

**Minutes of the  
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - COVID 19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION DRAFT  
Millvale Community Center – 416 Lincoln Ave**

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

Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting.  
Allegheny County may go back to holding weekly remote meetings regarding COVID-19 concerns.  
Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 general updates.  
Discussion was held regarding Curative's use of the MCC for testing.  
Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.  
Discussion was held regarding various resolutions to be voted on at tonight's meeting.  
Discussion was held regarding a thank you letter from Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for use of the MCC.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 6:14pm.  
Council President Machajewski 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  
Al Atkinson, Vice-President  
Paul Bossung  
Katie Dembowski – 6:16pm  
Patty Harpur  
William G. Stout - absent  
Jack Varley - absent

*Also Present:*

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager  
Solicitor Cambest  
Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Monday, November 1, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held regarding Ordinance No. 2807 – Tax Levy and Ordinance No. 2808 – CO2. With no public comment, the hearing was closed. Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mrs. Harpur to close to hearing.

President Machajewski commented that the Tax Levy is a concerted effort to lower taxes within the Borough of Millvale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Motions*

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to challenge Real Estate Assessment Appeal for 15 Howard Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to allow staff and solicitor to review and determine challenges for future assessment challenges. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to provide support letter for CABT specific to truck size increases. Motion was tabled, pending more discussion and review. Motion to table carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to support adopt a street tree program and adopt street trees outside Borough Building. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve use of MCC on December 19, 2021 for Santa and Snacks at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

### Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve Resolution No. 2809, amending Resolution No. 2764 and fixing salaries and wages for fiscal year 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Resolution No. 2810, eliminating contributions to the police retirement fund for fiscal year 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Resolution No. 2811, adopting the 2022 Budget for the Borough of Millvale. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to Approve Resolution 2812, amending the schedule of fees associated with Borough services, permits and licenses for fiscal year 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to Approve Resolution 2813, authorizing the 2022 tax and revenue anticipation note for the Borough of Millvale for 2022 in the amount of \$450,000, fixed interest 1.41%. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to Approve Resolution 2814, extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for 30 Days. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to Approve Resolution 2815, appointing Brandon Burn as Junior Council Person to Millvale Council through June 30, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to Adopt Ordinance No. 2807, levying and assessing the real estate taxes in Millvale Borough for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a total of 9.5. mills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mr. Machajewski, to Adopt Resolution 2808, amending Millvale Borough Code Part II, Chapter 211 and create Article V: Setting CO2 Standards for detectors. Motion carried 5-0.

### Monthly Finance Reports: November 2021

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$743,269.96  
Delinquent Real Estate - \$82,943.31  
Real Estate Transfer - \$55,581.65  
Wage Tax Collections - \$275,642.43  
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$47,950.65  
Mechanical Devices - \$7,809.70  
Mercantile - \$37,956.63  
Business Privilege - \$43,058.77  
LST - \$35,373.55  
Court Fines – \$38,872.86  
Permit Fees - \$92,935.21  
Parking Meter - \$7,874.02

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve the monthly finance report for November 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Harpur, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve the financial transactions for November 2021 in the amount of \$257,892.18. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports** - The following reports were submitted to Council:

Code, Engineering, PW and Zoning were submitted to council for record.

Sustainability Report submitted to record. Thank you for adopting street tree program. Girty's Woods trail plan will be done in January.

Mayor Spoales: Another successful food distribution. 200 meals distributed. Next will be Dec 28. Coffee with Cops on 12/16/21.

President Machajewski: Santa will be in Millvale on Saturday 12/18/21. Snacks with Santa at MCC from 10am-12pm on 12/19/21.

**Public Comment**

Jen Saffron (Sprezzatura) and Derek Dumont – regarding plans for a fresh foods market at 524 Grant Avenue.

Thank you from Ross/ West View EMS for use of MCC for Children's Christmas Party.

**Adjournment**

The public meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager