

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA**

Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the Allegheny Together program. Specifically discussed was the Vacant Property Ordinance. It was determined to advertise the ordinance for adoption. Also discussed was the need to identify and notify property owners in the central business district of property maintenance violations. Initially a letter will be sent to the property owners notifying of the intent to focus on the business district.

Discussion was held regarding the Duquesne Light LED conversion. Spoke with Duquesne Light representatives at ALOM and they indicated they are pushing to complete by the end of April. Discussion was held regarding the Duquesne Light pavilion pricing. With the installation of the LED lighting at the pavilion the average monthly use has decreased to less than 1,000 kilowatt hours and demand less than 5 kW per month. The rate will now be only kilowatt-hour usage.

Discussion was held regarding a RACP Update. We have established a meeting with a representative from Harrisburg to complete the draw down paperwork.

Discussion was held regarding the Selective Insurance claims review.

Discussion was held regarding the MRM Worker's Compensation Trust dividend payment in the amount of \$20,050.71 which is approximately 30% of our annual premium.

Discussion was held regarding the drone which was won by the Borough of Millvale at the Annual Allegheny League of Municipalities conference. We will work to set up a program through the District Attorney's office for training and procedures for use.

The Borough received a letter from Representative Costa's office regarding our receipt of the Banner Community award for the fourth year in a row.

Discussion was held regarding a meeting with Shaler Township and the repairs needed for Seavey Road. We need to look at drainage issues and work with Shaler to devise a plan for repair.

Ed Kress attended the meeting to discuss CDBG funding to help Millvale for which we already applied.

Discussion ensued regarding the Millvale Riverfront Park.

Discussion was held regarding the DCNR application to the GTRP program for signage and lighting.

Discussion was held regarding the need to close Bauerlein behind Sidelines for the Music Festival and the Memorial Day celebration.

Discussion was held by Mr. Stout regarding the Millvale Sculpture Festival. He has engaged with the group to discuss plans for the festival on July 22.

Discussion was held by Ed Kress regarding a senior fair to be held in Millvale, possibly on September 21. Mr. Kress also discussed the Ranger Program at North Park and asked if any community groups would be a good fit for the program.

Discussion was held by MR. Wolovich that the rooftop access will be installed at the MCC tomorrow.

An executive session was held from 6:45 to 7:23 to discuss potential litigation.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

New police officers Cody Alward and David Butler were sworn in.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Vincent Cinski, Mayor
Jim Machajewski, Council President
Al Atkinson, Vice-President
Jason Miller - absent
Brian Spoales
William G. Stout
Jack Varley
Brian Wolovich

Also Present:

Amy Rockwell, Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest
Jim Tunstall, Code Enforcement Officer
Derek Miller, Police Chief
Tim Komoroski, Deputy Chief

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 and Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Spoales, second by Mr. Varley, to apply for DCNR funding for Millvale Riverfront. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Spoales, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve the street closure request by the VFW for Bauerlein for the Millvale Music Festival. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Varley, second by Mr. Stout, to advertise the vacant property ordinance for May adoption. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mr. Stout, to accept the audit as prepared by Maher-Duessel for fiscal year end December 31, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Spoales, to approve the street closure for services on Memorial Day, May 29, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Spoales, to accept the resignation of Employee No. 61. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Varley, to adopt Ordinance No. 2584, an ordinance codification for the Borough of Millvale providing for the repeal of certain legislation, to save from repeal certain other legislation and to provide penalties for tampering with the code. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: March 2017

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$0
Delinquent Real Estate - \$13,939
Wage Tax Collections - \$38,932
Other Taxes - \$6,689
District Justice Fee - \$2,530

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Varley to approve the monthly finance report for March 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Varley, to approve the bills for March 2017 in the amount of \$196,866. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

- Engineer's Report
- Solicitor's Report
- Mayor's Report
- Fire Report
- Code Enforcement Officer Report
- Library Report

Public Comment

Zaheen Hussain, 213 Grant Avenue, provided an EcoDistrict update. The Green Grocer started today to provide a farmer's market on Tuesday's in Millvale, and the Garden's of Millvale have rented all their beds for the season. The Bike/Ped Committee is working to get the Sharrows repainted this season on Grant and North. The Environmental Health Fair will be held on April 29.

Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, stated he attended the December 13 council meeting and was not permitted to speak regarding his complaint about the business located at 14 Sedgwick Street. Council President stated Mr. Sternitzke is welcome to address council on any matter, but issues regarding legal matters or lawsuits are not something to which council can respond.

Marlane Tucibat, 16 Sedgwick Street, asked what lawsuit Mr. Machajewski was referring to. Council President Machajewski extended his thoughts and good wishes to Councilman Miller as he is recovering from surgery. Mr. Machajewski invited everyone to attend a fundraiser for the Fire Department to be held at the Double L. Mr. Machajewski congratulated borough manager, Amy Rockwell, on her fourth year at Millvale and thanked her for her service.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager