



**MINUTES OF THE MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2013 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 501 LINCOLN AVENUE, MILLVALE, PA 15209**

The Regular Meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being taped.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Jim Machajewski; William Stout; Polly Grimpe; John Kelly; Brian Wolovich, Jack Varley and Al Atkinson

Junior Councilmember Present: Tyler Machajewski

Also in attendance: Mayor Vincent Cinski, James Tunstall, Borough Solicitor Jack Cambest, and Deborah Grass.

Public Hearing on Sign Ordinance No. 2555

Motion by Atkinson, second by Stout to open the public hearing at 7:05pm. Motion carried 7-0.

The provisions of the ordinance were summarized by the Borough Solicitor. The floor was opened for public comment. There was a question about the regulation of artistic murals and whether they would be considered "signs." The Solicitor stated that artistic murals are not part of the sign regulations.

Motion by Kelly, second by Stout to temporarily close the public hearing and continue it until a later date. Motion carried 7-0.

Registered Comments From the Public

Jane Blume, 109 Maryland Avenue asked Council for a response about her door. Mr. Blume, 109 Maryland Avenue, indicted that there is wood and plasterboard in Goodwin Alley that needs cleaned up.

Council President Machajewski stated that the estimate that the Borough received from Mrs. Blume included a lot of additional work that was unrelated to the replacement of the door. Mr. Machajewski asked if it was possible to get an estimate for the replacement of the door only. Mrs. Blume said she would see what she can do.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items

None



Meeting Minutes

Motion by Atkinson, second by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop meeting on February 5, 2013 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Stout, second by Wolovich, to approve the bills for February 2013. Motion carried 7-0

Monthly Finance Reports – February 2013

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record:

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$ 4,187.03
Wage Tax Collections - \$ 33,854.90
Other Taxes - \$ 6,583.41
District Justice Fee - \$ 2,767.13

Motion by Kelly, second by Grimpe to approve the monthly Finance Report for February 2013. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports

The following reports were presented to Council:

- The written Engineer's report was in the Council packets.
- There was no Solicitor's report
- Mayor's Report - 365 Calls, 3 Felony Arrests, 9 misdemeanor
- Fire Report – 22 calls for the month of February
- Code Enforcement Officer Report – Mr. Tunstall reviewed information about a hearing held for Mr. Small's as well as a citation that was issued for 327 Stanton Avenue. This is the same property that Mr. Blume previously complained about.

Official Actions

Finance

There were no action items for finance this month.

Public Property

Motion by Stout, second by Wolovich, to adopt ordinance 2554 providing for the care and maintenance of private and public sidewalks and driveways. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kelly, second by Atkinson, to table Ordinance 2555 amending Section 412 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the installation of signs in the Borough of Millvale. Motion carried 7-0.

Handicapped Parking Services

Councilman Varley announced that he is waiting for an application for the addition of a sign on Colton Street.



Personnel

Motion by Stout, second by Wolovich to appoint Amy Rockwell as the new Borough Manager and to authorize the Council President to sign an employment agreement with Ms. Rockwell contingent upon the final review by the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Grimpe, second by Stout, to adopt Resolution No. 2556 appointing Tina Walker to the Planning Commission through January 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kelly, second by Grimpe, to adopt Resolution No. 2557 appointing Mark Panza to the Zoning Hearing Board through January 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Stout, second by Grimpe, to adopt Resolution No. 2558 appointing Mandy Wolovich to the Zoning Hearing Board through January 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kelly, second by Wolovich, to adopt Resolution No. 2559 appointing Denise Rudar to the Planning Commission until January 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Works

Motion by Stout, second by Atkinson, to table an agreement between ALCOSAN and the BOROUGH OF MILLVALE, to share in the relocation and replacement of a sewer line at Riverfront Park contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Stout, second by Kelly, to authorize the purchase of 18 new tires for the Millvale train at a price not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Grimpe, second by Wolovich, to resubmit a CITF grant funding request in the amount of \$200,000 to Allegheny County for the upgrade of the Convent Avenue sanitary sewer line. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Safety

Motion by Wolovich, second by Kelly, to authorize a grant application to Healthy and Safe Communities for crosswalks, bike safety, and assessment of school bus stops. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Wolovich, second by Grimpe, to authorize a letter for the Penn Future Sunshot Rooftop Challenge II. Motion carried 7-0.

Recreation

Motion by Kelly, second by Grimpe, to adopt resolution 2560 authorizing an application to DCNR to request grant funds for a comprehensive multi-community master site plan for the parks in Millvale, Sharpsburg, and Etna. Motion carried 7-0.



New Business

Motion by Stout, second by Wolovich, to authorize the Council President to sign a grant contract with the Local Government Academy for a grant award in the amount of \$8,500 for a sustainability assessment project in the Borough of Millvale. Motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

Councilman Wolovich reminded residents about the Tree Planting in the business district scheduled for April 6 meeting at the Community Center at 9am and on April 20 at the Riverfront Park meeting at the pavilion at 9am. Also the Community Clean Sweep is scheduled for April 20. The Borough will supply bags and some tools but residents are encouraged to bring their own gloves, brooms, shovels, and rakes. There will be more information in the newsletter.

Comments from the Public

There were no additional comments from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.