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MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH FINAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Joseph Lane. The meeting began with a pledge to the flag as well as an observed moment of silence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marianne Kerlavage - absent
Phyllis Giberson
Mary Ann Gerber
Linda Bellile

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Darlene Eager
Joseph Lane
Michael Kaufhold - absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Hess, 33 Pilgrim Drive, Lancaster
Christine Deibert, 178 N Frederick Street, Millersville
Steve Giberson, 332 Manor Ave, Millersville
Richard Frantz, 55 North Duke Street, Millersville
Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville
Michael Walker, 515 Thorngate Place, Millersville
David Christian, 227 Park Ave, Mount Joy – Crossgates HOA
Sue McCullough, Millersville Borough Receptionist & Recycling Coordinator
Rebecca DeSantis-Randall, Millersville Borough Manager

PUBLIC HEARING:

There was one public hearing held at the start of the meeting, relating to the proposed ordinance to amend the residential permit parking regulations at North Prince Street. CP Lane opened it up for comments from the public, in which there was a request from Richard Frantz to explain the ordinance. Manager DeSantis-Randall explained the text of the ordinance and CP Lane gave additional comments. Mr. Frantz commented that Council should ensure proper enforcement of this ordinance. With no discussion from Council, a motion was made by CM Giberson to approve the ordinance, which was seconded by CM Eager. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

Ordinance To Amend the Residential Permit Parking Regulations at North Prince Street

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Council Member (CM) Bellile made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes. CM Eager seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Bill Hess spoke about three issues concerning Pilgrim Drive: the snow emergency route, the lack of stop signs on the street, and the water drainage occurring across the road. CM Giberson requested more information about the water, and Manager DeSantis-Randall said that the Borough was already aware of the issue and working to obtain quotes and seek a solution to repair the issue.

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

CM Lane brought back forward the previous discussion regarding the Council adopting a Code of Conduct. CP Lane reviewed the changes suggested by the Solicitor to ensure it does not go against the PA Sunshine Act and brought forward the draft resolution. CM Giberson requested that the first bullet point about addressing the chair be removed, in which CP Lane agreed. CP Lane also discussed the role of this code of conduct and that there is little a sitting Council can do to remove another member, which is not the intention. CP Lane asked Manager DeSantis-Randall to strike the discussed bullet point and bring forward the updated version at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion was made to approve the March and April finance reports by CM Giberson and approved by all. This item was out of committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

CP Lane made a motion to appoint Jillian Healy to the Parks Commission, which approved by all. CM Lane made a motion to appoint Nicole Bezek to the Parks Commission, which was approved by all. Both appointments were out of committee.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

No voting items.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele spoke about the Penn Manor Life Skills class making a visit to the Borough. He thanked the Chief of Police and the Borough Manager for setting it up. The Chief of Police presented the monthly police report, in which there were 318 calls for service. The Chief of Police also spoke about the hiring process for the open officer positions, explaining that those in the final stages either did not pass the background screen or pulled their application, so there is no

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one left in the pool. The Mayor spoke about the need to fill these positions due to the upcoming hiring. The Mayor requested a motion to re-advertise the officer positions. A motion was made by CM Eager, and seconded by CM Giberson. All were in favor.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. Victor DeSantis first spoke in support of the Police Department and the difficulty to hire police officers, as the University held a hiring event last year that was attending by out of state police departments trying to recruit in our area. He spoke about the recent MU commencement ceremonies, with a total of 1,070 graduates. He spoke specifically about the high number of graduates in high need areas such as teacher education and nursing. He announced that the University is bringing on a new director of athletics from the now closed Cabrini College, Kate Corcoran, on July 1st. The University is doing a reconstruction of Pucillo Gym, including adding new HVAC, which serves as an evacuation center for the region in the event of an emergency. Finally, Dr. DeSantis spoke of the significant challenges of the roll out of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program, and how that affected the incoming students at MU. They believe the freshman class will be stable from last year, but the graduate and adult level programs are growing.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager DeSantis-Randall brought forward the request from Millersville University to approve the 2024 Annual Millersville Parade on September 21, 2024. She explained that the route would be the same as in previous years. A motion was made to approve the parade by CM Giberson, seconded by CM Bellile, and approved by all.

Manager DeSantis-Randall brought forward a request for conditional approval from the Crossgates HOA for their Stormwater Management Plan modification. A short presentation was given by Michael Walker of the Crossgates HOA and Dave Christen of David Christian and Associates. They spoke briefly on the plan modifications to address flooding affecting a few homes in the HOA. They also requested to not submit financial security for this modification because this wasn't a full stormwater plan. They also questioned about whether additional permits would be needed. CP Lane indicated that Council would be supportive of not requiring additional financial security and they were not aware of any additional permits needed. The conditional approval of this modification plan was motioned by CP Lane, seconded by CM Giberson, and approved unanimously.

Manager DeSantis-Randall brought forward a request from Student Lodging Inc. for the final reduction of the escrow account for the Millersville Medical Center development. The Borough Engineer submitted a letter to Council recommended the full reduction due to the completion of the project. A motion to approve this reduction came from CM Eager, seconded by CM Bellile, and approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

CM Eager made a motion to adjourn. CM Bellile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Rebecca DeSantis-Randall
Borough Secretary

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