

March 12, 2024

**MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, March 12, 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 Vice President Phyllis Giberson, followed by 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**

Phil Gerber, Circle Road, Millersville  
Nicole Nafziger, Manor Ave, Millersville  
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster  
Rich Eager, 529 Oak Ridge Road, Millersville  
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Lancaster  
Jill Kloppmann, 327 N George Street, Millersville  
Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville  
Richard Frantz, 55 North Duke Street, Millersville  
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville  
Gary Hess, 453 N. Geroge St, Millersville  
Steve Giberson, 332 Manor Ave, Millersville  
Mitchell Sweigart, 410 Spring Drive, Millersville  
Andrea Pfortsch, Elizabeth Street, Millersville  
Victor DeSantis, Millersville University  
Sue McCullough, Millersville Borough Receptionist & Recycling Coordinator  
Les McMullen, Millersville Borough Sewer Superintendent  
Kyle Millers, Millersville Borough Street Superintendent  
Rebecca DeSantis-Randall, Millersville Borough Manager

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member (CM) Kerlavage made a motion to approve the February 27, 2024 minutes. CM Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS**

Nicole Nafziger spoke briefly about concerns she had around the way elected officials and appointed board and commission members are interacting with each other and the public. She mentioned recent meetings of commissions and committees that involved “rude, disrespectful, and unprofessional” conduct by the elected and appointed members. She encouraged the council to adopt a code of conduct.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL POSITION RESIGNATION**

CM Bellile made a motion to accept the recent resignation of Council President Mary Ann Gerber from her position as President. This was seconded by CM Kerlavage and unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

CM Giberson made a motion to nominate CM Eager as Council President, which was seconded by CM Bellile. A roll call vote was conducted:

CM Kaufhold – No  
CM Eager – Yes  
CM Lane – No  
CM Gerber – No  
CM Bellile – Yes  
CM Kerlavage – No  
CM Giberson – Yes

This motion did not pass. CM Gerber made a motion to nominate CM Lane as Council President, which was seconded by CM Kerlavage. A roll call vote was conducted:

CM Kaufhold – Yes  
CM Eager – No  
CM Lane – Yes  
CM Gerber – Yes  
CM Bellile – No  
CM Kerlavage – Yes  
CM Giberson – No

This motion passed. The gavel was passed to new Council President (CP) Lane.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

CP Lane announced that there would be some changes to the committee assignments and he would be contacting the members individually to figure that out, but the committees would remain the same for the rest of the month.

**COMMITTEE MEETING STRUCTURE**

CP Lane stated that there have been discussions related to having all council committees meeting on one night, the second Tuesday of the month, when the regular council meeting currently occurs. CM Giberson discussed some research she has done in how other Boroughs do their committee meetings, and how a change to one night for committee meetings would be more in line with our neighbors. She also mentioned that this would help the citizens of the Borough be more informed about the issues bring voted on, and council members would also be more informed before making a vote. CM Giberson also mentioned the idea of including any draft ordinances in the posting of the agendas for citizens to review in advance of any meetings, as well

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as including an additional opportunity for citizen's comments at the beginning and end of the committee meetings. Borough Manager DeSantis-Randall noted that if council wanted to move forward with a structure like this, council would vote now to authorize the drafting a resolution, and then at the next meeting, vote on that resolution. CP Lane noted that he sees a number of benefits to this new structure for increased transparency, but is concerned about the length of a committee meeting night. CM Giberson motioned to authorize the Borough Manager to work with the solicitor to draft a resolution, which was seconded by CM Eager. This motion passed with six in favor and one not in favor (CM Gerber).

### REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, and COMMITTEES

None

### REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CM Giberson reviewed the items to be discussed at the next meeting, which was the short term rental ordinance and the false alarm ordinance.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor had the Chief of Police discuss where the department is at in the process of hiring new police officers. Chief Margevich stated that they tested candidates last week, and that there are 7 candidates who are continuing through the process to fill 2 spots.

### MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. Victor DeSantis reported that opening event for the new Penn State Health Center occurred on March 12<sup>th</sup> with a few Borough representatives present. Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is Admitted Students Day, bringing many families to the Borough. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Genocide and Holocaust Conference, which includes a keynote event open to the community. Dr. Todd Meale is giving the annual Education Lecture on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> which is open to the community as well.

### PENN MANOR REPORT

The Penn Manor student representatives spoke about the MiniThon event held at Penn Manor High School the previous weekend, raising money for childhood cancer. On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Post Prom Parents Committee is hosting a bingo night to raise money for post prom. The Future Farmers of America club is hosting a dance on March 1<sup>st</sup> to raise money for the Four Diamonds Foundation.

### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager DeSantis-Randall presented the York Energy Storage Proposed Project (FERC Docket No. P-15332-000) issue for Council's consideration. As a neighboring municipality to this proposed project, the Borough has the opportunity to provide comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. These comments would be provided in the form of a letter before April 1st. Council expressed interest in providing comments not in favor of the project, and Manager

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DeSantis-Randall requested comments be sent to her before the next meeting to be compiled into a letter.

Manager DeSantis-Randall reported that Lancaster County awarded the Borough \$125,000 in APRA round 2 funding for the University Drive Stream Restoration project, to match the Borough's funding. In order to accept the grant, Council needs to vote. A motion to accept the grant was made by CM Bellile, and seconded by CM Giberson. It passed unanimously.

Manager DeSantis-Randall also reminded Council that there is only one meeting in the month of April due to election day falling on the second meeting date of the month. That sole meeting in April is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

CP Lane thanked CM Gerber for her work as Council President.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

CM Eager made a motion to adjourn. CM Kerlavage seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Rebecca DeSantis-Randall  
Borough Secretary

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