

***WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, May 3, 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, Brian Spoales, William Stout Jack Varley, James Machajewski.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Jack Cambest, Deputy Chief Komoroski, Mayor Cinski, Code Enforcement Officer James Tunstall Sr, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell, Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas. Absent were Jason Miller and Brian Wolovich.

Community Development

Update provided for the work at 524 Grant Avenue. The MCDC has received a grant from Neighborhood Allies which will allow them to proceed with the purchase of the garden property. Tazza D'Oro received their permits from the Allegheny County Health Department as well as their occupancy load for 524 Grant Avenue.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on the April's engineering activities. The borough continues its work on MS4 compliance. Discussion was held regarding the required bridge inspection contract. Council instructed Gateway to move forward with the RFP process.

Police Report

Deputy Chief Komoroski reported on police department outreach and police activity in the month of April. Dave Walters has been sworn in and begins training tomorrow night.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout attended trainings for Planning Commission members and will be sharing with the rest of the commission members through a series of meetings.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Stout discussed the trees that need to be replaced along Grant and North Avenues. Mr. Stout discussed crossing guards on North Avenue.

Mr. Varley discussed the fountain at Hardee's Island.

Discussion was held regarding Seavey Road repairs and the ownership and potential uses for the water tower property.

Mr. Machajewski gave a Millvale Days update. Mr. Machajewski also reported on the current status of ARTEZ. It was determined to dissolve the organization and transfer the existing grants to the grant beneficiaries. The Public Improvements Grant will be transferred to Millvale to finish out the grant and perform the audit. It was also proposed to transfer the Revolving Loan Fund from ARTEZ to Millvale since we were the only community with an established program. There will be guidelines specific to this money to allow all former ARTEZ communities to participate in the grant program. Mr. Machajewski announced there will be a job fair held on May 5, 2016 from 5pm-7pm sponsored by County Councilman Ed Kress. Mr. Machajewski discussed the wreath from Council for the Memorial Day service and announced new United States of America flags will be on display in the business district.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the Accessible Parking Ordinance which will be considered for adoption on May 10, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the Codification update.

Discussion was held regarding the Northern Area Environmental Council Girty's Run Watershed Festival.

Discussion was held regarding the Steel City Billboard Proposal.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 LED streetlight conversion application. It was determined to apply for the program again this year.

Discussion was held regarding a draft policy for public records.

Discussion was held regarding delinquent real estate taxes for borough owned properties. It was determined to petition for exoneration and exonerate borough real estate taxes.

Discussion was held regarding the health insurance proposals. Plans were reviewed and pricing was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Outsiders to rent the chairs in the fire department meeting room.

Discussion was held regarding the need to replace four of the decorative lighting street lamps. Total cost was discussed and it was determined the need to purchase all four.

Comments From the Public

Cathy Sikora, 119 Sheridan Street, discussed an issue relating to police response.

Executive session

Council was in Executive Session from 7:24-8:05 to discuss potential litigation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager