

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Millvale Borough Building – 501 Lincoln Avenue**

Council Workshop was called to order at 6:03 PM

Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

Discussion was held regarding updates on the Stanton Avenue Sidewalk (800 Block). Engineer from Gateway went out, some areas are cordoned off.

Discussion was held regarding Millvale Days announcement. President Machajewski announced that Millvale Days will be two days – September 15th and 16th. Announcement to go out on Social Media and Website.

MOTIONS

Approve pavilion use for VFD and Employee Picnic at no charge for September 23, 2023. Contribution of up to \$500.00 for food and supplies from the General Fund.

Approve Ordinance No. 2820, Adding Fire prevention, fire protection and fire inspections to the Millvale Borough Code with the purpose of this Fire Inspection Ordinance is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing commercial buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 6:08pm.

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 - absent
Paul Bossung - absent
Katie Dembowski – arrived 6:03 pm
Tyler Halt
Denise Rudar - absent
William G. Stout

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest – Via ZOOM
Sergeant Michael Dickson
Michele Revay – OSMA
Zoning & Planning Director Aaron Flook
Code Officer Karl Cavanaugh

Public Review

A public hearing is being held by The Borough of Millvale Council to consider Ordinance No. 2820, Adding Fire Prevention, Fire Protection, and Fire Inspections to the Millvale Borough Code with the purpose of this Fire Inspection Ordinance is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing commercial buildings, structures, and premises and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

At this time, the public was asked if they had any questions concerning Ordinance No. 2820.

Paul Glevicky, representing 876 Stanton Avenue expressed concern about the Peoples' Gas Lines on Stanton Avenue in regards to 876 Stanton Avenue and neighboring residential properties.

President Machajewski responded that comments should be kept to what is contained in Ordinance No. 2820 only.

Motion to close public review by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Dembowski. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Dembowski, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve pavilion use for VFD and Employee picnic at no charge for September 23, 2023. Contribution of up to \$500.00 for food and supplies from General Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Halt, to Approve Ordinance No. 2820, Adding Fire prevention, fire protection and fire inspections to the Millvale Borough Code with the purpose of this Fire Inspection Ordinance is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing commercial buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations. Motion carried 4-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: June 2023

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$159,496.32
Delinquent Real Estate - \$53,475.09
Real Estate Transfer - \$25,768.77
Wage Tax Collections - \$105,535.62
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$104,900.00
Mechanical Devices - \$16,958.76
Mercantile - \$31,972.59
Business Privilege - \$32,286.08
LST - \$21,286.51
Court Fines – \$18,715.51
Permit Fees - \$37,726.25
Parking Meter - \$2,848.42

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mrs. Halt, to approve the monthly finance report for June 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mrs. Halt, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve the financial transactions for June 2023 in the amount of \$174,601.54. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

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

Social Worker Alyssa Peters – Social Work Stats for June; Drug and Alcohol Awareness event on 7/12/23 in Sharpsburg at 5:30pm.

Library Executive Director Melissa Mason – Discussed Library summer programming.

Public Comment

Diana Brown – 528 North Ave – Regarding rodent issue at 530 North Avenue. Have caught 20 rodents, incurring exterminator expenses. Code officers Cavanaugh and Tunstall doing a great job. Going to the hearing tomorrow at the Magistrate.

Paul Glavicky, representing 876 Stanton Avenue – Addressed Manager Figas and Borough Council, asked if the Borough Engineer had been up to Stanton Avenue to address on going issues. Reiterated concerns about Peoples' Gas lines. President Machajewski responded that the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor are addressing and working on it.

Brandi Przyblinski, for her father Leo – Stanton Avenue – Concerns about Stanton Avenue issues, brought in letters/documentation from 2015. Cited past work that was done on certain properties on Stanton Avenue, suggested that this was a “corrupt system”, regarding Council.

Rob Gradowski – 219 Shoup Street – Questions regarding Maryland Avenue traffic concerns.

Ronald Marsiko – 635 Evergreen Avenue – His bike was stolen around July 4th; Millvale Police helped him get a new bike, thank you.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager