

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 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, Brian Spoales, William Stout, Jack Varley, Brian Wolovich, James Machajewski.  
Also in attendance: Chief Miller, Deputy Chief Komoroski, Mayor Cinski, Solicitor Cambest, Engineer Jenn Slagle, Director of Administrative Services Ed Figas, Manager Amy Rockwell.  
Absent was: Jason Miller.

Community Development

Ann Tarantino discussed the Bright Thread crosswalk and street usage proposal. The line will start at the Riverfront Park and bring the visitor into Millvale. The blue line will traverse Grant Avenue and the sidewalk as well as on host buildings. It was requested that the line keep clear of the cartway and requested a revised drawing. PennDOT gave approval for the line to continue on their underpass walls of route 28. Discussion was held regarding the Sprout Fund mural on the GPSA building. There is a fund for maintenance for the murals but the building owner needs contacted.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Strunk reported on engineering activity for the month of May. The structural engineer met with staff to determine alternatives for emergency vehicle access to the fire station. The borough continues to work on MS4 tasks for 2017. The installation of the ADA doors at the Millvale Community Center are complete, and the borough will need to authorize payment.

Police Report

Deputy Chief Komoroski reported that the agility and written tests have been completed for the civil service testing. Eleven officers registered for the testing, but on nine showed up for the tests. Deputy Chief Komoroski and Councilman Bill Stout attended a heroin seminar put on by CONNECT last week in Greentree. The days the department will be visiting the library will be changing for the summer to meet the higher attendance during the daytime. Deputy Chief reported he is working with the Goodwill Learning Center to put on some educational programming for their clients. Deputy Chief reports that emergency vehicles are having issues responding in the neighborhoods of Troy/Reserve and Siegel/Colton due to cars parking too close to the intersections, and requests that we look to have signs installed and curbs painted. Deputy Chief reported on his research into body cams and taser replacements. Deputy Chief commended Officer Vith for his handling of an incident which involved two males reported looking into vehicles. When Officer Vith caught the men, they were in the possession of a stolen laptop and a key fob for a Mercedes. Upon investigation, it was discovered this car was reported stolen from Ohio. Click it or Ticket was performed over Memorial Day weekend. The enforcement is funded by the Commonwealth with no cost to the borough. Deputy Chief reported we will be participating in an upcoming DUI checkpoint. Millvale has not participated in many years. Council President Machajewski asked that Deputy Chief thank Officers Potetez and Egerter for their assistance at a vehicle accident on Evergreen Avenue.

Planning Commission

No report due to no meeting.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Spoales reported that we have advertised for a crossing guard and Sheridan Street moving forward. Discussion was held regarding the sign "Gateway to the North." It was discussed that we need to create a new slogan for Millvale, perhaps conduct a contest. It was stated that In Our Back Yard potentially could have funding for small projects.

Mr. Stout reported he attended a heroin seminar hosted by CONNECT. Mr. Stout spoke to CONNECT about having another seminar geared toward non-legal issues, concentrating on resources to fight it.

Mr. Varley stated he had something for the Chief, but he is not here tonight.

Mr. Wolovich discussed his concern for the traffic at Emma and North intersection. Traffic stops at the light at

Hardee's and does not have a break again until after the VFW. It was discussed that the police could put together a report and make a recommendation to council to install a four-way stop at that intersection. Mr. Machajewski stated that it is Chuck Grimpe's 20<sup>th</sup> year with the Millvale Volunteer Fire Department and would like to do a proclamation in his honor. Mr. Machajewski discussed PWSA issues including the lead line replacement project which has been put on hold and their continued billing and collection problems. Mr. Machajewski commended the Public Works department on their continued street weeping and painting and their work in clearing the creek of debris.

#### New Business

Discussion was held regarding the Tri-Cog Land Bank acquisition of properties. It was discussed to include a borough owned lot with the parcel at 121 Howard Street. Council stated they would agree to include the parcel, but wanted to see progress before parcel transfer.

Discussion was held regarding the request from Element Church to use the GAP Park for their Back-Pack Block Party on August 19, 2017. Council approved the request.

Discussion was held regarding Shaler Township's paving project on Grossman Lane, they want to continue the paving into Millvale's section of the road to allow for proper drainage to the catch basins, and requested to repair the catch basins. Council agreed to participate in the project.

Discussion was held regarding the date for the Millvale Music Festival for 2018, May 12. Council approved the date.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Pittsburgh Sports Leagues request for a waiver of fees. The proposal was reviewed by council, and not approved.

Discussion was held regarding a proposal from PennDOT to participate in their bid for curb ramps on three borough intersections. Discussion was held to participate.

Discussion was held regarding the Three Rivers Rowing Lease.

Discussion was held regarding the County Executive invitation to tour Millvale on August 10.

Discussion was held regarding a notice of liquor license transfer from Sweeney's to Egan Sorg Enterprises.

Discussion was held regarding a request to waive delinquent taxes and liens for 410 Stanton Avenue. The request was not approved.

A thank you from Shaler Township Police was presented thanking Millvale for our participation in the bike rodeo on May 13.

Discussion was held regarding the parking area across from Randig's and the need for lines and no parking signs.

#### Comments From the Public

Ryan Coon, 907 North Avenue, discussed his safety concerns at the North and Emma intersections.

Joe McLaughlin, 5024 Venice Road, a member of the Millvale Bike/Ped Committee, spoke on the difficulties pulling out of Emma onto North. Mr. McLaughlin often bikes through the area and feel that a stop sign would be beneficial.

Katt Schuler, Millvale Bike/Ped Committee, spoke her support of the stop sign. Ms. Schuler stated that these roads are neighborhood roads, not commuter roads and a stop sign would be good for cyclists and the neighborhood in general.

Zaheen Hussain, 213 Grant Avenue, discussed the Allegheny Watershed Alliance. They are looking to hold a state of the watershed meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> and request a waiver of the fees for the MCC. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate the work done on the watershed and also a work day to reduce stormwater impact.

#### Executive session

Potential litigation from 8:30 – 9:20

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Amy S. Rockwell, Borough Manager