

***WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017***

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, William Stout, Jack Varley, James Machajewski.  
Also in attendance: Deputy Chief Komoroski, Chief Miller, Mayor Cinski, Solicitor Jack Cambest, Code Enforcement Officer James Tunstall Sr, Engineer Phil Strunk, Manager Amy Rockwell.  
Absent: Brian Wolovich

Community Development

No report.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk of Gateway Engineers reported on December's engineering activities. The bids for the ADA accessibility are due on January 6, 2017 and the bids will be opened on January 27, 2017. The committee reviewed the proposals submitted for the bridge inspections and ranked the engineering firms. The final step is to submit the rankings to PennDOT for their approval and wait for a price proposal.

Police Report

Chief Miller discussed the status of nuisance bars in the borough. To date we are not encountering any issues, and we have one location on probation. Deputy Chief Komoroski reported there will be mandatory training occurring over the next three months, at least two officers per month. Parking issues on Brown Street and Mary Street. Two officers will be attending a weeklong intoxilizer training course. Deputy Chief reported on the department's participation in Presents From Police. Officer Vith has been involved since the inception of PFP, and this year the department participated again. Deputy Chief reported that this grew from a couple departments to over twenty, he expressed his thanks to council and the mayor for supporting their participation in the event.

Planning Commission

No report due to no meeting.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Spoales discussed hunting in the ballfield. The Pennsylvania Game law distances were discussed. Game Commission allows 150 yards from occupied dwellings. It was discussed if the borough can post the park for no hunting. Mr. Spoales discussed that it was reported to him that the borough was seen salting Terrace Drive. It was advised that Terrace Drive is a private road and the road crew is aware they are not to be salting the private road.

Mr. Stout discussed the Riverfront Park and Three Rivers Rowing. The docking issues were discussed, including the unpermitted dock located downstream from Three Rivers Rowing.

Mr. Wolovich stated the Library Board will be ratified at the council meeting next week. Discussion concerning the blighted structure located at 901 O'Brien Street and the CDBG application for demolition. Mr. Wolovich discussed the needs assessment currently being coordinated by the Millvale Community Library and his desire to have participation from Council at a later date. Mr. Wolovich requested to change the date for the community center from April 22 to April 29 for a program to highlight work in Millvale and the solar installation. Penn Future is interested in hosting that event along with other featured events that day, including, a community health fair and the Ronald McDonald Mobile Clinic. It was discussed if the police department had a pill collection site.

Mr. Machajewski discussed the request from the Millvale Volunteer Fire Department for a fundraiser on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed to waive the fees to support the MVFD's fundraiser.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the Fire Department elections held in December and the need to ratify the officers at the next council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding 2017 appointments to the Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, North Hills Council of Governments and the Tree Committee.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Together Holdings regarding the property they purchased from the borough in 2000, 400 Lincoln Avenue. There was discussion regarding an unresolved tax lien which was filed in 2002 for the year 2000 taxes. Together Holdings withheld part of their balloon payment until this issue was resolved and are requesting exoneration for late fees for the final payment.

Discussion was held regarding the Comcast agreement. Negotiations will be conducted COG wide and we will be represented by Dan Cohen.

Discussion was held regarding the Riverfront Planning Meeting to be held on January 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Millvale Community Center.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the Legislative Reception to be held on January 19, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the ACBA Annual Banquet to be held on February 4, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the ALOM Conference to be held on April 6-9, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant award for the Natural Playspace for the Millvale Riverfront Park.

Discussion was held regarding opening a new account at First National Bank for the Road Fund Tax.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Manager training schedule: February 15-17 APMM Executive Development; March 21-24, PELRAS; April 6-9 ALOM; May 16-18 APMM Annual Conference.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Deputy Chief of Police training schedule: March 21-24 PELRAS.

Discussion was held regarding tax collector exonerations for 2016 real estate tax collections.

Discussion was held regarding Terrace Drive.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new 2017 Ford Explorer for the police department as per the 2017 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the selection to participate in the Allegheny Together program.

#### Comments From the Public

Scott Wolovich, New Sun Rising, discussed initiatives completed since 2005 by NSR. Mr. Wolovich discussed the intent to purchase the old Moose building at 112 Sherman Street and their desire to launch a shared space at that location. Mr. Wolovich requested a letter of support from borough council.

#### Executive session

An executive session was held from 7:30 until 7:50 to discuss potential litigation.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager