudget, explaining that expenses are down due to COVID-19. They have spent \$6000 on reimbursement costs from FEMA for COVID-19 related items and they have been awarded \$18,000 in a grant for air pack convertors. She noted that testing remains an issue however in June, they had no COVID related calls. The paving at Station 903 is to start this month.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ostrowski made a motion to approve a one-year contract extension with the Police Association. Mrs. Gerber seconded the motion. Mr. Ostrowski noted that the current Police Contract is up at the end of this year. Discussions on the one-year extension was held in executive session and the details of the written contract extension agreement was provided in the agenda packet. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ostrowski mentioned the Non-Uniform negotiations will meet again the first week of August.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Hauck made a motion out of committee to further extend the Borough's disaster emergency declaration by the resolution presented effective immediately and with an extension date of the Borough Council meeting of September 22, 2020 or earlier if the state rescinds their declaration prior. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16

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Mrs. Hauck made a motion out of committee to advertise the solicitation for bids for the Borough's Contracted Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Hauck made a motion out of committee to approve the extension of the snow removal contract for one year at the same rate (\$110 per hour). With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Gerber made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hauck to approve the June 2020 monthly financial statements as presented. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele commented that the June Monthly Police Report had nothing earth shattering. Lt. Margevich noted vehicle break-ins are occurring in multiple municipalities and reminded everyone to lock their vehicle doors. He also noted the department is working on Use of Force Policy revisions and consolidation. And that the department is already in compliance with the recent House Bill 1910 and Senate Bill 1205.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Ms. Covell reported that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference voted on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to suspend all mandated conference athletic events and championships through the Fall semester in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After several months of offering virtual campus tours only, Millersville University's Admissions Office is welcoming prospective students and their families back to campus for modified in-person tours. She stated that during a time when Professors are figuring out ways to be more accessible to their students through online media, Millersville University's degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology is ahead of the curve by creating an online degree completion program. This degree completion program prepares graduates for a diverse range of occupations including the law, human services including counselors and case managers, addiction services and other professional roles in government agencies and non-profits. She concluded her report by stating the University is opening their housing at 50% occupancy.

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported as you may know, a press announcement was issued noting that the annual Millersville Parade has been cancelled for October 24, 2020 as well as all Homecoming Weekend of Campus activities. There will be some virtual events but all on Campus activities are cancelled. The next parade is scheduled for October 16, 2021. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Vilas Prabhu has announced his retirement effective March 21, 2021 after serving MU for 16 years. Dr. Prabhu was the longest serving provost in MU's history, second in command, and has served under three Presidents. His impact will be long felt by the University, which is stronger thanks to his presence. Mr. DiGuiseppe went on to mention a few other personnel changes/promotions, including Millersville resident, Dr. James Delle, as being appointed as Dean of the College of graduate Studies and Adult Learning. He noted Dr. Daniel Wubah shed

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more light on the University's coronavirus response during an International coronavirus webinar hosted earlier in July by the United Nations. Dr. Wubah was joined by educators and medical experts from across the globe to discuss how universities adjusted to the virus by quickly adapting to alternate modes of instruction in the Spring and making tough decisions regarding the Fall reopening. Mr. DiGiuseppe stated that you may have already heard that the Board of Governors announced plans to begin a review that would evaluate the potential for integrating six of our fellow State System Universities. The move would increase fiscal health systemwide so that we can continue to provide affordable high-quality education throughout Pennsylvania. While this news can understandably stir concerns within our community, MU President noted that he wants to assure the local community that Millersville University is academically and fiscally strong, but also well positioned to excel in the years ahead by leveraging the collaborative, adaptive and innovative spirit we are demonstrating currently. He added just yesterday, President Wubah announced a change to the Fall opening where in light of the continued increase of COVID-19 cases nationally, fall instruction will be provided primarily in online/remote modality. Over 80% of the instruction will be offered remotely. Most experiential courses requiring student participation on campus, including science and engineering labs; performing, visual or studio arts; and clinical, field and student teaching placements, will be offered in face-to-face and/or a hybrid modality. And as some may know, I too have recently submitted by letter of intent to retire on September 25, 2020, after serving MU for almost 30 years. Some of my current duties will be assigned to Dr. Victor DeSantis. Dr. Victor DeSantis is now serving as the Executive Director of our new Office of Community Engagement, Governmental and Economic Development. He will also assume my duties of working with the Millersville Borough Council, the Millersville Business Association and serve as the University's Agency Open Records/Right to Know Officer.

PENN MANOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Chief Rochat reported the receipt of a few PA Unclaimed Property listed on the Treasury, each being less than \$50. He reported that the City of Lancaster is applying for a permit with the intent to replace an existing 8" with a 16" water main to help maintain minimum pressures. The project location is from the intersection of Charles Road and Rt 999, west on Rt 999 to the intersection of Rt 741. Ms. Bellile inquired on the status of the City's water tower installation. Chief Rochat stated the last he heard on the project was a completion date by the end of 2021. A citizen from the audience stated he was talking with the Chief Engineer on the project and that they stated the water tower project will not be completed until the end of 2022.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith mentioned she signed off on a DCED grant in the amount of \$25,000. Chief Rochat mentioned Senator Martin reached out with an allotment of money designated for law enforcement for the purpose of new equipment. He will be replacing two laptops in the patrol cars, a license plate reader, and if there is money left, they will add another security camera.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

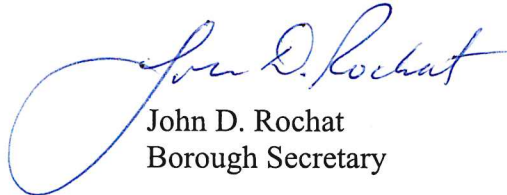
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Bellile made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ostrowski.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John D. Rochat  
Borough Secretary

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