

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 -COVID 19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION DRAFT
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA**

Council Workshop was called to order at 5:09 pm.

Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting.

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 general updates.

Discussion was held regarding Municibid Borough Vehicle sales updates. All vehicles sold, for a combined total of \$12,750.00

Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

Discussion was held regarding the large amounts of rain in the Borough this past Friday (July 10, 2020) and the weekend. Ongoing issues with Seavey Road; Borough Council to submit a letter to Shaler Township concerning these issues.

Discussion was held regarding leaks in the roof that affected the Millvale Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the Borough Manager's office, due to the rain.

Discussion was held regarding Millvale Days 2020. Recommendation to cancel Millvale Days 2020, an official release to follow on the Borough website and social media shortly. Suggestion for an official motion to cancel Millvale Days 2020.

Discussion was held regarding PWSA Hazmat spill on Evergreen Ave and Seavey Road. 2 blocks were evacuated for safety reasons; residents have since been allowed to return to their homes and businesses. DEP is on site, no injuries reported and no damage to the road or sewer system.

Discussion was held regarding the ongoing crosswalks/painting projects in the Borough. Reflected on ongoing positive feedback concerning the work being done in town.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 5:41pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded. Meeting audio recording to be uploaded to Website after meeting, along with draft of July Meeting Minutes.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Brian Spoales, Mayor

Jim Machajewski, Council President

Al Atkinson, Vice-President

Paul Bossung

Katie Dembowski – absent

Patty Sorg

William G. Stout - absent

Jack Varley

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager

Solicitor Wagner

Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski

Zoning and Development Director Roth - ZOOM

Office Administrator Michele Kranik

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung to approve the minutes, as amended, Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Ms. Sorg, to enable COVID-19 Travel Policy to expire upon release of the Emergency Declaration. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Atkinson, to bid CDBG Year 46 ADA Ramp Project through NHCOG. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Bossung, to move August 4 Council Workshop and August 11 Council Meeting to Millvale Community Center beginning at 5pm and hold remotely because of COVID-19. Advertising as required by ACT 15. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Ms. Sorg, to keep the Borough Playgrounds closed due to COVID-19. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Ms. Sorg, to cancel (if necessary) and not rent the Pavilion and MCC Community room/s through September 9, 2020 in response to COVID-19, except for Municipal events. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Varley, to move Code Officer Tunstall from part-time employee to a flex schedule employee with a raise of \$1.84 per hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Atkinson, to recognize May 21-22, 2021 for Millvale Music Fest and reserve all necessary facilities. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Varley, to waive Special Event Application fee and associated fees for Millvale Businesses directly affected by COVID-19 through September 9, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Bossung, to recognize September 12, 13 and 14, 2021 for Millvale Days and reserve all necessary facilities. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to cancel Millvale Days 2020, which was to occur on September 17, 18 and 19, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

The motion to enter into an agreement with Allegheny Cleanways to lease Allegheny Cleanways outdoor vehicle storage at the Riverfront Public Works building for \$ per month with a term through December 31, 2020 was tabled until August Council Meeting.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Ms. Sorg, to approve Resolution No. 2741, extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. Motion carried 5-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: June 2020

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$244,349
Delinquent Real Estate - \$77,623
Real Estate Transfer - \$12,472
Wage Tax Collections - \$176,941
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$771
Mechanical Devices - \$300
Mercantile/Business Privilege/LST - \$61,070
District Justice Fee/Parking - \$13,433

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Machajewski, to approve the monthly finance report for June 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve the financial transactions for June 2020 in the amount of \$195,404.42. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

- Mayor's Report: COVID-19 Testing on July 15, 2020 from 9am-12pm from Squirrel Hill Health Center and NHCO. Farmers to Families Produce boxes extended thru August.

Public Comment, via Website

Scott Perkins – via form: Racist mural artwork on 524 Grant Avenue, Can it be Removed?

Response: Borough will inform Mr. Perkins that the building the mural is located on is owned by a Millvale non-profit.

Nathaniel Smith – 652 Evergreen via e-mail: We would like to add a mirror at the corner of Evergreen (Ave) because it is dangerous to pull out of the driveway.

Response: If owner is looking to put mirror outside of the property on Evergreen Ave, he will have to contact PennDOT, as Evergreen is a PennDOT road. Borough cannot offer an opinion, however, on a mirror placed on private property.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

The meeting then moved into Executive Session.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager