

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Workshop Meeting Convened

The Millvale Borough Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President James Machajewski.

Roll Call

Council Members: Al Atkinson, Jason Miller, Brian Spoales, William Stout, Jack Varley, Brian Wolovich, Jim Machajewski.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Lynne Finnerty, Chief Miller, Deputy Chief Komoroski, Manager Amy Rockwell, and Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.

Absent was Mayor Cinski.

Community Development

Mr. Figas reported on the status of the Bennett Station Town Square project at 524 Grant Avenue. Mr. Figas also reviewed the facility rental requests for various events by the borough, the MBDC, and community partners.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on the November engineering activities. Outfall screenings were performed and MS4 mapping was updated. Mr. Strunk also reported on the Brown Street project stating the houses have been torn down and the storm sewer has been installed.

Police Report

Chief Miller requested permission to move forward with hiring a part time officer, pending background check. Deputy Chief Komoroski reported on ongoing training regarding DUI enforcement. Discussion was held regarding body cameras and it was determined to move forward with getting quotes and establishing procedures.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout had no report.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich discussed stop signs in the borough and intersections with three way stops. Mr. Wolovich also discussed cars parking illegally at Emma and North prohibiting a clear view of the roadway. Discussion was held regarding application to the Active Allegheny Grant Program for a planning grant for engineering and design of pedestrian crosswalks and ADA ramps and increased accessibility at the Seavey Road and Evergreen Avenue intersection.

Mr. Spoales inquired about fencing on Grant Avenue.

Mr. Machajewski reported on recent developments with ARTEZ. The Executive Director resigned and Jeff Plowey was appointed Acting Executive Director. Discussion was held regarding the TAP grant and the request to consider moving funds to the riverfront trail. It was determined to support moving the funds to the riverfront trail. The reorganization meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Details regarding the tree lighting and the senior luncheon were sent out to council. Discussion was held regarding donating \$200 to the fire department for their Christmas party. It was determined to donate \$200, all were in support. Discussion was held regarding the employee party on December 23, 2015. The offices will be closed at noon. Meters will be free December 18-January 2.

Council went into executive session from 6:35 until 6:53 to discuss foreseeable litigation.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the insurance proposal from the Kilmer Group. The savings is over \$54,000 from the budgeted amount for 2016. That line item can be reduced in the 2016 budget.

Discussion was held regarding Convent Avenue. The final step to turn over the sanitary line will be to transfer

the easements and condemnation to Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority.
Discussion was held regarding the 2016 budget and it was determined to post the budget and advertise ordinance adoption meeting on December 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the requests for facilities use.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 proposed meeting schedule. It was determined to advertise the schedule as presented.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 Fee schedule.

Discussion was held regarding the appointments which will need made to the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, NHCOG, ARTEZ and the MBDC in January at the reorganizational meeting.

Discussion was held regarding application for a \$550,000 tax anticipation note.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Dominion Retail rates for one year or two year terms.

Comments From the Public

Brian Eaton from the Grist House, 10 Sherman Street, discussed a proposal for the vacant lots on Butler Street owned by the Borough. It was discussed building a 10,000 square foot building on the space which could potentially add up to 10 employees. Mr. Eaton proposed \$20,000 for the lots.

Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, questioned if the owners at 14 Sedgwick are allowed to own a pig. He would like council to address this concern.

Marlane Tucibat, 16 Sedgwick Street, discussed parking concerns with Mr. Smalls.

Denise Rudar, 244 Maryland, spoke on behalf of the Gardens of Millvale, presented an update to the council on the activities at the Gardens and future plans for the area. Mrs. Rudar indicated that the GOM would be interested in purchasing the property at Butler Street where the gardens are located.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager