

June 22, 2021
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 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 Carrie Smith followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was then observed. President Smith announced that the public meeting is being audio recorded.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carrie L. Smith
Lauren E. Hauck
Linda L. Bellile
Daniel P. Ostrowski

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Brooke G. Magni (via telephone)
Mary Ann Gerber
Lynn M. Miller (via telephone)

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
Dr. Victor DeSantis, Millersville University
Mamie Covell, Millersville University Student Advisor
Claire DeVinney, Penn Manor High School Student Advisor
W. David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster
Dr. Christopher Hubb, 173 Elizabeth Street, Millersville
Tony Hightower, 210 New Street, Millersville

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Mrs. Gerber stated as a citizen she has a concern. With the upcoming July 4th holiday, she is wondering if someone is keeping up the Borough website and Facebook page. She thought it might be a good idea to remind the residents of the dangers of fireworks and what the law states in regard to the distance of 150 feet of an occupied structure.

President Smith also as a citizen wanted to comment on the great work and help provided by the Borough's Police Officers. Her vehicle sustained significant damage while parked at her residence. She, along with her husband wanted to thank Sgt. Schaeffer and Officer Shaffer for their initiative, their professionalize, patience, and most of all their kindness.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the May 25, 2021 Council meeting was made by Ms. Bellile and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Bellile gave a report on the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission meeting that was held at the Millersville Fire Station on June 3, 2021. She stated the financials were reviewed, noting all stations are under budget; however, maintenance of vehicles remain an issue. The recruitment program using social media, has sent out over a quarter million messages with some success. The new bids for the rescue replacement vehicle are being reviewed, additionally they have requested quotes to replace a boat at Washington Boro. The basement at the Millersville Station is almost completed for two live-ins and West Lancaster has two live-in members also. She announced the Annual Tomato Festival is being held July 10th and 17th.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Magni made a motion to accept the resignation of the part-time clerk, Barbara Richter. Mr. Ostrowski seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Magni mentioned the vacant positions on the Borough's Boards and Commissions will be posted on social media.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Hauck made a motion out of committee to advertise the snow removal contract for three trucks with the option of a fourth for large snowstorm events. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Hauck noted that the May monthly Code-Zoning Activity report was included in the packet for informational purposes.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Gerber made a motion out of committee to allow the LERTA Ordinance to expire in September 2021. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Gerber made a motion out of committee to reject the request for a change order to the trash hauler's contract. Chief Rochat noted that LCSWMA is paying the Borough's contractor \$5 per ton during the weeks that their transfer station is closed due to necessary repairs. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Gerber made a motion out of committee to approve the May 2020 monthly financial statements as presented. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele read a Citizen Recognition of Outstanding Service to Anthony Hightower for assisting the police department during an incident. Mayor Aichele next read a Recognition of Outstanding Service for Officer Reynolds' 2020 Lancaster County DUI Top Gun award for making five DUI arrests in 2020 from the DUI Council of Lancaster County. He then read an Appreciation for Public Service performed by Claire DeVinney as Penn Manor High School

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Student Advisor to Borough Council. It was noted the Ms. DeVinney will be a student at Millersville University starting this Fall.

Mayor Aichele asked Lt. Margevich to give the May monthly Police Report. The following breakdown was provided. 308 Calls for Service, 7 ordinance complaints and 7 ordinance citations, 1 DCR (Disruptive Conduct Reports), 18 criminal arrests (14 adults, 4 juveniles), 1 Part I Offenses with none cleared this month, 31 Part II Offenses with 22 cleared giving an 71% clearance rate. Total traffic violations were 41 (17 speeding violations, 24 other traffic citations), 10 vehicle accidents, 14 parking tickets issued, total vehicle miles patrolled were 4,013 miles and 6.35 miles patrolled on bicycle.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. DeSantis mentioned Millersville University will be purchasing the Villages from Student Services Inc. This transaction matters because this year MU is reducing their housing costs by 8% and tuition will remain the same. He went on to mention that Fall move in will be the days preceding their August 23, 2021 opening day. All students moving into resident halls will require proof of vaccination or will adhere to testing regiment protocols. He noted they will have full occupancy in the residency halls this Fall.

Ms. Covell announced for the month of June the Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El Intercultural Center at Millersville University has planned several activities to celebrate Pride Month. Pride Month takes place each June and celebrates LGBTQIA+ culture and those who identify as LGBTQIA+ on a national scale. In celebration, the redesigned Pride Flag is being displayed at the Student Memorial Center all month long. She also announced MU was closed on June 18th in observance of Juneteenth. She closed with a request for the search of volunteers, the Fall 2021 Movers and Shakers are looking for help Thursday, August 19th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as on Saturday August 21st for meeting and greeting incoming students.

PENN MANOR REPORT

Ms. DeVinney reported graduation was held outside on June 4th at Biemesderfer stadium and was virtually available.

President Smith congratulated the Class of 2021.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Chief Rochat stated that due to Penn Manor High School construction, Model Avenue will be closed, and a section of Herr Avenue will be temporarily 2-way. He also stated that the Borough's West Frederick and South Duke Street Infrastructure project is on hold due to the State detour issued for the Safe Harbor bridge work this summer. Chief Rochat mentioned that no rescinding action is necessary for the Disaster Emergency Declaration resolution due to the language within the resolution. He went on the mention the Wastewater Treatment Plant received an award for exceptional operation of the plant for 2020. He also commended the staff for their hard work to restore a manhole and line exposure due to the stream bank being washed away. An emergency permit was obtained to temporary install large stones. Further Borough's engineer services will be necessary for a more permanent fix solution.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith mentioned her attendance to the PSAB Annual Conference. The virtual sessions she attended were very helpful and she reported that there were no items requiring her vote. She was again thanked the Borough police department, staff, and council members as we are coming out of this tunnel.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

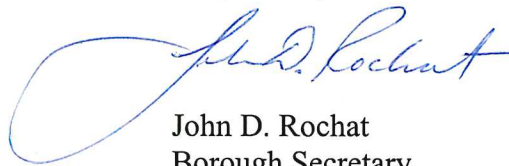
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Bellile made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Ms. Hauck. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John D. Roachat
Borough Secretary

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