

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

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, 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

Halloween – Trick or Treat hours are set for October 31, 2018 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Sculpture Fest – Eddie Figas discussed Sculpture Fest and the FireTree Celebration on 9/22/18. Insurance and promotion of the event was discussed. Waiting for a final quote on insurance for the FireTree Celebration.

Millvale Library – Requests for Millvale Community Center events on 10/9 and 11/3.

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 on Sheridan Street through Sherman Street from 4pm – 11pm was discussed. This would require a special events permit.

Yuletide Tour/Tree Lighting/Small Business Saturday – Set for 11/24. Discussed logistics regarding tree donation. Tree would be at McCarthy Park, possible craft market at GAP Park. This would require a special events permit.

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

November Blood Drive - Central Blood Bank is having another blood drive at the Millvale Community Center on 11/30 from 9am-3pm. The incentive for donating blood would be free passes to the Kennywood Holiday Lights festival.

SASD/Municipal Movie Night – Discussion held regarding a joint effort for a Shaler Area community movie night for 12/15, requesting a possible contribution from each municipality within SASD of \$300.

Community Development

Wentz Hotel – Gas had been turned off as of August 22, waiting on confirmation from PennDOT on possible road closures regarding demo. Will not sign off on a demo permit until there is approval from PennDOT.

Mt. Alvernia Update – Scheduled to have a meeting with the potential buyer on the permitting process in September.

Borough Engineer

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

General Engineering – Gateway is working with the Borough to review the Malloy Subdivision plan. They are also continuing to assist with various follow up regarding structural and geotechnical issues as a result of storm events.

Compliance Work – Gateway will continue to work with the Borough for permit compliance and plan for 2018 tasks and budget. Progress report is due in September.

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. Test borings have been completed and inclinometers have been installed to determine if the slope moves in the future.

CDBG Borough Building ADA – Gateway is working with the Borough and the North Hills COG regarding the award for the CDBG Year 44 Grants. Gateway is finalizing for bidding by the COG in September.

Preliminary discussion regarding Gas Line replacement along Howard Street and within the Borough by Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC.

Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority

Discussion was held regarding the Stanton Ave Sewer Rehabilitation.

Discussion was held regarding the CDBG Year 44 Grant projects; survey work has been completed on 3 projects – the Stanton replacement project, the Stanton rehab project and the Grove Street replacement project. Funding was received for the Grove Street project. Bidding documents are being prepared and the Bid Opening dates will be discussed with NHCOC.

Discussion was held regarding the Friday Road sanitary sewers; a survey has been completed examining sewer capacity issues. Flow monitoring of the area is to be examined.

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

Police Report

Chief Komoroski reported that Officer Alward was leaving for another department. Commented on attending the recent meeting at the Millvale Community Center regarding the Citizen's Review Board. Commented on the vetting and hiring process of the Police Department, and new hires. Commented that the Sheriff's Dept and Allegheny County Police have committed to helping with Millvale Days.

Planning Commission

No report due to no agenda.

Items from Council Members

Mr. Wolovich reported about the CCI Center approaching the Tri-Borough about a 3-5 year partnership called the "Energize Small Business Program", and are looking for a letter of support from each of the three boroughs. Their goal is to help small businesses do energy audits and become more energy efficient.

Mayor Spoales discussed creating safe exchange meet up locations, ex. Purchasing items off of eBay or Craigslist. Also discussed was the Rivertown Loan Fund and Shiny Bean (a coffee shop in Etna) looking to take out a loan from it.

Mr. Machajewski commented on the traffic related to the PWSA lead line replacement and potential issues with it around Millvale Days. Also discussed last minute plans for Millvale Days.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding updates on the PGH2O Line Replacement.

Discussion was held regarding the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program for 304 Stanton Ave (79-G-180).

Discussion was held regarding the R.E.A.A.D.Y. STEM and Performing Arts Charter School

Discussion was held regarding County Council Citizen Police Review meeting, that was held on August 30, 2018 at the Millvale Community Center.

Discussion was held regarding a proclamation making September 2018 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Discussion was held regarding a Sheriffs Sale of 600 Stanton Ave.

Discussion was held regarding the 2018 Budget and 2019 Budget Preparation.

Discussion was held regarding the roof leak at the Community Center.

Discussion was held regarding Tazza D'Oro moving their food delivery up earlier in the morning to the Community Center kitchen.

Discussion was held regarding the General Code site and adding/updating codification at the end of 2018.

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Comments From the Public

Ken Nickel – Director and CEO of a performing arts charter school, looking for a potential location in Millvale.

Susan McClellan – Millvale Library – Comments and thanks on the continued support for the Millvale Library, request for an increase of \$3,800 more in funding for the Library.

Tyler Machajewski – Discussing Millvale Days, and looking for Council's support for the Grand Marshal.

Discussion was held regarding the Mary Street Slide.

The Workshop then moved to Executive Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Interim Borough Manager

