

September 22, 2020
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Council Vice President Lauren Hauck followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carrie L. Smith (absent)	David T. Aichele, Mayor
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. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University
Dr. Victor DeSantis, Millersville University (via teleconference)
Mamie Covell, Millersville University Student Advisor (via teleconference)
Victor Ramos, Millersville University
Elaine Jones, LNP
David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Andrew Casey, Eagle Disposal of PA Inc.
Joe Willcox, 102 Municipal Drive, Millersville
Edward & Stephanie Hersh, 72 Blue Rock Road, Millersville (via teleconference)

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the August 25, 2020 Council meetings was made by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mrs. Magni. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Bellile reported the Blue Rock Regional Fire Commission held a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, September 3, 2020. She stated that Mr. Ryan Strohecker will be taking over the financials and that the statements will represent the General, Capital, and Foreign Fire funds. She noted that tablets have been purchased to support the "Duty Crew" program. These are volunteers that schedule time to be at the fire houses and will be able to work from those locations. She

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mentioned that the 1994 Engine will be donated to the training center and that Station 903, Highville's lease will be for five years with Manor Township giving \$5000 a year toward building maintenance. She announced three volunteers have claimed Workers Compensation because of exposure to COVID-19.

Ms. Hauck reported on the Borough Planning Commission meeting held on September 2nd. A revised proposed plan for the development at Rt 741 and Rt 999 was presented with a slight reduction in the number of units, a few single-family homes, concentration on the Town Center and green space. She noted that the parcel on the west side of Rt 741 will be reserved for recreational use. The developer will be coming back to Council in the near future. In the meantime, solicitation for feedback is being sought on a FAQ (frequently asked questions). She also mentioned that an article will be running in the Lancaster Newspaper sometime after Thursday.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ostrowski reported that they did not meet this month, however there will be an executive session tonight to discuss the Non-Uniform contract negotiations.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Hauck made a motion out of committee to further extend the Borough's disaster emergency declaration by resolution effective immediately and with an extension date of January 26, 2021 or earlier if the state rescinds their declaration prior. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

Ms. Hauck mentioned that the committee discussed Trick or Treat and agreed that it is a voluntary event. Participants should determine their involvement based on their level of comfort considering all factors, such as weather and the pandemic. Miss Covell created a graphic for social media posting.

Ms. Hauck made a motion out of committee to award the bid for the collection of Contract Waste and Recyclable Materials to the lowest bidder, Eagle Disposal of PA, Inc. in the amount of \$131.40 per unit fee contingent on the Borough Solicitor's review. The next lowest bidder was Waste Management in the amount of \$141.72 per unit fee. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Hauck made a motion out of committee to move forward with the South Duke Street Infrastructure Improvement project without the left turn lane. The Borough Engineer stated that the traffic study indicated that the intersection does not need to be signalized and that the anticipated realignment likely does not need to happen. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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Mrs. Gerber noted the committee will hold an additional finance meeting to discuss the 2021 budget and other business if necessary, on October 15th starting at 7 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele asked Lt. Margevich to comment on the August Monthly Police Report. He noted that there were 327 Calls for Service, 7 Ordinance complaints, 2 DCR's, 14 Criminal arrests, 4 Part I Offenses with 3 cleared, 30 Part II Offenses with 25 cleared, 61 traffic violations, 7 vehicle accidents, 45 Parking Tickets issued and 4458 vehicle miles patrolled along with 48 bicycle miles patrolled. He discussed an indecent exposure case that was solved within an hour thanks to cameras.

Mayor Aichele presented Mr. Steven DiGuiseppe with a certificate of outstanding service for his meritorious service to the faculty, staff, alumni and students at Millersville University and the community of Millersville Borough and wished him a happy and very fulfilling retirement life. He was also presented with a key to the Borough.

Mayor Aichele read a letter addressed to the community of the Borough in response to the outcry for social justice and police reform. He stated that the Borough is not immune from recognizing that we must take a hard look at our policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure that Millersville is welcoming to all. He vowed to continue to meet regularly to ensure inclusive compliance and work even harder to make adjustment when adjustments are necessary.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Ms. Covell reported that over the past month Millersville University has been recognized with several citations, awards and distinctions, including being listed at number 90 among 615 institutions ranked by Washington Monthly on their 2020 National University Rankings list and took the top spot among the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education schools. MU once again ranked among the Best Regional Universities in the North by U.S. News & World Report, positioned at 29th and was ranked 4th by RegisteredNursing.org as online RN to BSN program in Pennsylvania. Millersville University has received the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from "Insight into Diversity" magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. Millersville University is on its 6th year and counting of being nationally recognized for the school's Respiratory Therapy program. The program which began in 1963 as a training course, has transformed into a concentration within the biology and Allied Health Technology majors.

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported that currently they have 3 active COVID-19 cases (2 students off-campus and 1 faculty/staff). There are no reported cases in the residence halls. The Spring 2021 semester will most likely move in the same direction as the Fall 2020 semester with 80% of classes online, and 20% face to face or hybrid classes. The 2021 Winter Session will be totally online. Millersville University's COVID Incident Management Team, with the safety of campus at the forefront, continues to develop protocols for reporting cases to the campus community. The University has also established a special procedure for hosting events on campus. He mentioned despite no official on-campus Homecoming activities, the office of alumni engagement has announced a calendar of virtual festivities including a virtual distance challenge called Miles for Marauders, a virtual golf tournament, a selfie scavenger hunt, and digital scrapbook for mid-October. He went on to note that University President, Dr. Wubah, delivered the annual State of the Ville address last week virtually to faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, and the community.

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Mr. DiGuiseppe thanked everyone for the certificate and stated his appreciation and wished his predecessor, Dr. Victor DeSantis well, along with Miss Covell.

PENN MANOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Chief Rochat reported the LIMC meeting is to be held at the Borough starting at 7:30 a.m. on October 14th. He stated that the annual Veterans' Day celebration is cancelled, and the administration office will be closed on Election Day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

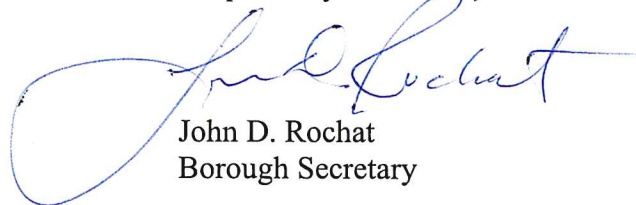
Council broke for an executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Vice President Hauck stated that there may be a motion coming out of the executive session. She invited the Mayor and the Borough Manager to attend and asked everyone else to sign off.

Council came out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. and Mrs. Gerber proceeded to make a motion, seconded by Mrs. Magni to approve the AFSCME contract as presented, contingent on the Union's acceptance. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Mrs. Gerber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Erb.

Respectfully submitted,


John D. Rochat
Borough Secretary

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