

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 -COVID 19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION DRAFT
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA**

Council Workshop was called to order at 5:02 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 Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

1. Motion to purchase 2 iPads and 1 MacBook from the Apple Government purchasing program, with reimbursement from the Municipal Cares program.
2. Motion to accept bid for emergency repair of 5 crosswalks at \$4,400 per crosswalk through JEM Industries.
3. Motion to forgo collection of 2017 Real Estate Tax liens by Keystone due to COVID-19.
4. Motion to hire Joseph Spelick as a part-time Police Officer.
5. Motion to distribute COVID relief fresh food baskets at MCC, through NHCO, NSR, MCDC and the Borough.
6. Motion to enter into negotiations with PennDOT for directional murals at the Riverfront Park underpass. Money would come from a grant from TriBoro EcoDistrict and would be two murals.
7. Motion to move September 1 Council Workshop and September 8 Regular Council meeting to the MCC beginning at 5pm and hold remotely because of COVID-19. Advertising as required by Act 15.
8. Motion to abate Borough Property Taxes for tax year 2019 and 2020 for MCDC specific to properties 79-G-101, 79-G-102, 79-G-103, 79-G-122, 79-G-121, 79-G-120 and 79-G-119 – Millvale Gardens properties.
9. Motion to enter into an agreement with Allegheny Cleanways to lease Allegheny Cleanways outdoor vehicle storage at the Riverfront Public Works building for \$50.00 per month, per vehicle with a term, through December 31, 2020.
10. Motion to enter into a mutual separation agreement with employee 05.
11. Motion to approve Resolution 2742, Extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.
12. Motion to approve Resolution 2743, for disposition of property 79-G-154 (410 Stanton Ave) through the Allegheny County VPRP.
13. Motion to approve Resolution 2744, entering into an agreement with Allegheny County to be a recipient of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
14. Motion to approve Resolution 2745, approving an amendment to the loan and security agreement by and between the Borough and S&T Bank; Loan agreement was to be paid June 1, Bank will allow payment for a 1 time extension –June 30, 2020 thru October 1, 2020. It is amending section 2 to the agreement.

Discussion was held regarding revisions to the Property Nuisance Ordinance; it will be on the agenda on the September Workshop.

Zaheen Hussein then discussed the mural project at the PennDOT underpass entering Millvale Riverfront Park. He then expressed his thank you to Borough Council and the community for his years of service as Sustainability Coordinator, as he is leaving his position to further his education.

The meeting then moved to Executive Session at 5:30pm.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 5:58pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded. Meeting audio recording to be uploaded to Website after meeting, along with draft of August 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 – ZOOM
Patty Sorg
William G. Stout
Jack Varley

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest
Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski
Sustainability Coordinator Zaheen Hussein
Zoning and Development Director Roth
Office Administrator Michele Kranik

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Bossung to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Demolition of the following properties: 225 Sample Street; 726 Stanton Avenue; 243 Maryland Avenue; 17 Friday Road; 19 Friday Road and 23 Friday Road. Notification of the hearing was delivered to the owners of aforementioned properties, Allegheny County, Shaler Area School District and Jordan Tax Service.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Ms. Sorg was taken to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to purchase 2 iPads and 1 MacBook from the Apple Government purchasing program, not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Varley, second by Mr. Stout, to accept bid for emergency repair of 5 crosswalks at \$4,400 per crosswalk through JEM Industries. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to forgo collection of 2017 Real Estate Tax liens by Keystone due to COVID-19. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Varley, to hire Joseph Spelick as a part-time Police Officer. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to distribute COVID relief fresh food baskets at MCC, through NHCO, NSR, MCDC and the Borough. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Stout, to enter into negotiations with PennDOT for directional murals at the Riverfront Park underpass. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to move September 1 Council Workshop and September 8 Regular Council meeting to the MCC beginning at 5pm and hold remotely because of COVID-19. Advertising as required by Act 15. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Ms. Sorg, to abate Borough Property Taxes for tax year 2019 and 2020 for MCDC specific to properties 79-G-101, 79-G-102, 79-G-103, 79-G-122, 79-G-121, 79-G-120 and 79-G-119 – Millvale Gardens properties. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Bossung, to enter into an agreement with Allegheny Cleanways to lease Allegheny Cleanways outdoor vehicle storage at the Riverfront Public Works building for \$50.00 per month, per vehicle with a term, through December 31, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Machajewski, to enter into a mutual separation agreement with employee 05. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mr. Stout, to establish a mission statement from the Borough of Millvale as followed, read by Mayor Spoales:

"The Borough of Millvale is committed to providing a diverse community that welcomes all persons and rejects all forms of discrimination including, but not limited to, race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

Furthermore, the Borough of Millvale ensures that all citizens can contribute to the Borough governance and participate in Millvale's vibrant community which encourages citizen engagement and values inclusivity."

Motion carried 7-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve Resolution No. 2742, extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve Resolution No. 2743, for disposition of property 79-G-154 (410 Stanton Ave) through the Allegheny County VPRP. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Sorg, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve Resolution No. 2744 entering into an agreement with Allegheny County to be a recipient of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Ms. Sorg, to approve Resolution No. 2745, approving an amendment to the loan and security agreement by and between the Borough and S&T Bank; Loan agreement was to be paid June 1, Bank will allow payment for a 1 time extension –June 30, 2020 thru October 1, 2020. It is amending section 2 to the agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: July 2020

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$491,783
Delinquent Real Estate - \$83,343
Real Estate Transfer - \$12,472
Wage Tax Collections - \$190,979
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$71
Mechanical Devices - \$300
Mercantile/Business Privilege/LST - \$62,435
District Justice Fee/Parking - \$17,916
Reserve Portfolio - \$976,687

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Ms. Sorg, to approve the monthly finance report for July 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Varley, to approve the financial transactions for July 2020 in the amount of \$226,366.14. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

- Mayor's Report: The Mayor read a proclamation, thanking Zaheen Hussein for his years of service as Sustainability Coordinator.
- Zaheen Hussein: No report, last time attending after 5 years, heartfelt thanks to the Borough!

Public Comment, via Website

None.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager