

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 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, Brian Wolovich, James Machajewski.

Also in attendance: Deputy Chief Komoroski, Mayor Cinski (Absent), Solicitor Cambest, Engineer Phil Strunk, Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas, Manager Amy Rockwell.

Community Development

There was a meeting held recently to discuss the status of the hotel development. The planning process is progressing to the design phase.

Tazza D'oro has received their final inspection and will be doing a soft opening this week beginning on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk reported on engineering activity for the month of August. The ARLE sign replacement program had progressed to the installation phase. MS4 compliance is ongoing and the Pollution Reduction Plan has been open for comment for 30 days. Discussion was held regarding CDBG Year 44 applications. Council discussed ADA ramps on Lincoln Avenue, ADA entry at the borough office and Logan Street Stormwater. Preliminary discussion was held regarding the road paving program for 2018. Mr. Strunk recommended that the borough paving dollar will stretch further if we concentrate on milling and repaving. We are starting with a budget of \$100,000.

Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority

Mr. Kypta reported that he attended his first meeting for the GRJSA board on August 10, 2017. They discussed the sewer line project on Stanton Avenue; source reduction study; the failed sanitary line on Bismark Street. The authority is beginning their budget process at this time. Mr. Kypta presented council with a map explaining the manhole replacement project in the borough.

Police Report

Deputy Chief Komoroski reported three officers are currently in training. They are spending a majority of their shift walking and interacting with people in the neighborhood. He will also be putting officers deeper into the residential areas of the borough. DC reports there is upcoming training for CIT, and we were awarded a grant to backfill the shift. At this time, the Deputy Chief is the only CIT trained officer on the force. Deputy Chief will continue to schedule other officers into the Port Authority CIT training class until all officers are certified. Other training will include Humane Society training, social media training, rifle training, standardized field sobriety and criminal investigative training. Deputy Chief reported that the and councilman Stout attended a CONNECT meeting which discussed issues with opioid abuse more in depth than previous trainings. Deputy Chief has been invited to sit on a future panel discussion regarding the opioid crisis.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stout reported that there was no report due to no agenda.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Stout discussed the Stanton Avenue sidewalk at 520-524 Stanton Avenue and requested further information regarding the approval. It was discussed that this lies on private property but still needed to provide access to pedestrians.

Mr. Wolovich discussed the Traffic 21 Project which was awarded to Millvale and the team from CMU. Mr. Wolovich discussed the natural playspace installation at the riverfront park and Pitt Volunteer Day on October 21, 2017. We will utilize volunteers to begin the installation of the bioswale at the play area. We also need to establish a time and date for a memorial event to kick off the project. Mr. Wolovich also requested that we send a thank you letter to Christ Lutheran Church for the hard work they are doing in maintaining the island.

Mr. Machajewski reported that one of our firemen was diagnosed with cancer and for everyone to keep him in your thoughts as he undergoes surgery this week. Another fireman, Chuck Grimpe, has completed his twenty

years' service and we would like to recognize him at the next council meeting. Mr. Machajewski discussed planning for Millvale Days and shirts for council to wear for the parade. The parade route will be the same as last years, and the lineup will be from Hardee's to Wokutch. The parade route will need posted and there will be a luncheon for the Shriners. We are expecting a larger group this year. The Shaler Band will be participating in the parade this year.

#### New Business

Discussion was held regarding the rate for Unemployment Compensation. Over the years we have seen a steady decline in our rates due to a concerted effort to reduce our claims. We have reduced the rate from .5 to .0295.

Discussion was held regarding the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations to the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. This will be submitted for the agenda for next week.

Discussion was held regarding the 2018 Titan Trail Days and the request to use the park May 21-23, 2018 and waive all fees. It was determined to approve and place on the agenda.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the 2017 Fall Boroughs Conference.

Discussion was held regarding the banquet to receive the Pastor George Mendis Partnership Award.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the North Hills Council Of Governments annual dinner to be held on September 21. Mr. Atkinson is finishing up his second years as President of the NHCOC and he will be presented with an award.

Discussion was held regarding proposals for camera and entrance systems for the borough and police department.

Discussion was held regarding bridge inspections.

Discussion was held regarding obtaining an appraisal for the public works building. The first proposal seemed expensive without other quotes, it was determined to obtain additional quotes.

Discussion was held regarding the budget calendar for preparing the 2018 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the arrival of the new police car.

Discussion was held regarding causality and liability insurance proposals for next year.

Discussion was held regarding the draft Pollution Reduction Plan, and the submittal of the Notice of Intent.

Discussion was held regarding the Waste Management Bid Proposal from the North Hills COG. A vote will be conducted at next week's meeting.

#### Comments From the Public

Zaheen Hussain, Millvale Bike Ped Committee, discussed biking and multi-modal use of planning. The discussion centered around requesting the installation of a bike rack at the corner of Grant and North.

#### Executive session

Council met in executive session from 8:00 until 8:15 to discuss pending litigation.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager