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MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 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, Daniel P. Ostrowski, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel P. Ostrowski  
Lynn M. Miller  
Dianne M. Bates  
Bruce A. Cantey

Richard M. Moriarty, Mayor (absent)  
Scott A. Bailey  
Linda L. Bellile  
Mary Ann Gerber

OTHERS PRESENT

Bradley N. Gotshall, Millersville Borough Manager  
Lieutenant Jeffrey Margevich, Millersville Borough Police Dept.  
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Finance Officer  
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University  
Elaine Jones, LNP  
Sam Bigler, 17 Wabank Road, Millersville  
Carol A. Thomas, 170 West Charlotte Street, Millersville  
J. Philip Gerber, 10 Circle Road, Millersville  
James A. Kirk, 436 Herr Avenue, Millersville  
Abbey Ford, Student Government Association of Millersville University  
John Tintera, Student Government Association of Millersville University  
Dr. Carrie Lee Smith, Associate Professor of Sociology, Millersville University

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

Ms. Carol Thomas of 170 West Charlotte Street asked for Council to consider decorating the Borough during the holidays. She sees it has a welcoming invitation for people to come to the Borough.

Ms. Bates stated her concern for the attendance of Borough employees at a meeting held at the Penn Manor High School. The Mayor, Chief Roachat, Lieutenant Margevich, and School Resource Officer Hottenstein attended what appeared to be a Lou Barletta school safety roundtable, an event where Representative Barletta, who is the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate race against Bob Casey, talked with school officials about school safety issues. Local officials are asking for the Federal government to fund student's physical and emotional needs. Ms. Bates went on to say how concern she was for Chief Roachat's quote printed in the LNP. The quote said, "I know I'm not supposed to say this, but, you know, we took God out of school, OK? That's a big thing." Ms. Bates stated we need to keep separation of State and Church. Mrs. Miller agreed with Ms. Bates concern of Borough employee's attendance to a political event. Lt. Margevich explained that an invite had come from Senator Scott Martin's office asking if the Chief and the School Resource Officer could attend a roundtable discussion on school safety. President Ostrowski stated we have a couple issues, one was it a political meeting? Which is a

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School District issue as the Borough did not organize the meeting. And were Borough employees improperly represented at a political meeting? Upon President Ostrowski's request, Mr. Gotshall will consult with the Borough's legal representative and further discussions will be held at the next Personnel Committee meeting. Mrs. Gerber restated that these are valid concerns and suggested that we take those concerns to a School District Board meeting as citizens.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the July 24, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Bellile and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Miller questioned the discussions held during the monthly Park Commission meeting as presented by the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Gotshall stated the commission agreed to allow the skate park to remove the fence and keep using the park as is. Mr. Gotshall mentioned he checked with our insurance agent to ensure that removal of the fence was kosher.

Ms. Bellile gave a monthly report on the Blue Rock Regional Fire District meeting held Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion of the agreement between the Blue Rock Fire Rescue and the Blue Rock Reginal Fire District is to be updated. A future review of the Operating Budget is to be included. Dann Bezek will continue to be the Blue Rock Fire Rescue representative to the District Board but without voting rights. Manor Township has voted to have Dick Schock as the citizen representative to the District Board and will have voting rights. She went on to mention Ann Harach is taking an NFA (National Fire Academy) on-line course at ten hours a week. There was an incident when Ann was on vacation. The dehumidifier had stopped working properly, and mold is growing. Anything that is not a solid surface item and cannot be whipped down needs to be thrown out, such as the couches, mattresses and bedding, and books on shelves. The remediation bill is estimated at \$25,000. This subject will be addressed in detail at the next meeting scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the July, 2018 monthly financial statements as presented. Ms. Bates seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

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MAYOR'S REPORT

In absence of Mayor Moriarty and Chief Rochat, Lieutenant Margevich stated the month had nothing out of the ordinary and that next month will be busier.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported the Fall semester began yesterday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 16<sup>th</sup>. The first home football game is this Thursday, MU vs. Pace University. Family Weekend will be the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> along with Bike Millersville held on campus the same weekend. Riders can cycle 5, 10, 20, 30 or 60 miles and walkers will have routes as well. He went on to announce Open House will be Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Homecoming Weekend will be October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DiGuiseppe stated the freshman class is one of the largest and most talented classes with approximately 1360 full-time and part-time freshman and 440 full-time and part-time transfer students. New President Wubah will host his first "State of the University" on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with a special address at 4:00 p.m. in the Clair Performance Hall of the Winter Center. A new department name, formerly known as Judicial Affairs, this department has been renamed the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. They are responsible for fostering student success and learning by balancing individual and community rights, while promoting a safe, student centered and inclusive community.

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported that the Millersville Community-University Parade is coming soon. Parade Day is Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. To date, they have raised over \$60,000 in cash and pledges and 23 bands have been booked. The 2018 Grand Marshal has been announced: Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, a retired educator from the University and serving on the Penn Manor School Board for over twenty years.

The division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management of the University has posted the vacancy for the MU Student Advisor to the Borough Council online with an initial deadline for applications being September 12<sup>th</sup>.

PENN MANOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Gotshall stated in typical fashion he has distributed a written Manager's report for the month of August. He noted the report is short due to a quiet month and stated if there are any questions, he would be happy to follow-up. Mr. Bailey asked if he could explain the Civil complaint. Mr. Gotshall explained it is a public filing and that this has been an on-going property code violation and stated that in the complaint the Borough has requested the Court assess daily penalties to the maximum amount of \$12,000. Mr. Gotshall has not heard from the Magistrate's office on whether the filing has reached the individual.

Mr. Gotshall asked Council to consider making a motion to execute a one-year contract extension with Eagle Disposal for the Borough's Trash and Recycling program. Mr. Bailey made such a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gerber. Mr. Gotshall went on to explain that this is the first of

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two possible extension requests. He stated that the Borough's current contract rate is \$101.10 per unit and that the extension calculation based on CPI will raise the unit rate to \$103.93. He went on the mention that Lancaster Township has recently went out to bid for a contract under the new recycling guidelines and their increase was approximately 19%. Mrs. Miller noted there have been some complaints in her neighborhood concerning the trash hauler throwing cans. She asked what the right process for people is who have complaints. She was asked to direct those complaints to the Borough Office. With no further discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ostrowski mentioned the first Local Economic Development Committee meeting was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He noted that Mr. Gotshall had presented some background information on the Downtown Overlay District and some of the projects. It was an informational meeting and organization meeting. The committee elected Keely Childers-Heany as Chairman. President Ostrowski announced the next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. and that the Lancaster Redevelopment Authority will be joining the meeting to discuss services that they can provide as we encourage development in the Borough.

President Ostrowski thanked the new faces in attendance for coming out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DiGuiseppe asked Council to confirm that an LNP coffee meeting will be held at the Borough Office on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Mr. Gotshall confirmed the room as been reserved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

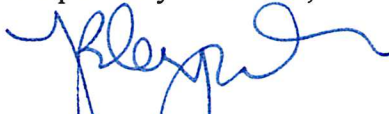
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bates.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bradley N. Gotshall  
Borough Secretary

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