

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Monday, February 13, 2023 - COVID 19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION DRAFT
Millvale Borough Building – 501 Lincoln Avenue**

Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00PM

Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting.
Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 general updates. COVID-16 National Disaster ending. Once Federal declarations are cancelled, it is done. Will be in May 2023.
Discussion was held regarding the Public Review for Conditional Use for 151 Evergreen Avenue.
Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

MOTIONS

Motion to Grant Conditional Use for property located at 151 Evergreen Avenue, lot and block #79-D-41, per Planning Commission recommendation.
Motion to Approve Borough participation in the 2023 North Hills DUI Task Force.
Motion to Engage Gateway Engineers to develop recommendations and plans for Millvale Bridges.
Motion to Ratify MVFD elections and recognize and appoint Karl Cavanaugh as Fire Chief through the first Tuesday of January 2024.
Motion to Authorize the President of Council and the Borough manager to enter into and/or accept grant agreements or financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the repair and/or replacement of bridges located on Freemont Street, Lincoln Avenue, Grant Avenue, and Klopfer Street in the Borough of Millvale, subject to ratification by the Borough Council.
Motion to Approve RFP submittal to PCRG for VISTA intern.
Motion to Approve the use of MCC by Millvale VFW on March 11 for Golden Gloves Boxing at no charge.
Motion to Approve purchase of 2 police vehicles (when available) not to exceed \$ 110,500. Financing two years through FNB at 2%.
Motion to Approve purchase of shirts for Council members and select staff not to exceed \$250.
Motion to Approve use of the MCC by Millvale Pride on June 24 at no charge.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Resolution No: 2897, Extending Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 30 Days.
Resolution No: 2898, for Disposition of Borough Records for years 2017 and prior.
Resolution No: 2899, appointing Jon Halt to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring the first Monday of January 2029.

Public Review

Council then moved into a Public Review for Conditional Use for property located at 151 Evergreen Avenue, lot and block #79-D-41, located in the Commercial (C) Zoning District. The property executor wishes to change the use of the property from Single-Family to Two-Family. The use is allowed in the Commercial (C) District as a Conditional Use. The Planning Commission voted to recommend conditional Use on January 17, 2023, with no conditions recommended.

Jonathan Hicks, of Monroeville is the interested party for 151 Evergreen. Looking to invest further in Millvale.

Motion by Mrs. Rudar, Second by Mrs. Halt, to close Public Review. Motion Carried 7-0.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 6:05pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded.
Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

Mayor Spoales then administered the Oath of Office and swore in Officer Jayde Burge as an Officer in the Millvale Police Department.

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Roll Call

Members Present:

Brian Spoales, Mayor
Jim Machajewski, Council President
Al Atkinson, Vice-President
Paul Bossung
Katie Dembowski
Tyler Halt
Denise Rudar
William G. Stout
Junior Council Person Brandon Burn

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest
Chief Tim Komoroski
Michele Revay – OSMA
Zoning & Planning Director Aaron Flook
Fire Chief and Code Officer Karl Cavanaugh

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mrs. Rudar, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mr. Stout, to Grant Conditional Use for property located at 151 Evergreen Avenue, lot and block #79-D-41, per Planning Commission recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mr. Bossung, to Approve Borough participation in the 2023 North Hills DUI Task Force. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung, to Engage Gateway Engineers to develop recommendations and plans for Millvale Bridges. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mr. Bossung, to Ratify MVFD elections and recognize and appoint Karl Cavanaugh as Fire Chief through the first Tuesday of January 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

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Resolutions and Ordinances

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Monthly Finance Reports: January 2023

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$8,549.04
Delinquent Real Estate - \$9,884.90
Real Estate Transfer - \$2,692.55
Wage Tax Collections - \$2,692.96
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$36,800.00
Mechanical Devices - \$179.69
Mercantile - \$682.85
Business Privilege - \$2,613.39
LST - \$3,594.38
Court Fines – \$1,432.57
Permit Fees - \$7,889.25
Parking Meter - \$0

Motion by Mrs. Rudar, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve the monthly finance report for January 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve the financial transactions for January 2023 in the amount of \$669,875.92. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

Code, Engineering, Police, Library, Sustainability, Social Workers, Junior Council, Utilities, GRJSA, PW and Zoning were submitted to council for record.

Nora Peters – Millvale Library: Adult Programs for the library, hosted NARCAN training recently – will continue to do so. Working with a refugee family to find furnishings.

Public Comment

Jamie Reitz – 508 Bauerlein: Part of the street is collapsing/More Parking enforcement is needed/Parking issues especially on Fridays with refuse pickup and trash cans.

Dave Moreno – 1025 Evergreen: Evergreen Ave needs an elevated crosswalk, more crosswalk lights.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager