

**BOROUGH OF MILLVALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2008
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PRE-MEETING 7:00 & REGULAR MEETING 8:00 PM**

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

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

1. DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO HIRE METER PERSON OR USE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO PATROL THE METERS. CHIEF MILLER RECOMMENDED THAT WE USE THE PART-TIME OFFICER. VOTE WAS 7/0 FOR PART-TIME OFFICER TO PATROL METERS.
2. DISCUSSED BID RESULTS ON WATER LINE. MUCH HIGHER THAN EXPECTED. IT WAS DECIDED TO NOT AWARD THE BID AT THIS TIME AND WAIT UNTIL THE GROSSMAN LANE BID IS RECEIVED TO DETERMINE IF WITHIN OUR BUDGET. POSSIBLY DO JUST ONE OF THE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON GROSSMAN BID.
3. JACK VARLEY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT CHANGING THE ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING LOTS. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AND THE DECISION WAS 7/0 TO GIVE ALL A COPY OF ZONING ORDINANCE FOR EVERYONE TO MAKE WHAT CHANGES THEY THOUGHT WERE NEEDED.
4. BOROUGH ENGINEER GAVE A QUOTE ON MARYLAND AVENUE OF \$9,200.00 TO TAKE IT DOWN. OWNER WAS LOCATED BUT HE TOOK EARLY RETIREMENT AND CAN'T AFFORD DEMOLITION COST. HE SAID WE COULD TAKE HIM TO MAGISTRATE AND HE WILL MAKE PAYMENTS ON IT. DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANGELINA YOUNG AND SECONDED BY AL ATKINSON TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE. FINAL VOTE WAS 7/0.
RECEIVED A LOWER QUOTE FROM AMERIHEALTH CASUALTY FOR ABOUT \$2,000 DOLLARS LESS THAN STATE WORKMENS, SO WE SWITCHED COMP CARRIERS. IT WAS VOTED ON TO PURCHASE THE POLICE OFFICERS' LUNG AND HEART INSURANCE AT A PRICE OF \$2,909.00. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACK VARLEY AND DON GILLESPIE SECONDED IT. IT WAS A 7/0 VOTE.
5. DISCUSSION ON MR. SMALL'S LEASE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE MUST PAY THE MONTHLY RENTAL ALL YEAR ROUND. IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REPAIR SIX FIRE HYDRANTS. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN UNTIL NEW LEASE IS GIVEN TO MR. SMALL'S.
BOROUGH MANAGER STATED THAT ROAD SALT CAME BID INCREASED FROM \$40.00 A TON TO \$104.00 A TON. STILL WORKING WITH COG TO GET LOWER PRICES BUT THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN SALT AND A NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES ARE NOT GETTING QUOTES AT ALL. BOROUGH MANAGER MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT A BID BETWEEN MEETINGS.
6. COG CABLE TV COMMITTEE MET AND AGREED THAT IT'S BEST FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO HIRE DAN COHEN TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR US AT A JOINT PRICE.
7. CODE.SYSTEMS PROPOSED TO CHANGE OUR BUILDING PERMIT. A COPY OF THEIR PROPOSAL WAS GIVEN TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE EVERYONE LOOK OVER THE PROPOSAL AND DISCUSS AT THE NEXT MEETING.
8. BOROUGH MANAGER GAVE A REPORT ON PENSION PLANS AND AT THIS TIME THEY STILL SEEM TO BE SOUND. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT WE COULD GIVE POLICE RETIREES A COST OF LIVING RAISE. BOROUGH MANAGER WILL LOOK INTO THE COST OF LIVING RAISE.
9. DISCUSSED THE LIGHTS AT RIVERFRONT PARK BEING OUT AND LOOKING INTO DIFFERENT TYPE OF LIGHT THAT ISN'T SO EASILY VANDALIZED. CHIEF MILLER STATED THAT POSSIBLY HE COULD GET A GRANT FROM ZAPALLA'S OFFICE TO PUT CAMERAS UP AT THE PARK. HE WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

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COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 PM TO 8:15 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

THE AUGUST 12, 2008 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:15 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: POLICE CHIEF DEREK MILLER, SOLICITOR REP – RACHEL RIEDEL, ENGINEER - PHIL HERMAN.

ABSENT: MAYOR VINCENT CINSKI

SINCE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND ALL BOROUGH OFFICIALS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT THOSE MINUTES WITHOUT CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS OR OBJECTIONS.

MOTION: AL ATKINSON
VOICE VOTE: 7/0

SECOND: RORY BENN

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

THE BOROUGH MANAGER READ THE MONTHLY REPORTS:

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS OF JULY

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| CURRENT | \$ 128,362.44 |
| DELINQUENT | \$ 3,055.21 |
| OTHER/TAX LICENSE | \$ 279.08 |
| COMMISSION PAID | \$ 2,733.95 |

WAGE TAX COLLECTIONS OF JULY

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| CURRENT | \$ 19,566.64 |
| DELINQUENT | \$ 2,076.56 |
| COMMISSION COLLECTED | \$ 103.83 |

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| <u>DISTRICT JUSTICE FEE FOR JUNE</u> | \$ 3,505.76 |
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| <u>DISTRICT JUSTICE FEE FOR JULY</u> | \$ 1,958.54 |
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| <u>ANIMAL CONTROL FEE FOR JULY</u> | \$ 265.00 |
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A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS READ

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

SECOND: RORY BENN

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE (JIM PORTER): NO REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY (JIM PORTER): CHIEF MILLER WILL READ THE REPORT LATER.

HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE (DON GILLESPIE): TWO APPLICATIONS PENDING.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (AL ATKINSON): THE BREWFEST WAS A SUCCESS. MILLVALE DAYS IS SOON AND THE GOLF OUTING IS OCTOBER 5TH.

PENSION (AL ATKINSON): STATUS QUO

BOROUGH/PUBLIC PROPERTY & PERSONNEL – (DON GILLESPIE): TWO PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS AND A FULL TIME OFFICE CLERK HAVE BEEN HIRED.

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PUBLIC WORKS (JIM PORTER): THERE HAVE BEEN NO WATER BREAKS AND WORKERS ARE JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH THE GRASS CUTTING.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO STOP PAYING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR COUNCILMEN DUE TO THE HIGH PREMIUM OF HEALTH INSURANCE.

MOTION: AL ATKINSON SECOND: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 6/1 (ED WIRKOWSKI – ABSTAIN)

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

#2377 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE ELIMINATING SLUMS AND BLIGHT IN THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE.

MOTION: AL ATKINSON
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

#2378 A CONCURRING RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE REQUESTING A GRANT AND DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED DUTIES BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$190,677.00 FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER MPI-074.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

#2379 A CONCURRING RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE REQUESTING A GRANT AND DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED DUTIES BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$22,100.00 FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER MPR-015.

MOTION: RORY BENN
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

#2380 A CONCURRING RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE REQUESTING A GRANT AND DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED DUTIES BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER MPD-039.

MOTION: ANGELINA YOUNG
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

#2381 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLVALE HIRING TWO AT WILL PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS. NICOLE MURPHY AND ZACHERY MITCHELL.

MOTION: ED WIRKOWSKI
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

ENGINEER'S REPORT: THE COMPLETE REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW. DUQUESNE LIGHT TO DO 2 POWER DROPS. HOMETOWN STREETS WAS COMPLETED. FINAL INSPECTION WILL BE SCHEDULED.

1. RIVERFRONT PROJECT
RIVERFRONT TRAIL PHASE II, BACK CHANNEL BRIDGE.
- SUBCONSULTANT
PSI: AWAITING SUBMITTAL OF FINAL GER.

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2. HOMETOWN STREETS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
 - PROJECT COMPLETED JULY 13, 2008. FINAL INSPECTION TO BE SCHEDULED. AWAITING D.L.CO. POWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS.
3. DEMOLITIONS
 - LUTTERMAN CONTRACTING COMPLETED 9 SEDGWICK. AWAITING DIRECTION ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH 241 MARYLAND. BID \$9,200.00
4. CD YEAR 34
 - GRANT AVENUE WATERLINE: LOW BIDDER – ASTCO CONSTRUCTION, \$112,250.50. REV: SCOPE - \$83,305.00
 - GROSSMAN LANE PAVING: BID DATE AUGUST 19, 2008 – 11:00 AM
5. CD YEAR 35
 - FULL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED:
MCCARTHY PARK TOT LOT
DEMOLITIONS
MARYLAND AVENUE RETAINING WALL
3 CONCURRING RESOLUTIONS AND ATTACHMENT E
REQUIRE COUNCIL ACTION

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 JULY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,942.93 AND THE CURRENT INVOICES UP TO TODAY'S DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,416.36, A MOTION IS REQUESTED TO PAY ALL INVOICES WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
ROLL CALL VOTE 7/0

SECOND: RORY BENN

MAYOR'S REPORT

CHIEF DEREK MILLER READ THE POLICE STATS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION: DON GILLESPIE
VOICE VOTE 7/0

SECOND: ED WIRKOWSKI

TIME: 8:27 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

VIRGINIA N. PUCCI
BOROUGH MANAGER