

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, August 5, 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; Polly Grimpe; Brian Wolovich; Jack Varley. Also in attendance: Mayor Vincent Cinski, Solicitor Jack Cambest, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell and Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.

Public Comment

Community Development

Everyone was reminded that Brewfest will be held this Saturday. It was presented to Council that the Hoop House at the Gardens needs sidewalks for the winter season. Council indicated they would prefer a professional contract perform the work to remove any liability from the Borough regarding construction.

Borough Engineer

Phil Strunk, of Gateway Engineering, presented the engineering report for July. Mr. Strunk also indicated he has been in discussions with the engineer from PWSA regarding the Wherle Way project. Mr. Strunk indicated the bids for Demolitions will be opened on August 14. The study also came back regarding the North Avenue and Emma Street signal removal recommending removal.

Planning Commission

No report.

Bike Committee Report

Joe McLaughlin reported that the Bike Committee has been looking at ways to improve bike and pedestrian safety in the borough. The MBDC received the Pedals and Pedestrians Grant and is working on a route from Grant Avenue to North Avenue extending to Rita's Italian Ice in Shaler Township. They will research and make recommendations to council regarding the number and placement of sharrows that will be required. Mr. Strunk suggested they forward their recommendations to Gateway and Mike Haberman will review it.

Items from Council Members:

Mr. Wolovich disclosed to Council that he will be working with the MBDC to manage the Hillman Grant. He has obtained advice from legal counsel regarding conflict of interest and has received a determination from the Office of the State Ethics Commission. He has been advised to abstain from any votes regarding the MBDC for the year 2014. The grant will be finished in 2014.

Mr. Kelly reported he is working with Chatham College for another riverfront cleanup sponsored by the freshman class. Mr. Kelly also distributed photos to Council of the hillside cleanup and landscaping done on the Pipefitter's property. Mr. Kelly suggested we start doing something to recognize property owners for their cleanup efforts.

Mrs. Grimpe reported that she received notification that the Borough was awarded a recycling grant from the State and this was the first time the Borough received one.

Mr. Machajewski notified Council of his intent to resign as Fire Marshall for the Borough and nominate Karl Cavanaugh. Mr. Machajewski also discussed the Halloween Parade and in the past the Fire Department requested a \$750 donation from the Borough. This year they are making changes and are requesting \$500. The parade will start at the Library and end at the Community Center. Times and details will be distributed at a later date. Discussion was also held discussing a Grand Marshall for the Parade.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Solar Ordinance. It will need presented to the Planning

Commission and then Allegheny County in September. This will allow for a public hearing and vote in October.

Discussion was held on the Floodplain Ordinance. We received changes from FEMA regarding minimum standards and submitted our draft for their review. The ordinance needs to be in place by September 26, 2014. It was determined to send this ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and comment.

Discussion was held on the loan from the Revolving Loan Fund for Washers and more. She is requesting a change in the term of the loan.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding transferring the budgeted funds from the investment account and making the required payments.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming public hearing for the demolitions at 101 Maryland Avenue, 237 Maryland Avenue and 740 Stanton Avenue.

Discussion was held regarding summer interns and the completion of their respective projects.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the MBDC to partner with them in finding a location for a Bike Sculpture.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Element Church to use the GAPP Park for a movie.

Comments From the Public

Kidareo Bayer-Carlos, 400 Stanton Avenue, presented a letter of interest to the Council in regard to the Junior Council Person.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm to executive session and adjourned at 8:33.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager