

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Council Workshop was called to order at 5:02pm.

The meeting opened with the reading of public comment, as received by email correspondence.

- Cathy Sikora: regarding concerns about the Covid-19 vaccine clinics that were being held at the Millvale Community Center and their accessibility to the Millvale community. Photos were included in the email but not attached to the agenda at the advice of the solicitor for potential HIPAA violations.
- ZOOM Guest – Dom Panucci, Boys and Girls Club. Introductions to council.

Roll Call

Council Members: President James Machajewski
Vice-President Al Atkinson
Paul Bossung
Katie Dembowski via ZOOM (6:10pm)
Patty Harpur
William Stout
Jack Varley - Absent

Also in attendance: Engineer Jenn Slagle via ZOOM, Borough Manager Eddie Figas, Office Administrator Michele Revay via ZOOM, Police Chief Tim Komoroski, Solicitor Cambest via ZOOM.

Covid-19 Updates

- Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting. Motion to extend emergency declaration by 30 days.
- Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 general updates. Lightening of Commonwealth restrictions as of 3/1/2021.
- Discussion was held regarding facility rentals. Moving forward with reservations for the pavilion and the community center.
- Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution. Discussion was covered in the public comment. Squirrel Hill Health Center continues to utilize our facilities for testing/vaccine distribution.

Correspondence

Covered in public correspondence at beginning of meeting.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the inclusion, non-discrimination ordinance information and discussion. Adding a new tab to the Borough website.

Discussion was held regarding the Fire Department DCED Truck Loan. Need \$297,831.00 for a loan, and needs the Borough to co-sign on the loan.

Discussion was held regarding the MRM Annual Meeting delegates.

Discussion was held regarding council requests for work, information, questions, concerns and complaints.

Discussion was held regarding Act 114 of 2020.

Discussion was held regarding Bulletin Board replacement/Borough Info board. Will continue the conversation in March meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Earth Week/Girty's Woods/Gardens of Millvale. Maya Guerin is the new manager of the Gardens.

Discussion was held regarding Solsmart. It is about helping residents and businesses getting low interest loans for solar panels for homes, through Sustainable Pittsburgh.

Discussion was held regarding Jordan Tax Service refuse/sewage billing delays. Borough is in contact with JTS regarding updates.

Discussion was held regarding Act 152 Funding – Demo Money remaining for 2021 Demo projects.

Discussion was held regarding Netflix request for parking. They are shooting at Mt. Alvernia. Preferred parking at the Millvale Riverfront Park.

Events/Programming

Discussion was held regarding updates on Millvale Days.

Discussion was held regarding updates on Millvale Music Festival

- Waiting make a big announcement.

Zoning/Community Development/Code Report

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

Discussion was held regarding minor changes to the flood ordinance.

Borough Engineer

Gateway Engineers

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

C-42000-2020 General Engineering

Gateway will continue to work with the Borough to follow up on the inspection report for the Frank Street Bridge and provide assistance to determine the next steps.

C-42004-2020 MS4 Compliance Work

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

C-42007-2021 Millvale Road Program

Gateway received the list of roads for the 2021 paving program and met with Public Works to review the roads. Gateway will prepare the bid documents and specifications and provide a schedule for bidding. As discussed with the Borough, each street will be bid on its own so that the Borough can have options on what streets to award this year and stay within budget.

Street Name

Stanton Avenue From Howard to House 621

Johnston Street From Stanton to End of Road

Pamela Drive From Johnston to Stanton

Farragut Street From North Avenue to Bridge

Butler Street From Grant Avenue to Farragut Street

Butler Street From Lincoln Avenue to New Paving

North Avenue From Grant Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

C-42010-0005 CDBG Grants

No new updates.

C-42019 Mary Street Slide

There are no new updates.

C-42021-2020 Demolition Contract

537 Spruce Street has been added to the contract. Asbestos mitigation and building demolition will begin once the condemnation process has been completed.

C-42023 Wessel Alley Due Diligence

The field work for the survey was complete. Gateway finalized plotting the survey data and final location of the right of way and property lines. Gateway prepared preliminary cost estimates for reopening the road. No new updates.

Public Works

Discussion was held regarding Public Works project updates.

Discussion was held regarding Evergreen Avenue Water Main replacement, virtual meeting with PWSA on March 3.

Discussion was held regarding Evergreen Avenue lighting. Lights have been installed.

Police Report

Discussion was held regarding general police updates.

Discussion was held regarding Diversion resolution.

Discussion was held regarding Police Social Worker.

Planning Commission

No report due to no agenda.

Items from Council Members

President Machajewski:

1. Light display for 2021 Seniors, at the center island by Hardee's. GPSA will produce it, not to exceed \$200.00.
2. Roof of the concession stand at the ballfield needs replaced. Estimate \$12,500.

3. Hoffman Tree Service – doing some tree work around the Borough.
4. US Flags ordered for the Borough. Discussions about a Banner Program for Veterans. Discussions about flag disposal at the VFW.

Vice President Atkinson:

1. Tina Norris asked about shoveling bridges. Does the Borough shovel the bridges?

Councilman Stout:

1. Trash issue, someone is putting their trash out with his trash (Sheridan Street).

Councilwoman Dembowski:

1. Trash cans in front of Millvale Studios.

Councilwoman Harpur:

1. Discussed Jenny Jo Mendak (Millvale Youth Dance) – wanting to raise money for children's programming via Go Fund Me.
2. Shout out to Public Works – Joey and Norman. Thanks for addressing her concerns. Councilman Varley:
 1. Sends his regards, hello to all, thanks for your patience.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding the Riverfront RFP.

Discussion was held regarding the Natural Playspace Opening / DCNR Grant closeout. Getting pricing on signage.

Discussion was held regarding Civil Service Testing updates. April 17, 2021, ad to be run in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Discussion was held regarding Ballfield lighting and concession stand roof updates. Low bidder is Thompson Electric.

Discussion was held regarding the Zoning Hearing Board appointment. Mark Panza was formerly on the board, no longer lives in Millvale. Proposed appointing Ray Lardin, 705 North Ave.

Public Comment

Covered in the beginning of Workshop.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Council then moved to Executive Session.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager