

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, September 1, 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: Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell, and Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.

Absent: Mayor Cinski, Solicitor Jack Cambest

Community Development

Mr. Figas reported that work will be starting back up on 524 Grant Avenue. The MBDC met with Lamar to discuss right-of-way agreements and future proposals for their billboards on Meade Alley. Lamar will continue the discussions with the developer for the hotel.

Borough Engineer

Phil Strunk, of Gateway Engineering, presented the engineering report for September. The MS4 Program is moving forward and is beyond the expectations. The project manager reported he wished more communities were doing what Millvale is doing. The Borough and Gateway will be setting up a booth at Millvale days on September 19, 2015 from 12-4 to educate residents about MS4 issues and perform public outreach.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout reported that the commission met and discussed the draft zoning ordinance. A few minor corrections were requested prior to submitting to council for adoption. Carolyn Yagle was present to answer any questions from Council regarding the proposed ordinance.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich discussed the donation agreement between the Millvale Community Library and the Borough for the donation of installation of solar panels on the Millvale Community Center. Council proposed to waive the permit fees but still require the permitting process.

Mr. Stout discussed installing clean up after your pet signs in the borough. Mr. Stout inquired about the abandoned RV in the Farragut Lot. Mr. Stout discussed his proposed handicap ordinance.

Mr. Spoales requested an update on the deputy chief position and inquired about parking at Bessie/Evergreen.

Mr. Machajewski provided updates for Millvale Days. It was proposed to decommission the train due to maintenance costs. It was suggested to use the train as the Grand Marshall in the parade.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the proposed natural play area at the Riverfront Park. Pictures and dimensions of the proposed area were presented to Council for their review.

Discussion was held regarding the estimate to repair Seavey Road.

Discussion was held regarding establishing a budget time line. Next meeting will be the deadline for project ideas. October will be review of a draft budget. November will be the final review and December will be budget adoption.

Discussion was held regarding CDBG application for ADA accessible entrances for the Millvale Community Center. Discussion was also held regarding ARTEZ's application for CDBG funding in Millvale.

Discussion was held regarding the A66 interceptor. The final walk through was performed of the site and a punch list was established. Once the punch list is complete, it was approved to make payment to Alcosan for Millvale's share of the project.

Discussion was held regarding the need to open a new bank account for Fire Escrow Funds.

Discussion was held regarding the need to update the block party permits to provide for larger events.

Comments From the Public

Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, voiced his concerns about a new business next door to him on Sedgwick Street. Presented council with a list of his concerns regarding the business at 14 Sedgwick. Mr. Sternitzke also voiced concern about a dog in his neighborhood whose owners do not keep it on a leash. Mr. Sternitzke also discussed his concerns with parking in the borough.

Marlane Tucibat, 16 Sedgwick Street, also stated that dogs are a big issue. People are not cleaning up after their dog.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager