

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Millvale Borough Building, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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

Roll Call

Council Members: President James Machajewski
Vice-President Al Atkinson
Paul Bossung
Katie Dembowski – arrived 6:09pm
Tyler Halt
Denise Rudar
William Stout
Brandon Burn

Also in attendance: Assistant Borough Manager Joe Kypta, Police Chief Tim Komoroski, Office Administrator Michele Revay, Solicitor Kuzma, Engineer Jen Slagle, Zoning & Planning Director Aaron Flook

Public Comments

Greg Porter – Executive Director, Ross/West View EMS – August 11, Municipal Funding Meeting; Councilwoman Halt attended this meeting. EMS System in a crisis for staffing, resources. Need funding.
John Tarallo – Steel City Salts, owner – Lyons Way parking, signage. The Borough is putting up no parking signage.

Cathy Sikora – via email – Offensive sign at the smoke shop; Councilman Stout addressed it with the shop, it is now down. Thank you.

Covid-19 Updates

- Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting. Motion to extend emergency declaration by 30 days
- Discussion was held regarding ARPA Grant. Delayed. Many other communities experience the same delays.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding Lyons Way Parking. Was discussed in public comments, signage would benefit the street/neighborhood.

Discussion was held regarding 2022 MMOs (Uniform and Non-Uniform Pensions).

Discussion was held regarding Halloween Trick r' Treat. Monday, October 31, 2022 – 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

Discussion was held regarding Budget overview, timing and project submission. Eddie putting in the base of the budget by October workshop.

Discussion was held regarding VPRP 79-G-282 (258 Maryland Ave). Tabled for next week.

Discussion was held regarding Councilwoman Halt to resign from the civil service commission.

Events/Programming

Discussion was held regarding Millvale Days (September 15/16/17). Councilwoman Halt discussed magnets for the cars for elected officials; parade is on 9/17 at 11am. Councilman Atkinson discussed the car cruise, get vendor sponsorships in. Jenny Jo Mendak from Millvale Youth discussed "Millvale Days Hangover", which is on 9/18 at the Pavilion, benefits Millvale Youth.

Zoning/Community Development/Code Report

Discussion was held regarding Smart Gov. Software -Still in planning phase.

Discussion was held regarding Land Use Chart. Land use charts are outdated.

Discussion was held regarding small WFC – Kolo Equipment.(5G Towers) It is outside of Right of Way.

Councilman Machajewski congratulated Zoning and Planning Director Aaron Flook for becoming a Building Code Official.

Borough Engineer

Gateway Engineers

Ms. Slagel reported on engineering activities for the month of August.

C-42000-2022 General Engineering

Gateway continued to assist the Borough with review of projects and grant opportunities.

C-42004-2022 MS4 Compliance Work

We are continuing to develop a plan and will follow up on proposed projects required for MS4 compliance and updates to the Pollutant Reduction Plan report. Public Works has updated the storm maps. Gateway will review the maps and update GIS. Gateway will also prepare the annual report that is due September 30th.

C-4206-0002 2022 ARLE Grant Application

Gateway assisted with the preparation of an application for Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) grant funding for the full replacement of the signal equipment at Grant Avenue and Sherman Street. The application awards are anticipated to be announced in December 2022.

C-42007-2022 Road Program

We met with Public Works to review the proposed roads for the 2022 program. The bids were received on May 23rd, 2022. Two bids were received for each of the four base bids and one add alternate project. Council awarded two streets (O'Brien Street and Forest Street) to A Folino Construction. A pre-construction meeting is being coordinated with Folino.

C-42010-0008 CDBG Grants

CD 48 Lincoln Avenue ADA Ramp Project bids will be opened on September 29, 2022, at the NHCOC Office.

CD 49 Logan Street Repair Pre-Application submission opens August 8, 2022, with submission deadline of September 9, 2022 to the County.

C-42021-2020 Demolition Contract

Meyers Construction completed demolition of 21& 23 Friday Street on August 30, 2022. Additional work will need to be completed for 25 Friday Road to seal up area exposed by the demolition of 23 Friday Road.

Public Works

Discussion was held regarding updates on Logan Street/PWSA work. There was drilling done, Logan Street was shut down for 2 days. An emergency vehicle was placed in case of emergency.

Discussion was held regarding Utility work. PWSA hired Mele to do work on North Avenue, the street was ground up on parts of North and Evergreen. Many complaints from local residents. Peoples Gas to do work soon.

Discussion was held regarding Trash Can updates. Trash cans are delayed, will be here after Millvale Days. Discussion was held regarding Millvale Days and Holidays. Public Works employees are getting the streets ready for Millvale Days, banners being put up.

Discussion was held regarding Public Works training sponsored by ALOM and Gateway Engineers, will be in October.

Police Report

Discussion was held regarding the Sergeants' Exam updates. Sergeant's Exam scheduled for 9/10/22.

Discussion was held regarding July activity updates.

Discussion was held regarding Social Work updates.

Planning Commission

There was a meeting on August 16th, conditional use for 207 Stanton was approved. A public hearing will be held next week.

Commission member Jean Domico to resign from Planning Commission. Looking for new planning commission members.

Zoning Hearing Board

Discussion regarding 141 Evergreen Avenue, ZHB meeting on the 29th at 6pm.

Items from Council Members

Council President Machajewski – 27 new Military Banners ordered.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding Ross West View EMS Funding Considerations – Addressed by Greg Porter.

Discussion was held regarding Tele-Communications Ordinance Hearing – Addressed by Aaron Flook.

Discussion was held regarding Emergency Access Box (Knox Box) Ordinance Hearing – Addressed by Aaron Flook.

Public Hearing will be next week at regular council Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager