

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Millvale Borough Building – 501 Lincoln Avenue**

Council Workshop was called to order at 5:59 PM

Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

Discussion was held regarding 858 Stanton Avenue permit request, looking to waive permit fees for sidewalk reconstruction. Agreement to be reached between homeowner and Borough for a one time waiver of permit fees.

MOTIONS

Motion to approve advertising and display of 2024 Budget (Resolution 2914) and Fee Schedule (Resolution 2916) for public review.

Motion to approve advertising and display of 2024 Salary (Resolution 2915).

Motion to approve advertising for Ordinance 2821, 2024 Tax Levy.

Motion to recognize Resolution 2808, authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies, establishing administrative procedures and appeals for tax year 2024, and ratifying the list of volunteer fire personnel for submission to Keystone for Act 172 tax credit.

Motion to approve office closure at 1:00pm on Monday, December 18, for Borough Employee Holiday Party.

Motion to approve Loan Committee recommendation to loan MCDC \$40K from RTLF to complete work done at 1134 North Avenue contingent upon NSR (New Sun Rising) investment stake, establishing a loan payoff plan with the Borough.

Motion to approve filing of tax liens by Keystone Collections at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Motion to expend up to \$300.00 from the General Fund for the Millvale Volunteer Fire Holiday Celebration.

Motion to draft and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Reserve Township specific to Reserve Township building a retaining wall partially in Millvale on private property within a right-of-way.

Motion to waive permit fees associated with sidewalk replacement and porch reconstruction at 858 Stanton Avenue with execution of sidewalk responsibility agreement by property owner.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2913: Approve and Request a statewide local share assessment grant of \$711,126.00 from the Commonwealth financing authority to be used for the Logan Street project.

Resolution No. 2918: Approve and request CDBG Year 50 Application – ADA Ramps in the amount of \$60,088.00

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 6:09pm.

Council Vice-President Atkinson noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call*Members Present:*

Brian Spoales, Mayor
Jim Machajewski, Council President - absent
Al Atkinson, Vice-President
Paul Bossung
Katie Dembowski – arrived 6:05pm
Tyler Halt
Denise Rudar - absent
William G. Stout

Also Present:

Eddie Figas – Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest
Police Chief Tim Komoroski
Michele Revay – OSMA

Special Hearing

None.

Swearing in of Millvale Borough Police Officer Cara Sterling.**Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS**Motions**

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve advertising and display of 2024 Budget (Resolution 2914) and Fee Schedule (Resolution 2916) for public review. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve advertising and display of 2024 Salary (Resolution 2915). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve advertising for Ordinance 2821, 2024 Tax Levy. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to recognize Resolution 2808, authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies, establishing administrative procedures and appeals for tax year 2024, and ratifying the list of volunteer fire personnel for submission to Keystone for Act 172 tax credit. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve office closure at 1:00pm on Monday, December 18, for Borough Employee Holiday Party. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve Loan Committee recommendation to loan MCDC \$40K from RTLf to complete work done at 1134 North Avenue contingent upon NSR (New Sun Rising) investment stake, establishing a loan payoff plan with the Borough. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve filing of tax liens by Keystone Collections at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Halt, to expend up to \$300.00 from the General Fund for the Millvale Volunteer Fire Holiday Celebration. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to draft and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Reserve Township specific to Reserve Township building a retaining wall partially in Millvale on private property within a right-of-way. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Halt, to waive permit fees associated with sidewalk replacement and porch reconstruction at 858 Stanton Avenue with execution of sidewalk responsibility agreement by property owner. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve Resolution No. 2913: Approve and Request a statewide local share assessment grant of \$711,126.00 from the Commonwealth financing authority to be used for the Logan Street project. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve Resolution No. 2918: Approve and request CDBG Year 50 Application – ADA Ramps in the amount of \$60,088.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: October 2023

Council Vice President Atkinson read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$637,295.00
Delinquent Real Estate - \$88,337.00
Real Estate Transfer - \$34,606.00
Wage Tax Collections - \$253,325.00
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$108,400.00
Mechanical Devices - \$16,958.76
Mercantile - \$45,594.00
Business Privilege - \$46,645.00
LST - \$32,403.00
Court Fines – \$31,683.00
Permit Fees - \$86,438.00
Parking Meter - \$6,010.00

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve the monthly finance report for October 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve the financial transactions for October 2023 in the amount of \$234,551.97. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

Code, Engineering, Police, Library, Sustainability, Social Workers, Junior Council, Utilities, GRJSA, PW and Zoning were submitted to council for record.

Social Worker Alyssa Peters – Taking new and unopened toy donations at the Boro building, for distribution on December 15. P&G Diner is coordinating Thanksgiving dinner for community members with Alyssa, for takeout.

Mayor Spoales – Ruckus Café is holding a free Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 21.

Councilman Bossung – Street Trees planting on 11/18, volunteers welcome.

Councilwoman Halt – Senior Luncheon on 12/3, sign ups going on now.

Councilwoman Dombowski – Fire Department Fundraiser at Cousins Lounge on 11/16.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Council then went into Executive Session at 6:26 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager