

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 10, 2014
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA**

Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the Tax Anticipation Note for 2015. It was determined to reduce the amount for 2015.

Discussion was held on the 2015 Draft Budget.

Discussion was held on the Library and their partnership with Shaler North Hills Library.

Discussion was held regarding the application to Solarize Allegheny. It was determined to support an application and partner with the Borough of Etna.

The Public Hearing for Demolitions was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The first hearing was for 109 Siegel Street. Owner Opal Bujalski spoke in support of demolition and stated she could not afford to tear down the structure. Mrs. Bujalski also stated she had not intent to rehabilitate. Code Enforcement Jim Tunstall testified to the state of the property and the vacancy. The hearing was then closed and the property declared a public nuisance.

The second hearing was for 114 Hays Street. No one appeared to speak on behalf of this property. Code Enforcement Jim Tunstall testified to the state of the property and the vacancy. The hearing was closed and the property was declared a public nuisance.

The final hearing was for 10 Troy Street. Kari Marciniak, 209 Holly Ridge Drive, Glenshaw, appeared to testify she has applied through Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program to purchase this house. She intends to rehabilitate the property. Ray Dembowski, 813 Stanton Avenue, appeared and testified he owns the property next door. For years he has been maintaining the house, cutting grass and boarding windows. There are ants covering the property and vines have overtaken the porch. He testified the house had been vacant at least for the last nine years and he believes it to be a nuisance. Bart DePasquale, 13 Reserve Street, testified he has been in his house for seven years and this property has been vacant the whole time. He testified he believes the house should be torn down and it is not a property which can be rehabilitated. He also testified that it is hard to see past the house when turning onto Troy. Solicitor Cambest directed comment to Kari Marciniak that to stop the process someone would have to acquire the property. Code Enforcement Jim Tunstall testified to the state of the property and the vacancy. The hearing was closed and the property was declared a public nuisance.

The Public Hearing for the Solar Ordinance was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

There was no public comment on the Ordinance and the hearing was closed.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 7:23 pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Vincent Cinski, Mayor
Jim Machajewski, Council President
Brian Wolovich, Vice-President
John Kelly
William G. Stout
Jack Varley
Al Atkinson
Polly Grimpe

Also Present:

Amy Rockwell, Borough Manager
John Cambest, Solicitor
Jim Tunstall, Code Enforcement Officer
Kidareo Bayer-Carlos, Jr. Councilman

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 and the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mr. Atkinson, to authorize the repayment of the Tax Anticipation Note for 2014 in the amount of \$750,000 plus interest. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Wolovich, to authorize the application for a Tax Anticipation Note for 2015 in the amount of \$450,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Kelly, second by Mr. Stout, to execute the agreement with the Millvale Sternwheeler Landing for the years 2015-2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mr. Kelly, to accept the Engineer's recommendation and accept the lowest responsible bidder, Spencer TI for the CD Year 40 Borough Wide Bike Racks Project at a bid of \$7,920.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Kelly, to accept the Engineer's recommendation and accept the lowest responsible bidder, Thompson Electrical Construction for the DC Year 40 Riverfront Park Lighting Phase II Project at the base bid of \$3,500.00 and the add alternate No. 2 Bid of \$16,800.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mrs. Grimpe, to award the bids for Copier/Scanner/Printer/Fax to the apparent lowest bidder, Toshiba Business Solutions at a lease of \$483.11 per month. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Stout, second by Mr. Wolovich, to declare 109 Siegel, 114 Hays, and 10 Troy as public nuisances and condemn. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolutions

Motion by Mr. Kelly, second by Mrs. Grimpe, to adopt Resolution No. 2603, a resolution supporting participation in Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mr. Kelly, to adopt Resolution No. 2604, a concurring resolution authorizing the North Hills Council of Governments to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for Safe Demolitions at 109 Siegel, 114 Hays, and 10 Troy and also authorizing Wayne Roller to act as the authorized official to file all necessary applications and paperwork as well as providing for a local share from the Borough of Millvale. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Grimpe, second by Mr. Stout, to adopt Resolution No. 2605, a resolution authorizing an agility agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinances

Motion by Mrs. Grimpe, second by Mr. Machajewski, to adopt Ordinance No. 2567, Solar Ordinance, amending Ordinance No. 1567 or 1983, otherwise known as the Borough of Millvale Zoning Ordinance, establishing section 417 by adding definitions for solar photovoltaic systems, incorporating new sections to permit certain solar photovoltaic systems as accessory uses in any zoning district and by adding provisions for the permitting of certain solar photovoltaic systems. Motion carried 7-0.

Monthly Finance Reports: October 2014

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$11,022.25
Delinquent Real Estate - \$1,029.88
Earned Income Tax Collections - \$10,927.22 Current
\$3,857.47 Delinquent
Other Taxes - \$6,121.71
District Justice Fee - \$2,531.16

Motion by Mr. Kelly, second by Mr. Stout, to approve the monthly finance report for October 2014.
Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Wolovich, second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the bills for October 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

- The written engineer's report was in council packet.
- The Solicitor's report- had no report
- Mayor's Report – Officer Scott Bailey presented to Council the details of Project Lifesaver.
- Fire Report
- Code Enforcement Officer Report was in council packet
- Library Report was read in regard to library activity and programming. They have affiliated with Shaler North Hills Library to provide mentoring and support, but not financial support. The Library Board needs the Council to appoint two delegates for 2015 for a term of

Public Comment

Mr. Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, spoke on behalf of parking enforcement.

Ms. Samantha Comarnitsky, 2 David Street, spoke on behalf of Re-Energize Millvale. Re-Energize Millvale is partnering with GTECH to develop interest from Millvale residents to reduce their energy use. They will conduct home consultations with interested Millvale residents.

Mr. Joe Blume, 102 Maryland Avenue, stated he needs a new refrigerator and there is no way to get it in his house.

Marlane Tucibate, 16 Sedgwick Street, discussed a citation from the Millvale Borough Police Department.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager