

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, August 4, 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: Mayor Vincent Cinski, Solicitor Jack Cambest, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell, and Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.

Borough Engineer

Phil Strunk, of Gateway Engineering, presented the engineering report for August. Mr. Strunk commented on Mr. Small's permit application for sidewalk and patio installations. Mr. Strunk and Ed Figas presented to Council the proposal from Mr. Smalls to extend the sidewalk into the street to allow for a defined traffic pattern on Butler Street. Council discussed the proposal and instructed the employees to move forward. Mr. Strunk also reported on updated MS4 permits requirements. Mr. Strunk presented preliminary plans for the Brown Street repair.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout reported that the commission met and discussed the draft zoning ordinance. They are looking to submit their recommendation to council in September.

Items from Council Members:

Mr. Varley reported that when Abitibi empties the dumpster at Medicap Pharmacy they are dropping paper and not cleaning it up.

Mr. Stout questioned why there was a fire truck in the island over the weekend. Mr. Stout inquired about the missing trees in town and how the replacements will be funded. Mr. Stout also questioned why there were only three speed signs on Grant Avenue and to confirm the correct number of signs.

Mr. Miller questioned the status of the police applications.

Mr. Spoales questioned the parking on Bessie Street and enforcement of vehicles parked to the corner. Mr. Spoales also questioned about the repairs to Seavey Road.

Mr. Machajewski discussed the playground committee and announced a meeting for August 12. Mr. Machajewski also discussed Millvale Days and the planned events.

Mayor Cinski reported that the Police Department is interviewing part time officers. Mr. Cinski also spoke regarding the fire on Reserve Street and asked that Council send something to the injured firefighter who lives in Millvale. Mayor Cinski stated that Erin Mansfield was commended by the mother of the young girl who was hit by a car.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the Duquesne Light Replacement Program.

Discussion was held regarding the CASANA Lease proposal. Council approved the terms and will place the agreement on the agenda for a vote.

Discussion was held regarding sidewalks on Stanton Avenue. It was discussed that the borough would install deck pans and steel beams when the property owner does sidewalk repairs. It is the responsibility of the property owner to install and form the concrete.

Discussion was held regarding the Public Improvements Grant Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement has been finalized and signed.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding Tree City USA status. It was determined to team up with the Sustainability Coordinator to apply.

Discussion was held regarding the request to hold Zombie Fest at the riverfront park for late October. We would have to hold off closing the restrooms for the season.

Discussion was held regarding Parcel 79-G-93 and an application to the Vacant Property Recovery Program with the County. Allegheny County is worried about blocking access to the adjacent property owners and has not agreed to sell the parcel to the applicant.

Discussion was held regarding temporary structures on properties without primary structures. Council discussed the need for water, sewage and electric for a structure.

Discussion was held regarding the adoption of Dorf Drive. The ordinance will be advertised for adoption in September.

Discussion was held regarding ARTEZ's rain barrel initiative. Council indicated they would be interested in hearing more details and would like to participate.

Discussion was held regarding the application by the Library to the Heart and Soul Program. Council indicated they would support the project.

Discussion was held regarding the Block Party Permit submitted by the VFW for September 10, 2015. It was determined to place this on the agenda.

Comments From the Public

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager