

**BOROUGH OF MILLVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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PRE-MEETING 6:30 & REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT: JIM PORTER, DON GILLESPIE, AL ATKINSON, JACK VARLEY,
JAMES MACHAJEWSKI, POLLY GRIMPE,
ENGINEER PHIL HERMAN
SOLICITOR MIKE WITHEREL

ABSENT: ED WIRKOWSKI

1. MR. VARLEY BROUGHT UP THAT HE FELT THERE SHOULD BE A NO PARKING ON SIDEWALK SIGN INSTALLED AT RENAISSANCE FAMILY PRACTICE BECAUSE CARS BLOCK THE ACCESS TO THE SIDEWALK. COUNCIL AGREED 6/0 MR. VARLEY ALSO BROUGHT UP THE EXCESSIVE PARKING ON EMMA STREET STATING A FIRE TRUCK OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET THERE. JIM MACHAJEWSKI STATED THAT A LOT OF THE CARS ARE FROM WOKUTCH GARAGE THERE WAS A SMALL SECTION THAT WAS MARKED NO PARKING A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. HARD TO MAKE A TURN ON THE RIGHT. PARKING ON LONG IS AN ISSUE. BOROUGH MANAGER STATES THAT SHE THOUGHT WE HAD PUT A SIGN UP THERE A COUPLE MONTHS AGO BECAUSE A HANDICAP BUS COULDN'T GET TO A CHILD UP THERE. JIM SAID HE DID NOT SEE A SIGN THERE. DID END STREET UP AT THE END OF LONG. THE FIRE DEPT CAN MAKE IT UP. JIM PORTER SAID THAT EMMA USED TO BE PARKING ON JUST ONE SIDE OF THE STREET. JIM MACHAJEWSKI SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO TALK TO GINNY AFTER THE MEETING ABOUT THE PARKING ON LONG STREET HE DIDN'T WANT TO TIE UP THE MEETING. HE DID ASK IF ANYONE KNOW IF THERE WAS PARKING JUST ON ONE SIDE OF LONG STREET AT ONE TIME. BOB BEDEL IS HAVING A PROBLEM WITH HIS WALL PEOPLE ARE PARKING NEAR HIS WALL AND HE IS HAVING A PROBLEM HE IS TURNING IT INTO HIS HOME OWNERS INSURANCE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE SIDEWALKS AND FENCES AND PEOPLE ARE PARKING VERY CLOSE TO THEM. AL ATKINSON ASKED IF WE HAD TO MAKE THE WHOLE LENGTH NO PARKING. JACK VARLEY SAID WE SHOULD DO ONE WHOLE SIDE OF EMMA. JIM SAID HE CAN GET IT UP EMMA HE JUST CAN'T MAKE A TURN. POST IT CLEARLY. JIM SAID LOOK INTO A FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO.
2. MANAGER DISCUSSED THE CONNECT DUES REQUEST FOR 2012 AND THEREAFTER. CONNECT HAS RECEIVED GRANTS FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS. THEY HAVE RECEIVED GRANT MONEY FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, BUT NOT THE FULL AMOUNT. MANAGER STATED THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A LOT OF DIFFERENT ISSUE AND THEY DID SAVE US A LITTLE MONEY ON THE ENERGY AUDIT. THEREFORE THEY ARE ASKING FOR US TO CONTRIBUTE \$400 IN 2012 AND \$800.00 IN 2013. DISCUSSION AGREED 6/0.
3. THE FIREMEN ASKED IF WE WOULD DONATE \$350.00 FOR HALLOWEEN GIFTS FOR THE KIDS. WE DONATE EVERY YEAR. DISCUSSED AGREED 6/0 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO WANTED ME TO MENTION THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER ON WORKING ON THE MERGER AT THIS TIME.
4. MANAGER STATED THAT LAST MONTH IT WAS AGREED TO PURCHASE A BULLETIN BOARD. THE BOARD WAS TOO SMALL; THEREFORE, WE HAD TO ORDER A LARGER BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$120.00. THE BULLETIN BOARD IS UP. COUNCIL HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THIS.
5. WE APPLIED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY FOR \$500.00 TO HOLD A MEETING WITH ETNA, MILLVALE AND SHARPSBURG. TO MAKE SURE ALL THREE COUNCIL'S ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE JOINT PLAN. I AM TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING BY MONTH END AND WILL NOTIFY EVERYONE OF THE DATE WHEN DETERMINED.
6. ARTEZ IS SETTING UP A MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 PM TO DISCUSS THE OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH THE CONSULTANT WE HIRED FOR THE PLANNING GRANT. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO GIVE INPUT.
7. MANAGER STATED THE TREE VITALIZE IS WORKING ON THE GRANT FOR TREES, TREE PITTS AND OTHER STORM WATER CONTROLS AND WOULD BE MANAGING THE GRANT FOR US. A RESOLUTION IS ON OUR REGULAR MEETING AGENDA. .
8. THE MANAGER AND BOARD DISCUSSED ISSUES REGARDING MARYLAND AVENUE, THE NEW MEDIAL STRIP, THE NEW ISLAND AT THE END OF MARYLAND AVE, THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON LOGAN STREET. MANAGER WAS TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND THEN DOCUMENT OUR RESERVATIONS AND COMPLAINTS TO PENNDOT. .

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9. MANAGER ASKED COUNCIL IF WE WERE GOING TO HAVE MILLVALE DAYS IN 2012. WE HAVE TO SECURE THE RIDES AND THE SHRINER'S. COUNCIL AGREED 5 YES AND 1 NO JACK VARLEY.
10. MANAGER AND COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE GAMBLING FUNDS GRANT WE SUBMITTED FOR THE PAVING OF LINCOLN AVE. AND POSSIBLY THE FREMONT BRIDGE. OUR ENGINEER WAS GOING TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE BRIDGE. AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD.
11. MANAGER TALKED ABOUT A PROBLEM WITH THE DEMOLITION GRANT. WOULD COUNCIL AGREE TO PAY \$600.00 TOWARDS THE DEMOLITION OF 243 SIEGEL SINCE WE RECEIVED \$4400.00 DOLLARS FROM THE OWNER TO TEAR THE HOUSE DOWN. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS ON THESE FIRE PROPERTIES AND IT HAS TAKEN SOME TIME TO OBTAIN THE MONEY TO CLEAN UP THE DEBRIS FROM THESE PROPERTIES. THE OWNER WILL SIGN A RELEASE FOR US TO USE HIS FUNDS. AGREED 6/0
12. POLLY GRIMPE BROUGHT UP THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND ANYONE WHO WAS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL CLASSES THRU THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY. SHE STATED SHE THOUGHT WE COULD GET SCHOLARSHIPS. AGREED 6/0
13. POLLY GRIMPE RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM THE BLUME'S WHO RESIDE ON MARYLAND AVENUE. THEY STATED THE EMS COULDN'T GET THEM OUT OF THEIR HOUSE AND OTHER PROBLEMS. MANAGER DID CONTACT ROSS/WEST VIEW EMS AND THEY SAID THERE WAS NOTHING ON THE REPORT THAT SAID THEY HAD A PROBLEM. OUR POLICE REPORT DIDN'T SAY THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT POLLY WOULD SEND THEM A LETTER WITH EVERYTHING THE CONTRACTOR GAVE THEM AND WAIT TO SEE IF THEY RESPOND. OUR SOLICITOR AGREED WITH THAT.
14. THE MANAGER STATED THE CREEK WORK HAS BEGUN. WE ARE GETTING ESTIMATES FOR THE SHOT CRETE WORK. WE HAD ONE ESTIMATE COME IN. IT WILL SAVE US SUBSTANTIAL MONEY IF OUR GUYS DO THE PREP WORK. SLIPPERY ROCK CONCRETE SAID THEY WOULD WORK WITH US.
15. THE MBDC HAS AGREED TO BUY NEW ROUND TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER.
16. WE DID RECEIVE \$78,387.30 IN STATE AID THIS YEAR WHICH IS GOING TO SAVE THE BOROUGH APPROXIMATELY \$17,000 DOLLARS THIS YEAR. THIS IS A ONE TIME INCREASE. NEXT YEAR WILL BE BACK TO THE NORMAL AMOUNT BASED ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE
17. AL ATKINSON ASKED IF WE COULD TALK ABOUT THE 3 STRIKE ORDINANCE WHERE NUISANCE PROPERTIES LANDLORD ARE FINED \$100.00 IF THE POLICE ARE CALLED TO THEIR PROPERTY OVER 3 TIMES IN A MONTH. LANDLORDS ARE SAYING THEY WILL PAY THE FINE BECAUSE IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO EVICT THE TENANTS. COUNCIL DIRECTED MIKE WITHEREL TO LOOK INTO THE ORDINANCE AND CHANGE THE FEE FOR THE NEXT MEETING...

EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:50 TO 8.00 PERSONNEL

THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:00 PM BY PRESIDENT JIM PORTER, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE MEETING WAS BEING TAPED.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT – JIM PORTER, DON GILLESPIE, AL ATKINSON, JACK VARLEY, POLLY GRIMPE, JIM MACHAJEWSKI

OTHERS PRESENT: SOLICITOR MIKE WITHEREL, ENGINEER-PHIL HERMAN MAYOR CINSKI, OFFICER VITH

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ABSENT: ED WIRKOWSKI

SINCE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND ALL BOROUGH OFFICIALS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 A MOTION WAS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT THOSE MINUTES WITHOUT CORRECTION, DELETIONS OR OBJECTIONS.

MOTION: AL ATKINSON
ROLL CALL VOTE: 6/0

SECOND: DON GILLESPIE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

BOROUGH MANAGER WILL READ MONTHLY REPORTS:

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

CURRENT	\$	21,002.86
DELINQUENT	\$	2,024.30
OTHER/TAX LICENSE	\$	163.02
COMMISSION PAID	\$	1,159.53

WAGE TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

CURRENT	\$	4,650.62
DELINQUENT	\$	11,743.49
COMMISSION COLLECTED	\$	587.17

DISTRICT JUSTICE FEE FOR SEPTEMBER \$ 3,016.37

ANIMAL CONTROL FEE FOR SEPTEMBER \$ 270.00

A MOTION WAS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS READ

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 6/0

SECOND: JIM MACHAJEWSKI

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE (JIM PORTER): WORKING WITH GINNY ON BUDGET

PUBLIC SAFETY (JIM PORTER): MAYOR WILL GIVE REPORT

HANDICAP COMMITTEE (DON GILLESPIE): NO REPORT

RECREATION COMMITTEE (AL ATKINSON) MILLVALE DAYS WAS A SUCCESS AND THE WINE FEST IS COMING UP THIS SATURDAY HALLOWEEN HARVEST PARTY 22 AND REGULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY ON OCTOBER 31.

PENSION (AL ATKINSON): LOOKS LIKE THE BOROUGH IS GOING TO SAVE SOME MONEY THIS YEAR.

BOROUGH/PUBLIC PROPERTY & PERSONNEL – (DON GILLESPIE): NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS (JIM PORTER) GUYS ARE WORKING ON CREEK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CORE OF ENGINEERS WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM TO MAINTAIN THE CREEK

ABANDONED PROPERTIES (POLLY GRIMPE) STILL WORKING ON IDENTIFYING PROPERTIES AND WAYS TO REMEDIATE THE PROBLEM

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO CERTIFY AS OF SEPTEMBER 29TH 2011 THE MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,531.57 AND THE POLICE PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,350.12 BASED ON THE MOST RECENT ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT ON JANUARY 1, 2011.

MOTION: AL ATKINSON
ROLL CALL VOTE 6/0

SECOND: JIM MACHAJEWSKI

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3. CD YEAR 38
 - FULL-APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
PROJECTS INCLUDE: DEMOLITIONS, PARK LIGHTING,
LINCOLN AT NORTH ACCESS RAMPS, CONCRETE
STAGE AT GAPP PARK SUBMITTED

4. NBIS BRIDGE INSPECTIONS
 - SOLICITATION COMPLETE
 - TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

5. TRAIL PARKING PROPOSAL
 - PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE \$152,300.00

6. FREEMONT BRIDGE
 - SUBMITTED TO SPC AS PART OF A CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

7. GAMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
 - APPLICATIONS DUE 10/28/2011. \$500,000.00 MINIMUM
PROJECT SIZE BOROUGH TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL
PROJECTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NOTHING FOR THE PUBLIC WE HAD SHORT EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL.

SINCE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TOTAL INVOICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$203,714.86 AND THE CURRENT INVOICES UP TO TODAY'S DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,478.49 A MOTION WAS REQUESTED TO PAY ALL INVOICES WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 6/0

SECOND: JAMES MACHAJEWSKI

MAYOR'S REPORT- THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 404 CALLS OR DETAILS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 46 TRAFFIC OR NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND 12 ARRESTS FOR FELONIES OR MISDEMEANORS. THE POLICE ASSISTED WITH 2 WARRANT ARRESTS.

FIRE DEPT REPORT- JIM MACHAJEWSKI –THE FIRE DEPT HAD 17 CALLS IN SEPTEMBER THEY HAD 5 STRUCTURE FIRES 1 SHARPSBURG, 1 ETNA, 2 SHALER, 1 ROSS, 3 CONTAINMENT, 6 FIRE ALARM, 1 GAS CONDITION, 1 BRUSH FIRE. 1 BUILDING COLLAPSE. MR. MACHAJEWSKI ALSO STATED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERED 300 CALLS FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 2010 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. A LOT OF CALLS FOR A SMALL DEPARTMENT,

THE MANAGER REMINDED EVERYONE THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE ON THE THIRD TUESDAY; DUE TO ELECTION.

A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT WAS REQUESTED:

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
VOICE VOTE 6/0

SECOND: POLLY GRIMPE

TIME: 8:18

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

VIRGINIA N. PUCCI, BOROUGH MANAGER

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