

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Workshop Meeting Convened

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

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance: Solicitor Jack Cambest, Deputy Chief Komoroski, Mayor Cinski, Code Enforcement Officer James Tunstall Sr, Engineer Phil Strunk

Absent was Manager Amy Rockwell, Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas, and Chief Derek Miller

Community Development

Updates tabled until Tuesday Feb 9th meeting

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on the January's engineering activities. Mr. Strunk also reported on the Brown Street project stating that the project was nearing close out. A short update on Seavey Rd was given.

Police Report

Deputy Chief Komoroski reported on ongoing training regarding Taser use and sexual assault cases. Council was updated on the junk vehicle program and report that several vehicles were recently removed. He closed with a report that the police drug investigations are ongoing and that they are actively being pursuing drug dealers.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout had a report on January's meeting. Council notified of a favorable recommendation by Planning Commission members to allow the zoning classification for 132 Howard Street to be altered to Interim Residential for the life of the property deed owners, Black burn family members. Discussion followed and questions were addressed. Action to be taken on issue at next week's public meeting.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Tunstall reported to council on going inspection and citations for the month of January.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich reported on a recent Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting. It was reported that the committee voted in favor of a \$20,000 loan request from a Tea Company. Mr. Figas is working on sending the details and terms to council to make final approval at next week's public meeting. Discussion was held and council agreed to send the issue to next week's pre-meeting work shop to discuss before taking official action. Council was also informed of a letter of intent to apply for a loan was received from the Ice Pop Company and discussions will be held in the future. Questions about the process of the loan application and a brief explanation of the revolving loan guidelines were discussed.

A grant for green storm infrastructure for Seavey road was brought to council's attention. A letter of inquiry deadline is scheduled for February 14th for this grant. Discussion was held and it was agreed that a letter of inquiry would be written for next week pre workshop meeting to be discussed and an action item would be ready for next week's public meeting.

Mr. Varley reported there is a handicap application that will need addressed this month.

Mr. Miller discussed that a member from the VFW post has signed up to speak at next week's public meeting on a need for the a handicap spot in the area of the Millvale VFW Post building. He stated that this is an individual's request and not a request from organization.

Mr. Stout reported to council that last week the Connect meeting held in Millvale. A representative from the Port Authority attended and reported that new regulations and potential new bus routes were being worked on. Mr. Stout voiced concerns on behalf of Millvale about bus seating congestion for Millvale residents due to the lack of bus routes and our residents being on the end of the bus route line. Mr. Stout stated that he is currently reviewing handouts from the Port Authority and will update council in the future of any significant findings.

Mr. Stout updated council on his phone conversation he had with officials on emotional support animals vs. handicap animals and clarified the differences. He also informed council that information is being sent to have on hand at the office to help answer any further questions or problems.
Mr. Machajewski reported (Committee)

Mr. Machajewski asked the mayor and council for permission to award a proclamation to Mt. Troy Volunteer Fire Department for celebrating 100 years of services to their community and the surrounding area. It was agreed that a proclamation would be read at next week's public meeting and then be presented to the members of Mt. Troy Fire Department at their banquet on Saturday February 13, 2016.

New Business

Garden's Proposal was discussed. Mr. Wolovich informed council that that the MCDC has received word that a final application process for a grant opportunity for funds for the Gardens is in process. Council discussed the potential sale of property and the willingness of council to continue discussions. It was agreed upon to continue discussions and that a letter of intent would be draft for the sale of the property to help with the MCDC's application. A draft would be reviewed at next week's workshop with a potential action item to be voted on at next week's public meeting.

Allegheny League of Municipalities Annual Conference April 7-10. Mr. Machajewski encouraged council members and the mayor to check there availability and to try to make arrangements to attend this year's conference as soon as possible.

Comments From the Public

Cathy Sikora, 119 Sheridan Street, commented on the great work that the Borough Public Works employees provided keeping our streets clean during the snow event in January.

Denise Rudar, 244 Maryland, spoke on behalf of the Gardens of Millvale, to thank council for their time with examining and working through the potential sales, along with the handling of discussion of the property were the community gardens are located.

Executive session

Executive session on personal issues and potential litigation was held from 7:10 pm – 7:35 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager