

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 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 Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.
Discussion was held regarding various resolutions to be voted on at tonight's meeting.
Discussion was held regarding cost of contract extension with Comcast. Not to exceed \$250.00 additional dollars per month.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 6:19pm.

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 – 6:29pm
Patty Harpur – ZOOM – 6:15pm
William G. Stout
Jack Varley - absent

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager
Solicitor Dalfonso
Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski
Michele Revay, Office Admin

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Stout, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Atkinson, to allow PW staff to attend one day ALOM conference on October 28, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Bossung, schedule and advertise Police Department Sargeant's exam. Motion carried 5-0, 1 Abstain.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Dembowski, notify Civil Service Commission of Sergeant's exam. Motion carried 5-0, 1 Abstain.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Machajewski, purchase Swift Water rescue boat (Grand Raid MKII) not to exceed \$15,000.00. Boat storage, transport and insurance will be through the MVFD. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for non-uniformed employees' pension plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Machajewski, to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for uniformed employees' pension plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to submit CDBG YR 48 grant application/s. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Harpur, to support Millvale Community Library (MCL) and the formation of a non-profit library organization. Millvale Borough also agrees to participate in the development of an MOU between the participating libraries and communities. No changes to current funding. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Stout, designate October 31, 2021, 5:30-8 PM for Halloween Trick r Treating. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Machajewski, to provide Free Meter Use for the Holiday Season Beginning November 20, 2021, and Ending January 02, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to revise lease agreement with Tres Rios for rental of riverfront space. The new rate will be \$2,400 per year (5-month use), payable yearly by January 31. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Atkinson, to approve Application for Disposition of property 118-L-304 (19 Friday) through the Allegheny County VPRP. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve a contract with Hoffman Kennels 2022-2024, \$100 per call. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve contract extension with Comcast for a new phone system and fiber cabling, monthly increase not to exceed \$250.00 . Motion carried 6-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Atkinson, to Approve Resolution 2801, Extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 30 days. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to Approve Resolution 2802, to participate with like communities in Relmagine Appalachia, a climate-based job creation effort. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Machajewski, to Approve Resolution 2803, for disposition of property 118-L-304 through the Allegheny County VPRP. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second my Mrs. Dembowski, to approve Resolution 2804, vacating property once held to develop a Borough street (Spring Street, 1904 plat). The area to be vacated is specific to the depth of 118-G-1 and 118-C-178 and per all Borough, County, Commonwealth and Federal requirements. Motion carried 6-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: August 2021

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$607,630.13

Delinquent Real Estate - \$16,126.29

Real Estate Transfer - \$47,649.11

Wage Tax Collections - \$164,599.41

Delinquent Wage Tax - \$51,760.65

Mechanical Devices - \$6,659.70

Mercantile - \$32,394.41

Business Privilege - \$34,503.60

LST - \$23,402.23

Court Fines – \$28,414.11

Permit Fees - \$79,923.00

Parking Meter - \$3,335.86

Motion by Mr. Bossung, second by Mr. Machajewski, to approve the monthly finance report for August 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve the financial transactions for August 2021 in the amount of \$275,332.31 Motion carried 6-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

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

Millvale Library – Nora Peters: Millvale Free Fridge, Finished up summer camps, Friday Yoga Classes at MCL, Love Your Library Month.

Council President Machajewski – ACBA nominated Mayor Brian Spoales as Borough Official of the Year. Happy Millvale Days! Mayor Spoales also to be Grand Marshal for the Millvale Days parade.

Public Comment

Debbie Bierley – 227 Sample: 1. Questions regarding 225 Sample Street 2. Thank you to Borough for helping with damage to her house – there are further issues. 3. Mayor did a wonderful job officiating Marriage Ceremonies the prior weekend.

George Ackerman – New Tri-boro EcoDistrict employee. Welcome.

Ron Oswald – North Ave: Update on chimney removal on Stanton Ave.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager