

**April 9, 2019**  
**MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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  
Scott A. Bailey (absent)  
Linda L. Bellile  
Mary Ann Gerber

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John D. Rochat, Interim Borough Manager / Millersville Borough Chief of Police  
Jessie L. Ebersole, Millersville Borough Finance Officer  
Steven A. DiGuiseppe, Millersville University  
Abbey Ford, Millersville University Student Advisor  
Elaine Jones, LNP

**HEARING TO DISCUSS NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH CAN BE ADDRESSED WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER LANCASTER COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND TO COMMENT ON THE WEST FREDERICK STREET AND SOUTH DUKE STREET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED PROJECT**

At 7:02 p.m. President Ostrowski opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and read the advertisement that appeared in the Lancaster Newspaper on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Rochat opened discussions with an explanation that the hearing is to gather input from the public on any other community development type projects that they believe should be given attention. He then proceeded to describe the Borough's proposed project as a neighborhood infrastructure improvement project that will utilize 2019 CDBG funding and other funding sources similar to the West Frederick Street Infrastructure Improvements projects the Borough has done over the last few years. This phased project will continue from where phase 3 stopped and phase 4 started (the intersection) on West Frederick Street and continue south on South Duke Street to 38 South Duke. This Phase will replace aged terra-cotta sanitary sewer pipes, galvanized stormwater pipes, cast iron water lines, build ADA ramps, curbs and sidewalks, add a few retaining walls and reconstruct the street. The street will be widened to improve the turning radius. Chief Rochat mentioned the application must be submitted to the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authorities by April 30<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the funding is not guaranteed and that we will be competing with seven other municipalities for the funds available under the CDBG program. The total project costs for this Phase are estimated at \$979,391, with a maximum CDBG award of \$200,000. He mentioned the Borough has been successful in obtaining CDBG awards in the past; for Phase 1 of West Frederick Street in the amount of

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\$160,000, for Phase 2 in the amount of \$250,000, for Phase 3 in the amount of \$97,018 and for Phase 4 in the amount of \$153,560. The Millersville Borough Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends this project for funding. He mentioned the City of Lancaster will confirm their commitment prior to the application deadline and that their portion of the project is estimated at \$130,000.

There were no comments provided by the public in attendance.

President Ostrowski then closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. and continued the regular Borough Council meeting.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Bellile and seconded by Mr. Cantey. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, with President Ostrowski and Mrs. Gerber abstaining due to absence and not having read the minutes respectively.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

None

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Bates in the absence of Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the resolution to support the West Frederick Street and South Duke Street Infrastructure Improvement project and the application for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the project. Mrs. Gerber seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION BOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

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**MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT**

Miss Ford reminded Council that FestiVille 2019 is this weekend. This day-long event will take place in the Student Memorial Center and includes 35 bands across 4 stages. She announced a few other calendar events. On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. is MU's Disability Pride Day with several events including musical performers, a wheel chair art show, a march, films, a dance exhibition, workshops and speakers. Made in Millersville will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Library, which highlights MU Students and embraces traditional field and laboratory work, as well as projects in the visual and performing arts. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hazel Jackson Lecture will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7 p.m. in the Student Memorial Center. The speaker will be M.K. Asante, an award-winning author, filmmaker and professor who will be speaking on the topic of "The Rise of the Post Hip-Hop Generation". And the Anna Funk Lockey Lecture with Dr. Christopher Emdin will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Winter Center. Dr. Emdin is an Associate Professor at Columbia University, where he serves as Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education. Ms. Ford announced that Millersville's Integrative STEM Education Methods Program Team received the 2019 Gerhard Salinger Award for enhancing STEM education through technological and engineering design-based instruction. She announced that MU's Rendell Weaver came in second place in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Student Business Plan Competition. Weaver presented his plan for a drive thru/walk-up coffee kiosk that offers artisan, air-roasted coffee drinks and complementary homemade food items to commuters at Penn State Harrisburg. Millersville University student Javier Brown has been named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact a non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The fellowship is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving public problems. Brown, a junior majoring in psychology at Millersville is among the 262 students who will make up the organization's 2019-2020 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows nationally. When prompted by Mayor Moriarty, Ms. Ford commented that the Big Event was definitely a success this year. The Mayor spoke with the students in the morning, gave them a little pep talk. There were approximately 140 students going out amongst the Borough and WGAL did a story.

Mr. DiGuiseppe reported the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, the governing body of the 14 state-owned universities is making some big changes relative to tuition. The system's 14 schools will be allowed to set their own tuition rates rather than a one-size-fits all approach as early as the fall of 2020. Schools can develop their own tuition to account for differing incomes and other costs in their regions. Theoretically, Millersville University could charge a lower tuition than West Chester. MU will be looking at their own custom plans and the quality programs they want to promote. One of the reasons for this change is due to the decrease of enrollment over the last several years at many institutions. Mr. DiGuiseppe went on to stated that when OnlineMasters.com released its list of the top 30 online master's degree programs in Emergency Management this year, and when Learn.org listed its top 50 Best Public Universities in the country, Millersville University was on both lists. MU was the only State System school to make the Online Masters.com list. He went on to reminded Council that the Presidential Inauguration for Dr. Wubah will be held next Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with an approximate 900 guests attending from around the globe, including at least two Kings from Africa and that over 500 students have signed up. The inauguration will last about an hour and fifteen minutes beginning at 11 a.m. in the Quad area facing Gordinier Hall. The inauguration is actual a three-day series of events. The Made in Millersville event announced earlier by Ms. Ford on April 16<sup>th</sup>,

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a Pre-Inaugural Celebration on April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m. in the Winter Center and culminating with the inauguration and luncheon to follow in Gordinier.

**PENN MANOR REPORT**

None

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT**

Chief Rochat acting as Borough Manager asked Council to consider an exoneration for Penn Manor School District's 2018 Borough taxes in the amount of \$852.16 for the property purchased at 66 East Cottage Avenue. The property was bought in December of 2017 and ownership was showing changed at the Recorder of Deeds office on January 1, 2018. Chief explained that there is a delay at the Assessment Office and that the mailing of the 2018 taxes was in the previous owner's name. The School District misunderstood that they needed to apply for an exemption of the 2018 taxes even though they did not receive it in the mail. The taxes are now in collections. Council members requested further information and decided to table the consideration of the exoneration until the April Finance Advisory Committee meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

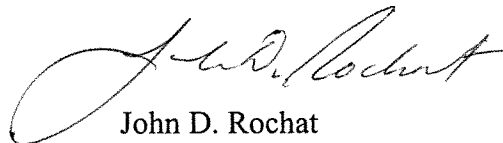
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After a brief recess, Council broke for an executive session at 7:35 p.m. for legal matters concerning insurance claims.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no action coming out of the executive session, Mrs. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cantey to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John D. Rochat  
Borough Secretary

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