

***WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, June 7, 2016***

Workshop Meeting Convened

The Millvale Borough Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President James Machajewski.

Roll Call

Council Members: Al Atkinson, Jason Miller, Brian Spoales, Jack Varley, Brian Wolovich, James Machajewski.
Also in attendance: Solicitor Krisha Dimascio and Sam Dalfonso, Chief Miller, Mayor Cinski, Code Enforcement Officer James Tunstall Sr, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell
Absent was William Stout.

Community Development

Update provided for the work at 524 Grant Avenue. The garage doors have been installed and they are looking at a grand opening once the building is complete.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on the May's engineering activities. The borough continues its work on MS4 compliance. The ADA doors for the Community Center will need to be put out to bid and specifications will need drawn up in July.

Police Report

Chief Miller reported on police department outreach and police activity in the month of May. The department will be participating in the Click it or Ticket program and has received a \$2000 grant to participate.

Planning Commission

No report.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Atkinson discussed speeding on North Avenue. Stepped up enforcement was discussed.

Mr. Spoales inquired about the status of the grant for the Natural Playspace at the Riverfront Park. DCNR awards are in November. Mr. Spoales and Mr. Wolovich reported they reviewed the Millvale Fields to move the Public Works garage to the park.

Mr. Varley inquired if we had a program in place to provide free parking for visiting nurses.

Mr. Wolovich announced that the solar grant has been submitted to the Hillman Foundation to complete the Millvale Community Center solar array. Mr. Wolovich discussed the Sustainable Pittsburgh/Alcoa Foundation program which provides professional volunteer services to communities. They will be reviewing the MCC hall and kitchen use. Mr. Wolovich discussed the attendance at the Ecodistrict Summit in Portland in April. There was a protocol released surrounding establishing Ecodistricts and one of the challenges discussed was the need to increase communication and project coordination. There was discussion regarding a Millvale EcoDistrict Association Declaration of Collaboration (DOC). Discussion was held regarding the legal status of a DOC versus a Memorandum of Understanding. There was also a discussion regarding the funding efforts and the commitment of resources to the collaboration. Discussion was held regarding the definition of a Pillar Organization as identified in the DOC. It was determined to make some adjustments to the original document and shared with council.

Mr. Machajewski discussed Millvale Days and the projected timeline. There will be a meeting on June 21, 2016 at 5:30 for any interested parties who want to volunteer in organizing the event.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Allegheny Conservation District. The COG solicitor will review and comment on the draft MOU and submit his review to the managers. Discussion was held regarding Option Year 1 for the Morton Salt Bid. The price remains the same at \$66.40 per ton. A response is due before June 30, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance 2579 to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to join the Delaware Valley Health Trust.

Discussion was held regarding the Public Improvement Grant. The final funds have been expended and the

Grant transfer request was submitted to the State. Once the grant has been transferred from ARTEZ to Millvale we can request reimbursement.

Discussion was held regarding the Revolving Loan Fund which ARTEZ has. It was requested to transfer that Fund to Millvale Borough. Discussions have been underway to start the process.

Discussion was held regarding the need for part time summer help. We removed it from the budget since historically we have not had any applicants. We received an applicant and would like to review the year to date budget to determine if there are funds available.

Comments From the Public

Ed Kress, Allegheny County Council, announced there will be an internship program through the Career Development Center for 8 weeks. Information was distributed to all those attending. Mr. Kress also discussed his job fair held in Millvale in May and would like to conduct another one in the fall.

Zaheen Hussain, Millvale Sustainability Coordinator, announced the sharrows and the share the road signs have been completed. Discussion was held regarding the installation of a bike fix-it station and the request to install it in or near the GAPP Park. Mr. Hussain reported they are still working on the transit project to increase public transportation accessibility in Millvale. Mr. Hussein requested the use of the Millvale Community Center on August 6, 2016 for a Girty's Run Celebration in partnership with the North Area Environmental Council. Rick Sternitzke, 18 Sedgwick Street, discussed a notice of violation he received from the code enforcement officer.

Denise Rudar, Gardens of Millvale, discussed the summer help being utilized at the gardens.

Executive session

Council was in Executive Session from 7:53-8:30 to discuss potential litigation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager