`WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, March 1, 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: Brian Spoales, William Stout, Jack Varley, Brian Wolovich, Jim Machajewski.
Also in attendance: Solicitor Jack Cambest, Chief Derek Miller, Deputy Chief Komoroski, Mayor Cinski, Code Enforcement Officer James Tunstall Sr, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell, Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas.
Absent was Al Atkinson, Jason Miller.

Community Development
Update provided for the work at 524 Grant Avenue. The floor has been poured and the second floor is under construction. The borough has received the first Public Improvements Grant reimbursement. Discussion was held regarding outstanding items for the Tupelo Honey Teas and the Revolving Loan application.

Borough Engineer
Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on the February's engineering activities. The borough continues its work on MS4 compliance and Jenn Slagle will be the new manager for this project.

Police Report
Chief Miller reported on vehicle maintenance issues and police activity in the month of February.

Planning Commission
No Report

Items from Council Members
Mr. Wolovich discussed the needed repairs to Seavey Road.
Mr. Wolovich reported that he will be attending a Green Infrastructure meeting on Wednesday, March 2 with Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority.
Mr. Wolovich discussed stop sign requirements and asked Phil Strunk to forward the sign standards to the manager so Public Works can review them.
Mr. Machajewski discussed ARTEZ and their decision to review the bylaws and restructure the organization. ARTEZ will be forming and Managers Advisory Committee which will meet monthly to assist with the agenda and to review and recommend changes to the bylaws. Discussion was held regarding at $2500 buy in to show commitment from the municipalities to potential foundation funders. It was determined to put this on the agenda for next week for further discussion. Mr. Machajewski reported that the Norfolk Southern Right-of-Way has been transferred to GRJSA, but they have not accepted it. The land management company advised that the bills for Millvale Borough have been written off and it is up to GRJSA to obtain permission to repair, replace or cross the railroad crossing.
Mr. Machajewski addressed the concerns with PWSA billing. The manager has been in contact with PWSA leadership regarding the resident's and borough's concerns. The last billing cycle was for 10-15-15, and they are still working on running tests to ensure accuracy.

New Business
Discussion was held regarding the Girty's Run Sewer Separation Project. The authority and the contractor requested North Avenue to be closed during the separation project. It was advised that they needed to keep one lane open at all times. There were some deficiencies noted in their plans. They do not have the new restoration requirements included in the plan, there are no flapper gates where they propose punching through the creek wall, and there is no inclusion of the mandatory PennDOT upgraded ADA ramps. It was the recommendation of the police department that an officer should be used for traffic control rather than solely relying on flaggers. It was recommended to the manager to continue conversations with GRJSA requiring the restoration requirements and the suggested plan changes.
Discussion was held regarding the Land Bank proposal from the Tri-Cog. Still no word from the school board

regarding their intent.
Discussion was held regarding the finalization of the Brown Street Project and the borough was invited to submit a full application to the Conservation Leadership & Innovation Program for Seavey Road.
Discussion regarding a letter submitted to request forgiveness for taxes for 118 Lipper Street. It was determined that the council was not interested in forgiving the back taxes to allow the property owner to sell the property free and clear.
Discussion was held regarding the Handicap Ordinance and application. Submit comments back to the manager.
Discussion was held regarding the proposal from Environmental Planning and Design for planning for the natural play space at the Riverfront Park in honor of Jim Porter.

Comments From the Public

Executive session
Council was in Executive Session from 7:58-8:15 to discuss potential litigation.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager