

**BOROUGH OF MILLVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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PRE- MEETING MINUTES STARTED 7:00 P.M.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

BACKHOE REPAIRS OF \$2,500.00 PLUS PARTS WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS DECIDED TO GET THE WORK DONE.

A LETTER FROM MARLANE VUJEVICH IN REGARDS TO STEPS ON NORTH AVENUE. SHE WAS TOLD BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER THAT THEY WOULD BE REPAIRED AS SOON AS THE CRACK SEALING WAS DONE OR WHEN IT CAN BE GOTTEN TO. AGREEMENT WAS UNANIMOUS.

A QUOTE FROM WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE FROM STATE WORKERS INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,075.00; LAST YEAR THE INSURANCE WAS \$52,932.00 WHICH IS A SAVINGS OF \$13,857.00. OUR INSURANCE AGENT IS TRYING TO GET US A BETTER RATE FROM OTHER COMPANIES. MRS. PUCCI WOULD LIKE AUTHORIZATION TO GO WITH THE LOWEST QUOTE BECAUSE A DECISION HAS TO BE MADE BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. OUR INSURANCE IS FROM 8/1/08 THRU 8/1/09. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET A 5% SAVINGS FROM FORMING THE SAFETY COMMITTEE. MRS. PUCCI WILL SUBMIT THE APPLICATION THIS WEEK. IN UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

LETTER FROM SENATOR ORIE REGARDING TO GRANTS FROM MITIGATION AND DO WE WANT TO APPLY FOR ANY. SIX VOTED YES AND ONE ABSTENSION (MR. VARLEY).

A LETTER FROM SENATOR FERLO'S OFFICE WAS DISTRIBUTED.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE JOINT PURCHASE OF A CRACK SEALER BETWEEN ETNA, RESERVE, SHARPSBURG AND MILLVALE. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS

DISCUSSION ON GRANTING CURB CUT BEHIND 671 EVERGREEN FOR NICK'S ELECTRIC. IN UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

DISCUSSION ABOUT ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE IN REGARDS TO THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS WHEN PROPERTY IS SOLD IF THEY HAVE AN OLD METER. MRS. PUCCI FEELS THAT A LOT OF WATER IS BEING LOST DUE TO OLD METERS RUNNING SLOW. INSTRUCTED SOLICITOR TO MAKE UP AN ORDINANCE.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL COST HAS GONE UP 27% FROM LAST YEAR AMOUNTING TO ABOUT A \$19,000.00 INCREASE. OUR AGENT WILL BRING IN APPLICATIONS TO BE FILLED OUT FOR OTHER INSURANCE COMPANY QUOTES. IN UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO HAVE BOROUGH MANAHER ACCEPT LOWEST INSURANCE RATE.

LETTER FROM PENNDOT AND A RESIDENT REGARDING TRAFFIC LIGHT AT HARDEE'S DISTRIBUTED.

CHIEF AND BOROUGH MANAGER INTERVIEWED A PERSON FOR PART-TIME POLICE POSITION AND HIRED HIM ON THE CONDITION THAT HE PASSES THE TEST AND PSYCHOLOGIST. NO PROBLEM STATED BY THOSE PRESENT.

THERE IS SOME TILE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOMS THAT NEED FIXED. A COMPANY WILL BE COMING IN TO FIX IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

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FYI: TWO PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES NEEDED REPAIRS THIS MONTH. THE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN DONE.

FYI: NO MONEY HAD TO BE BORROWED FROM PARKVALE CREDIT LINE. WE MADE IT THOUGH WITH THE REAL ESTATE COLLECTIONS.

WE RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE ON THE WORK TO CREATE THE PARK ON GRANT AVENUE. THE CEMENT WORK COST WAS ESTIMATED BETWEEN \$38,000 AND \$28,000. WE RECEIVED A \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE COUNTY. IT WAS PROPOSED THAT VOLUNTEERS WOULD DO THE WORK IF WE GET THE MATERIALS. DO WE WANT VOLUNTEERS TO DO WORK ON OUR PROPERTY? IF WE CAN'T GO WITH JUST THE MATERIAL, WE HAVE TO BID THE WORK OUT BECAUSE IT IS OVER \$10,000. MOTION MADE BY ANGELNIA YOUNG THAT ANY VOLUNTEERS BE USED TO DO WORK ON BOROUGH PROPERTY. SECONDED BY JACK VARLEY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

THERE ARE SIGNS AT THE RIVERFRONT PARK THAT SAY "BIKE PARKING" AND RESTROOMS WITH AN ARROW POINTING DOWN TOWARDS THEM AND THE SECOND PARKING LOT. THEY WERE PROBABLY PUT UP BY JESSE AT THE BAIT SHOP. SIGNS DON'T SAY THAT BIKERS CAN'T PARK IN THE FIRST LOT. IT WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION BY FRANK ALBERT BUT HE DOESN'T THINK IT IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE IT IS JUST LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE IS ADDITIONAL PARKING. WANT TO KNOW IF COUNCIL HAS ANY PROBLEM WITH IT AND IF THE SIGNS SHOULD BE TAKEN TOWN. (DISCUSSION) VOTE TO KEEP THE SIGNS 5/2

THE HOME OF 241 MARYLAND AVENUE IS COLLAPSING AND WE CANNOT FIND THE OWNER. WE PROBABLY CHANGE OUR CDBG GRANT TO THIS PROPERTY BUT IT MIGHT HAVE TO COME DOWN SOON BEFORE IT FALLS DOWN AND HURTS SOMEONE. SHOULD WE HAVE AN ENGINEER LOOK AT IT AND POSSIBLY GET A PRICE ON TAKING IT DOWN? DISCUSSION UNANIMOUS VOTE YES

BRIAN W. AND TRISH FROM THE LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO COUNCIL ABOUT WHERE HE IS AT. THEY THANKED THE BOROUGH FOR RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM TO THEM FOR THEIR CHILDRENS SUMMER PROGRAMS BEING DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. THEY HAVE MET ALL THE GOALS OTHER THAN THE INTERNET SERVICE WHICH THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING 209/211 GRANT AVENUE. THE PRICE WAS RIGHT AND NHCO PROVIDED 28 VOLUNTEERS FOR 2 DAYS TO GUT THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. THEY HAVE FUNDRAISERS PLANNED TO FUND SOME OF THE PROJECTS. AND THEY WILL COUNT OF KEYSTONE GRANT TO RENOVATE THE PROPERTY. SHALER HIGH SCHOOL DONATED FURNITURE THAT THEY ARE REPLACING. SEVEN COMPUTERS WERE DONATED FROM A LAWRENCEVILLE ROBOTICS FIRM. COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD TO MOVE ON TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. TRISH RESTATED THAT THEY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THE BOROUGH HAS DONE TO HELP.

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.

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THE JULY 8, 2008 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:05 PM BY PRESIDENT, JIM PORTER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING TAPED.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT – JIM PORTER, DON GILLESPIE, JACK VARLEY, AL ATKINSON, ANGELINA YOUNG, RORY BENN, ED WIRKOWSKI.

OTHERS PRESENT: MAYOR VINCENT CINSKI AND POLICE CHIEF DEREK MILLER, SOLICITOR – MIKE WITHEREL, ENGINEER - PHIL HERMAN,.

ABSENT: NONE

SINCE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND ALL BOROUGH OFFICIALS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT THOSE MINUTES WITHOUT CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS OR OBJECTIONS.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE

SECOND: AL ATKINSON

VOICE VOTE: 7/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

JEFF KRAUS OF 316 GRANT AVENUE: HE MADE TWO POINTS

- 1) A LAUNDROMAT IS GREATLY NEEDED IN THE BOROUGH.
- 2) MILLVALE POLICE SGT. MILLER WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF MILLER, MR. KRAUS FEELS THAT OFFICER VITH SHOULD BE PROMOTED TO SERGEANT AFTER 13 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE FOR THE BOROUGH.

THE MAYOR PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. AND MRS. KEN VECENIE OF VECENIE DISTRIBUTING FOR 75 YEARS OF BUSINESS IN MILLVALE. THE MAYOR SAID THEY HAVE SUPPORTED THE BOROUGH IN VARIOUS WAYS AND THE BOROUGH IS PROUD TO HAVE THEM IN THE COMMUNITY.

KEN VECENIE THANKED THE BOROUGH FOR THE RECOGNITION AND SAID THEY ARE PROUD TO SAY THEY ARE FROM MILLVALE AND THEY SEE NEW THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TOWN AND HOPE THINGS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.

THE BOROUGH MANAGER READ THE MONTHLY REPORTS:

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS OF JUNE

CURRENT	\$ 240,795.82
DELINQUENT	\$ 6,879.28
OTHER/TAX LICENSE	\$ 300.33
COMMISSION PAID	\$ 5,174.88

WAGE TAX COLLECTIONS OF JUNE

CURRENT	\$ 4,456.87
DELINQUENT	\$ 4,803.76
COMMISSION COLLECTED	\$ 240.19

<u>DISTRICT JUSTICE FEE FOR MAY</u>	\$ 3,252.224
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DISTRICT JUSTICE FEE FOR JUNE WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NEXT MEETING

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ANIMAL CONTROL FEE FOR JUNE

\$ 410.00

A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS READ

MOTION: AL ATKINSON

SECOND: RORY BENN

ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE (JIM PORTER): WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP FROM BORROWING.

PUBLIC SAFETY (JIM PORTER): THE MAYOR WILL REPORT LATER IN MEETING.

HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE (DON GILLESPIE): ONE SIGN WAS ERRECTED.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (AL ATKINSON): MILLVALE DAYS IS BEING WORKED ON, THE BREWFEST IS AUGUST 9TH AND THE GOLF OUTING IS OCTOBER 5TH.

PENSION (AL ATKINSON): NO CHANGE TO REPORT

BOROUGH/PUBLIC PROPERTY & PERSONNEL – (DON GILLESPIE): IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING SOME POLICE AND ROAD CREW WORKERS.

PUBLIC WORKS (JIM PORTER): STREETS ARE BEING TARRED TO SEAL CRACKS. ALSO TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH WEEDING AND GRASS CUTTING.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: *NONE*

ENGINEER'S REPORT: THE COMPLETE REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW. NINE SEDGWICK STREET SHOULD BE COMING DOWN THIS NEXT WEEK. HOMETOWN STREETS IS COMPLETED BUT THE DEVICES AREN'T INTO THE CONTROL CENTER YET TO TURN THE LIGHTS ON AND OFF.

1. RIVERFRONT PROJECT
RIVERFRONT TRAIL PHASE II, BACK CHANNEL BRIDGE.
 - SUBCONSULTANT
PSI: FINAL GER TO BE SUBMITTED ON JULY 11, 2008.
2. HOMETOWN STREETS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
 - PROJECT COMPLETED JUNE 13, 2008. FINAL INSPECTION TO BE SCHEDULED.
3. DEMOLITIONS
 - NOTICE TO PROCEED JUNE 30, 2008 ISSUED TO LUTTERMAN CONTRACTING
4. CD YEAR 34
 - GRANT AVENUE WATERLINE BID OPENING JULY 15, 2008.
 - GROSSMAN LANE PAVING AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE.
5. CD YEAR 35
 - PRE-APPLICATIONS APPROVAL PROJECTS ARE:
MCCARTHY PARK TOT LOT
DEMOLITIONS
MARYLAND AVENUE RETAINING WALL

FULL APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 15, 2008.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NOTHING FOR THIS PUBLIC MEETING

SINCE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TOTAL CHECKS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430,655.03 AND

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THE CURRENT INVOICES UP TO TODAY'S DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,221.19 A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO PAY ALL INVOICES WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

MOTION: ED WIRKOWSKI
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

SECOND: DON GILLESPIE

MAYOR'S REPORT

THE MAYOR READ THE POLICE STATS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

MAYOR CINSKI STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED MANY COMPLIMENTS OF HOW NICE THE TOWN LOOKS WITH THE NEW LIGHTING AND WALKS. HE ALSO THANKED COUNCIL AND MRS. PUCCI FOR DOING A GOOD JOB OF GETTING ALL THE AMERICAN FLAGS UP FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. COMPLIMENTS WERE ALSO GIVEN FOR HOW NICE THAT LOOKED. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRAISED THE FARMER'S MARKET THAT IS NEW THIS SUMMER. THERE ARE A LOT OF POSITIVE THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TOWN.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
VOICE VOTE 7/0

SECOND: RORY BENN

TIME: 8:20 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

VIRGINIA N. PUCCI
BOROUGH MANAGER