

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Workshop Meeting Convened

The Millvale Borough Council Workshop was called to order at 5:00 pm by Council President James Machajewski.

Roll Call

Council Members: President James Machajewski
Vice-President Al Atkinson via ZOOM
Paul Bossung via ZOOM
Katie Dembowski via ZOOM
Patty Harpur via ZOOM
William Stout
Jack Varley - Absent

Also in attendance: Engineer Jenn Slagle via ZOOM, Borough Manager Eddie Figas, Office Administrator Michele Revay via ZOOM, Kenneth Aquiline (Rep. Sara Innamorato's office) via ZOOM.

Solicitor Cambest joined the meeting at 5:20PM, via ZOOM.

Covid-19 Updates

Discussion was held regarding ACT 15; Council meeting adjustments – no adjustments or changes.

Discussion was held regarding facilities rental start date. No decisions to be made until the Regular Council Meeting in January 2021.

Discussion was held regarding council meeting days, dates and times.

Correspondence

Brian Wolovich – Triboro Eco District/Millvale Library.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the ACBA Meeting and Holiday gathering on December 3, 2020.

Discussion was held regarding resolutions and ordinances for the end of the year.

1. Resolution No. 2764 – Salaries
2. Resolution No. 2765 – Fee Schedule
3. Resolution No. 2766 – Budget Adoption
4. Resolution No. 2767 – TAN
5. Resolution No. 2768 – Police Retirement
6. Resolution No. 2769 – ACT 172 Renewal, First Responders Tax Credits
7. Resolution No. 2770 – Verizon Renewal
8. Ordinance No. 2803 – Taxes

Discussion was held regarding the 2020 Draft Calendar.

Discussion was held regarding a Rivertown Loan Fund request from the MDCD for \$33,500.00 in regards to restoration work for 1141 North Avenue.

Discussion was held regarding the Affidavit of Residency.

Events/Programming

Senior Luncheon postponed indefinitely, information put on social media and website.

Zoning/Community Development/Code Report

Discussion was held regarding various Zoning/Ordinance updates for 2021.

Done with Action Items for 2020, Court Hearings are delayed to January 2021 due to Covid-19. No Occupancy Inspections to be done for Rentals, due to Covid-19.

Borough Engineer

Gateway Engineers

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

C-42000-2020 General Engineering

No new items.

C-42004-2020 MS4 Compliance Work

Gateway continues to work with the Borough for 2020/2021 tasks.

C-42007-2020 Millvale Road Program

No new updates.

C-42010-0005 CDBG Grants

Construction for the current ADA Ramp Project occurred between November 3, 2020 and November 6, 2020 by Joe Palmieri Construction, Inc. The North Hills Council of Governments is working with the County to process the final payment application.

Gateway prepared the final application for CDBG Year 47 ADA Ramps.

C-42019 Mary Street Slide

There are no new updates.

C-42021-2020 Demolition Contract

Demolition is scheduled to begin on December 9, 2020. The property located at 225 Sample Street will be demolished first, followed by 17 and 19 Friday Road and 243 Maryland Avenue.

C-42023 Wessel Alley Due Diligence

The field work for the survey was complete. Gateway is finalizing plotting the survey data and final location of the right of way and property lines. Gateway performed a site visit to begin preparation of cost estimates for reopening the road. We expect to have a summary to the Borough next week.

Public Works

Discussion was held regarding Utility Company work being done in the Borough.

Natural Playspace – Signage being worked on.

Discussion was held regarding roof repair. No updates.

Discussion was held regarding the Solar Grant. No updates.

Discussion was held regarding street repairs within the Borough.

Police Report

Discussion was held regarding a recent SWAT situation that happened within the Borough a few weeks ago.

Planning Commission

No report due to no agenda.

Items from Council Members

Mayor Spoales:

1. Tree for McCarthy Park, Mayor to have a discussion with Manager Figas. There will be a social media post going out to help decorate the tree.
2. Five families to donate gifts for underprivileged local families on Christmas Eve.
3. December 19, Santa to ride through Millvale.
4. Santa Claus mailbox at McCarthy Park; The Mail Carrier Gabe Cetra will let kids see him taking their letters for Santa.

President Machajewski:

1. Upcoming Fire Dept. elections.
2. Fire Dept received an ISO rating of 3, which is good.

Councilman Bossung:

1. Music Fest – to take place either in May 2021 or August 2021

Councilwoman Harpur:

1. Virtual Art Auction to take place Friday from 6pm – 9pm on Facebook.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding the Accounting Admin/Treasurer position. Will be discussed in Executive session.

Discussion was held regard the DLC LED replacement updates, for both 67 LED lights and Evergreen Avenue DLC updates.

Discussion was held regarding a Historic Preservation Ordinance/Vanka Murals. Getting more info.

Discussion was held regarding the Riverfront Trail Reopening. This has been temporarily stalled.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Council then moved to Executive Session.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager