

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Workshop Meeting Convened

The Millvale Borough Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President James Machajewski.

Roll Call

Council Members: Jim Machajewski; Brian Wolovich; Al Atkinson; Jason Miller; Brian Spoales; William Stout; Jack Varley.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Jack Cambest, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell, and Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.

Absent: Mayor Cinski

Community Development

Mr. Figas reported that the company awarded the sharrow project is unable to post a performance bond. JEM Enterprises will name the Borough as an additional insured. Council indicated this would be sufficient. Mr. Figas reported that the alternative financing is in place for 524 Grant and the project will be starting back up.

Borough Engineer

Phil Strunk, of Gateway Engineering, presented the engineering report for October. The MS4 Program is moving forward and they are beginning outfall mapping. Mr. Strunk was with the Public Works crew on Hays Alley for a road inspection. Mr. Strunk also reported on the status of the Brown Street repairs and the emergency petition to the court. Council was presented two quotes for repairs and indicated to move forward with the lowest quote once the contractor obtains the bonds.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout reported that the commission has no agenda and will not need to meet in October.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich reported the permits have been submitted for the solar installation on the Millvale Community Center. Anticipating an October installation. The Millvale Community Library is hosting a community Halloween Event on October 31 from 5-8.

Mr. Atkinson questioned about the culvert at John Street and when the repair will be made.

Mr. Varley spoke about the handicap parking program.

Mr. Stout discussed some items he was concerned with regarding the borough.

Mr. Miller thanked the Millvale Days Committee for another great year. Mr. Miller also spoke to the residents of 16-18 Sedgwick regarding a dog complaint.

Mr. Machajewski reported that he will have a complete update on Millvale Days next week. Mr. Machajewski thanked the public works, police and office staff for their assistance. Dates for Millvale Days for 2016 will be September 15-17. The Titan Trail dates for the Millvale Riverfront Park are May 23-25, 2016 and council determined to waive the fees. Discussion was held regarding the community Christmas celebrations. Senior luncheon will be December 6 and the children's party will be December 5. We need to find another group to participate with the kids' party. MR. Machajewski also requested that council participate with the Volunteer Fire Department for Halloween and put together a giveaway. Council determined to donate \$300 toward the Halloween celebration. Mr. Machajewski also discussed the generous donation from Woodbridge Productions who repaired the play equipment and mural in McCarthy Park.

There was a general discussion regarding speeding in the Borough. Council requested the manager to discuss their concerns with the Police Department.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the proposal from the Sustainability Coordinator regarding the upcoming Community Planning Meeting on October 26, 2015. The meeting will center on the EcoDistrict Plan established by the community. Zaheen Hussein also discussed a proposal with council regarding a media outreach for Millvale. A \$500 commitment was requested from the Borough. Council was in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Broker for our commercial insurance liability. It was determined to table until next week.

Discussion was held regarding retaining a firm to conduct bridge inspections. It was requested that Gateway submit a proposal for those services.

Discussion was held regarding Brown Street during the Engineers Report.

Discussion was held regarding rentals at the Millvale Community Center. It was determined that short term rentals of less than twelve months and between \$100 and \$1000 can be negotiated by the administrative staff based upon use, space, and storage needs. Energy needs will also be a consideration.

Discussion was held regarding a rezoning request from Commercial to R2. Council determined that they do not wish to rezone the block suggested, and spot zoning is not allowable. The parcel in question will have to apply for a variance.

Discussion was held regarding the draft 2016 Budget. Comments are to be sent to the manager.

Comments From the Public

Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, spoke again about his concerns regarding the business at 14 Sedgwick.

Marlane Tucibat, 16 Sedgwick Street, discussed the need for more police presence on Sedgwick Street.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager