

October 25, 2022
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 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 Lauren Hauck, followed by a pledge to the flag as well as an observed moment of silence.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lauren E. Hauck
Christopher Hubbs
Darlene Eager
Maggie Weidinger

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Linda L. Bellile
Mary Ann Gerber
Phyllis Giberson

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Sahd, Millersville Borough Manager
Josele Cleary, Millersville Borough Solicitor
Sue Kornfeld, Millersville Borough Finance Officer
Sue McCullough, Millersville Borough Receptionist
David Sykes, 344 Valley Rd, Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Dr, Lancaster
Phil Gerber, 12 Circle Rd., Millersville
Tony Hightower, 210 New St., Millersville, Civil Service Commission
Susan G., 342 Manor Ave., Millersville
The Murphy's, 35 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Barry B Hammacher, 37 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Ellen K Hammacher, 37 Chamberlain Ln, Millersville
Jodi and Craig Rankin, 58 N. Duke St., Millersville
Ethan Jones, 354 Manor Ave., Millersville
Ken Eckert, Penn State Health
Thomas Godfrey, 1250 Crams Mill Rd, Harrisburg, SLI
Connor Kilgor, Gorman Builders
Brandon Williams, Gorman Builders
Geoff Beers, SLI
Mark and Val Korman, 41 Chamberlain Ln, Millersville
Bob Sampsey, SLI
John Mateyak, BCGL
Thomas Hyland, 31 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Ed McMannus, 321 Manor Ave., Millersville
Debra Lewis, 25 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Carol Thomas, 170 W. Charlotte St., Millersville
Paul West, 3 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Elizabeth West, 3 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Keith Lewis, 25 Chamberlain Ln., Millersville
Gary Hess, 453 N. George St., Millersville
Ryan Heffernan, 9 Bunker Hill, Millersville
David Linda Chalfant, 128 Landis Ave., Millersville

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Elaine Walmer, LNP
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Rd., Millersville

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Jodi and Craig Rankin, 58 N. Duke St., discussed concerns about the new development going in that might interfere with their quality of life. Ms. Rankin also discussed neighborhood blight. Ms. Bellile said she can address those issues for her with our codes and zoning representative. Multiple citizens discussed concerns about issues with the development at Lafayette Place. Solicitor Joselle Cleary addressed some questions and Ms. Bellile addressed them as well.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT

Tony Hightower said that 2 candidates had been disqualified due to their background checks. Letters would be provided to the candidates, letting them know of the disqualifications, and allowing them to dispute that. The hiring process was still ongoing. Mayor Aichele presented Sgt. Tatara with a plaque to honor his 22 years of service and his retirement.

PLANNING COMMISSION – STEERING COMMITTEE

Ms. Gerber made a motion to adopt the planning commission's recommendation with regards to the preliminary plan for Wynfield. Josele Cleary, Borough Solicitor, added that this was to approve it, conditioned upon the compliance of all the requirements in the Borough Engineer's letter. Ms. Weidinger seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

After some explanation from Ms. Cleary, Ms. Gerber made a motion to approve the final plan for the Medical Office/Storm Water Management Agreement, subject to all the conditions in the letter from the engineer dated October 25, 2022. Ms. Bellile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE COMMISSION

Ms. Bellile gave the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission report. A meeting was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at station 901 in West Lancaster. The financial report was reviewed. Fuel prices and utilities are up and can be expected to rise in the winter months. The civic center is rented out the next year, offsetting some higher utility costs. The old boat was sold, and money placed into the capital account. Grants are being pursued. The concept drawing was discussed for potential future stations and community partners. There was discussion of possible tax incentives for volunteers. Appraisals of the blue rock properties have been received and will be shared at the next meeting.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Weidinger made a motion out of committee to approve the September Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditures. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms.

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Weidinger made a motion out of committee to trade in the 2015 Ford Interceptor for \$2,500. She also made a motion out of committee to purchase the 2021 Ford Interceptor Hybrid for \$34,300. Both motions passed with unanimous votes. Ms. Gerber made a motion to post a draft budget publicly. Mr. Hubbs seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Weidinger made a motion out of committee to transfer \$1,000,000 from S&T Bank to a new account at Univest. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Aichele recommended the Borough adopt an ordinance to prohibit the use or sales of fireworks. Mr. Hubbs made a motion to have the solicitor begin the process of amending the book of ordinances. Ms. Weidinger seconded. The motion passed with unanimous vote. Chief Rochat led a discussion for residential and visitor parking. He also discussed the Girls on the Run 5K Run on November 19th. Les McMullen discussed the winning bid by E.K. Services for \$413,011.51. Mr. Hubbs made a motion to approve the bid. Ms. Giberson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Bellile discussed Rob Moyer's report on codes and zoning.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Gerber made 7 individual motions out of committee: to reappoint Gary Hess to the Planning Commission, to reappoint Mike Walker to the Planning Commission, to appoint Linda Bellile as Assistant Borough Secretary, to accept Sgt. Tatar's retirement letter as of 10/30/22, to direct the Civil Service Commission to start the process in order to promote an officer to fill the vacant sergeant position, to advertise for two patrolmen positions due to the retirements of Tatar and of Hottenstein, whose vacant position as patrolman has not been filled, and to advertise for part time officers. Each motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Gerber made a motion to prorate the manager's benefits regarding sick days, personal days and comp time effective July 1, 2022. Ms. Weidinger seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele discussed advertising for the hiring of new officers. He said many police departments are offering hiring bonuses for Act 120 qualified police officers. There are also opportunities to hire unqualified officers in the borough and pay for them to have the necessary training. The state reimburses us 75% of that cost. He wanted council's approval to give \$5,000 bonuses to new hires, but to require those officers to work in the Borough for a specific number of years to complete that contract. If they were to leave earlier than that time, they'd have to reimburse the borough. He also requested that council consider paying for potential officers to be trained in the academy. It was decided to put that on a future Personnel Committee agenda.

Chief Rochat gave the monthly police report for September 2022. He pointed out that the 2022 Year to date Part I Clearance Rate for Millersville was 44.1%.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

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Dr. DeSantis thanked the Chief, Lieutenant and their team, Street Department staff and Ms. Giberson for her dedication to volunteering on the parade committee. The parade was a huge success. November 4, 2022 would be the Millersville Business Expo at John Herr's from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Andrew Greer said that Homecoming was a tremendous success. In addition to the parade there were other Homecoming events and activities that went well. The vaccine clinic they had the past Wednesday had a big turnout. The women's Golf team was doing well as was the Football team. There was a land acknowledgment ceremony to honor the local ancestral native land. There is extensive Native American history in the area.

PENN MANOR REPORT

Keira Stigelman said there would be a Trunk or Treat hosted by the MiniThon club the following night, October 26, 6-8. Fall sports had been successful. Field Hockey, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball were doing well. The first marking period would be ending soon. The fall play, The Crucible, would be November 18th and 19th and playing in the auditorium. November 7th they would be holding a holiday career expo for students during the school day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hauck thanked Millersville University's president, Dr. DeSantis, for a wonderful parade. She discussed how the Borough Manager, Mayor and herself had the privilege of having breakfast with some of the leadership from the University. She had noticed the additional security by Millersville University police during the parade and commended them for the added safety provided.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sahd discussed the status of the meeting room sound/online streaming system. Wee Bee Audio said they were having supply chain disruption issues but would give us a better estimate on when the upgrade would begin soon. He added that we would begin looking into SEK for a new audit firm for the borough.

Sue McCullough, Borough Receptionist, invited the public to attend our Veteran's Day Ceremony at Freedom Memorial Park on November 11th, 2022 at 10:30. She then mentioned all of the participants involved. She thanked all the local businesses that donate to this community event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Houck said that while no action would be taken afterwards, she would like to enter a motion to go into executive session. Ms. Bellile seconded the motion. The session began at 8:48 PM.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08.



Greg Sahd
Borough Secretary

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