

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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; William Stout; John Kelly; Al Atkinson; Polly Grimpe; Brian Wolovich-absent; Jack Varley. Junior Councilperson Tyler Machajewski.

Also in attendance: Mayor Vincent Cinski, Solicitor Jack Cambest, Ed Figas, and Phil Strunk.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Community Development

Ed Figas provided an update on the hotel developers.

Borough Engineer

Phil Strunk, of Gateway Engineering, presented the engineering report for February. Mr. Strunk also presented the resolution authorizing the ARLE Grant for North/Emma, North/Evergreen and Grant/Sherman. CITF Grant applications were completed and submitted; council needs to adopt resolutions formally requesting a grant from the RAAC.

Planning Commission

Had no report.

Items from Council Members:

Mr. Wolovich submitted a memo to council to be read at the meeting. Mr. Wolovich offered the Millvale Library as a vehicle to assist the Borough with their MS4 education and outreach requirements. Discussion of the 9 Combined Sewer Overflow locations that are under EPA Consent Decree to be fixed by GRJSA. Meeting proposed to engage the Borough, Buchart Horn and GRJSA to complete a feasibility study. Decision was made to apply for funding through Allegheny County Conservation district for a feasibility study. Mr. Wolovich also reported that the Library will be making application for a Water Resources Education Network Grant and requested general project support from the Borough.

Mr. Stout advised there will be a book signing on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Lincoln. Mr. Machajewski announced that Pastor George and Pastor Carolyn of Christ Lutheran Church will be retiring this June and it would be nice to do a proclamation in May honoring them for their contributions. It was also decided to waive the fees for the Community Center for the retirement dinner.

Mayor Cinski asked for approval to have Chief Miller attend the Allegheny League of Municipalities conference on April 3-4, 2014. Council authorized attendance for the Chief. Mayor Cinski requested approval to hire a full-time and part-time officer.

New Business

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2593, authorizing the President of Council to sign the Automated Red Light Enforcement project funding agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2594 formally requesting a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the Logan Street Storm Drain improvement project.

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2595 formally requesting a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the Patrick Street Retaining Wall improvement project.

The draft agreement for the Millvale Borough Athletic Association was presented and reviewed.

Preliminary discussion was held on the request from Boat Pittsburgh regarding their request to use the docks at the Riverfront Park. It was discussed that the area in question was intended for non-motorized use.

Information was presented to Council summarizing the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act that was passed previously by the Borough, Shaler School District and Allegheny County.

Discussion was held on the voting delegate to the MRM Workers' Compensation Trust meeting held on April 4, 2014.

Venture Outdoors sent notice they did not want to renew their lease at the Riverfront Park. It was discussed that the Pac-Van Trailer lease would be cancelled and the trailer removed from the riverfront.

Discussion was held on alternatives to purchasing a bucket truck.

Discussion was held on a proposal from ARTEZ to apply for grant funding to conduct a Social Indicators Survey. An email from Iris Whitworth was shared with Council which summarized discussion from a managers' meeting. Council felt they did not have information to move forward with the project at this time.

Comments From the Public

Len Jesteadt spoke on the proposed idea from Boat Pittsburgh.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm when Council moved into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager