

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Workshop Meeting Convened

The Millvale Borough Council Workshop was called to order at 6:02pm by Council President James Machajewski.

Roll Call

Council Members: Al Atkinson, Paul Bossung, Jason Miller, William Stout, Jack Varley, Brian Wolovich, James Machajewski.

Also in attendance: Chief Komoroski, Mayor Spoales, Solicitor Cambest, Engineer Jenn Slagle, Interim Manager Ed Figas.

Events/Programming

Sculpture Fest – Duncan MacDiarmid discussed Sculpture Fest and the FireTree Celebration on 9/22/18. Insurance and promotion of the event was discussed.

Ok-TEA-Beerfest – Event will commence on 10/13/18, with proceeds going towards the Gardens of Millvale. A proposal to close down part of Grant Avenue through Sherman Street from 6pm – 9pm was discussed. This would require a special events permit.

North Avenue Back to School celebration – Bar 3 is looking to have an event on 8/25/18 for both children and adults as a back to school celebration and was looking to locate the celebration in Distinctly U's parking lot. This would require a special events permit.

Millvale Days Fireworks – Insurance is finalized for the fireworks for the 25th Annual Millvale Days celebration.

Millvale Music Festival – Initial plans for a make up rain date mini-festival scheduled for August have been tabled due to difficulty in contacting the performers for the event.

December Blood Drive – Request from Central Blood Bank for another blood drive at the Millvale Community Center in December. The incentive for donating blood would be free passes to the Kennywood Holiday Lights festival. The proposed dates are for November and December.

Community Development

Wentz Hotel – Proposed date for utilities to be cut off is August 22. Once utility shut off dates are confirmed, then the process can move forward.

216 North Avenue – MCDC put the Millvale Studios on the market and have been approached by a tech company known as 4C's Technologies and seem interested in purchasing the building.

Mt. Alvernia Update – Still on a holding pattern regarding the sale of the property. Waiting on more information.

Borough Engineer

Ms. Slagle reported on engineering activities for the month of July.

General Engineering – Gateway is working with the Borough and North Hills COG regarding the award for the CDBG Year 44 grants. Millvale received 2 grants; the Borough Building ADA Doors and the Lincoln Ave ADA Ramps. Specs for both projects will be prepared for bidding by the COG in September.

Compliance Work – Gateway will continue to work with the Borough for permit compliance and plan for 2018 tasks and budget.

Millvale Road Program – Youngblood Paving, Inc. was the low bidder for the program with a base bid of \$132,020. Gateway met with Public Works to walk the streets of this year's program. A pre-construction meeting will be set up with the contractor before they come into the Borough. A schedule for start has not been established.

Spring Street Slide – Gateway prepared a review letter as a response to the Diocese's engineer dated July 18, 2018 relative to the proposed grading to mitigate the slide. Gateway and the Borough met with the applicant's engineer to discuss the proposed plan. We are currently awaiting revised plans for review.

Mary Street Slide – Gateway continues to work with the Borough regarding the slides on Mary Street and provide assistance and cost estimates as directed.

Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority

Discussion was held regarding the inter-municipal management/service agreement between McCandless Township Sanitary Authority and Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority.

Funding was made available from the CDBG Year 44 Grant for a 3rd project, the Grove Street sewer replacement.

15 Reserve Street is looking to tie into our system.

Police Report

Chief Komoroski reported that the Sheriff's Dept and Allegheny County Police have committed to helping with Millvale Days. Parking meters have been enforced heavily, especially in the business district. Discussion was also held about the speeding issue throughout town.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission signed off on a subdivision on Colton Street.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich reported about the 1141 North Ave Project, looking at redesigning the area for better walkability in that area because pedestrians utilize that area to walk to businesses further up Babcock Blvd. Possibly looking to get Gateway involved. Discussed CCI Center.

Mr. Machajewski wanted to thank the Borough staff, Public Works, Code Enforcement with everything related to the flood event.

Mayor Spoales discussed possible signage regarding jake brakes. This will need discussed by PennDOT and council. The MOU for the Riverfront was also discussed and saved for Executive Session.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance & Special Events Permit Hearing. This will be an open hearing.

Discussion was held regarding a Junior Council Person Resolution No. 2691 (edit MK 2692).

Discussion was held regarding EIT Committee Delegate Resolution No. 2692 (edit MK 2693).

Discussion was held regarding updates on the PGH2O Line Replacement.

Discussion was held regarding the County Rabies Vaccination schedule for Millvale.

Discussion was held regarding the 2018 Budget and also the 2019 Budget preparation.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Seasonal Public Works Part Time employees, as well as part time Millvale Police officers.

Discussion was held regarding budgetary increases for 2019 for the MVFD, as well as the Millvale Library.

Discussion was held regarding complimentary thank you letters from Sharpsburg Borough, as well as families from Millvale for all of the help that was given out during the flood events in July. We are also happy to report on the generous donations from Holy Spirit Parish that went towards the flood victims funds within the Borough and North Hills Community Outreach. We also had a complimentary letter about the cleanliness of our facilities at the Riverfront Park.

Discussion was held regarding the AC & WPATC Fall Conference, to be held on September 27-30, 2018 at Seven Springs.

Discussion was held regarding the Complete Streets Resolution.

Comments From the Public

None

The workshop then moved into Executive Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Interim Borough Manager