

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue**  
**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Council Workshop was called to order at 5:04pm.

Roll Call

Council Members: President James Machajewski  
Vice-President Al Atkinson  
Paul Bossung  
Katie Dembowski via ZOOM (6:15pm)  
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 Dalfonso 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. Discussed moving the May workshop meeting to 6pm.
- Discussion was held regarding facility rentals. Moving forward with reservations for the pavilion and the community center.
- Discussion was held regarding the McCarthy Park re-opening. Need Covid-19 signage.
- Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution. Continuing to offer use of the MCC for vaccine distribution, and adding Mondays starting in May.
- American Rescue Plan updates: 362K in funds to be received for use on infrastructure. Will be done in two payments – one this year and one in 12 months.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the ALOM Conference – June 17-20. Will be held in person.

Discussion was held regarding a request for Pride flags to be put up in the Borough.

**(Council then moved to Executive Session starting at 6:46pm and ending at 7:28pm)**

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Millvale Youth Dance organization for use of Gap Park.

Discussion was held regarding the Coaltar Resolution.

Discussion was held regarding tax due dates. 2019 and prior – Discount from May – June 30, Face value from July 1 – August 31 and September 1 forward, a late penalty. 2020 – Discount from May – June 30, Face value from July 1 and extended through September 30. From October 1 and forward – a late penalty.

Events/Programming

Discussion was held regarding updates on Millvale Days.

Discussion was held regarding updates on Millvale Music Festival

Zoning/Community Development/Code Report

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

Discussion was held regarding road closed around Grist House (10 Sherman Street).

Borough Engineer

Gateway Engineers

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

**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. Gateway reviewed damage to Lincoln Avenue attributed to a water main break that occurred near 142 Lincoln Avenue. The damage area is approximately 170 feet long and the entire 33 feet width of the street. Gateway recommends

base repair and asphalt replacement to correct damage.

**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 prepared the bid documents and specifications, and bids will be opened on Monday April 12th. As discussed with the Borough, each street was bid on its own so that the Borough can have options on what streets to award this year and stay within budget. The Borough shall make the award to one Contractor on the basis of the contractor being determined to be the lowest responsible bidder for the selected base and alternate bids.

**Street Name**

*Base Bid Streets*

Johnston Street From Stanton to End of Road  
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

*Add Alternate Streets*

Alt. Bid #1 Pamela Drive From Johnston to Stanton  
Alt. Bid #2 Stanton Avenue From Howard to House 621

**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 demolition has been completed. Gateway inspected the building located at 523 Spruce Street and noted that the support structure is failing. The building is a potential hazard to the public and Gateway recommends demolition of the building. Demolition of 23 Friday Road has not been scheduled, currently reviewing potential complications to adjacent properties.

**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.

Councilman Stout had questions about Wessel Way.

Public Works

Discussion was held regarding Public Works project updates.  
Discussion was held regarding Evergreen Avenue Water Main replacement.  
Discussion was held regarding North Ave hydrant relocations – moved from next to the Lincoln Pharmacy across the street to in front of Salon 21.  
Discussion was held regarding Bennett valve replacement.  
Discussion was held regarding Ballfield work.  
Discussion was held regarding Natural Playspace updates.  
Discussion was held regarding Peoples Gas projects.  
Discussion was held regarding Public Works vehicle identification (decals).  
Discussion was held regarding Public Works summer help applications.  
Discussion was held regarding Street Sweeping Schedule. Will resume for the year on April 15.  
Discussion was held regarding a new public works vehicle, delivery to be determined.

Police Report

Discussion was held regarding general police updates.  
Discussion was held regarding Diversion resolution.  
Discussion was held regarding Police Social Worker.  
Mayor Spoales recognized Ross West View EMS and MVFD for their hard work.

Planning Commission

No report due to no agenda.

### Items from Council Members

President Machajewski:

1. SASD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up for a 2022 commemoration. 4 municipalities (Shaler Twp, Millvale, Etna, Reserve Twp) looking to do something for it.
2. Councilman Varley looking to come back to Council Meetings in May.
3. MRM came back with a better rating for the Borough, premiums are lower.
4. Commending the Borough for all of the work being done and general progress of the town.
5. Memorial Day flags.

Councilwoman Harpur:

1. Discussed traffic issues.
2. Shout out to Chief Karl Cavanaugh.

Mayor Spoales:

1. Summer party for Borough staff and Road crew.

### Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding the Riverfront RFP.

Discussion was held regarding inclusion, non-discrimination information. There is a new Diversity tab on the Borough website.

Discussion was held regarding Earth Week. Friends of the Riverfront cleanup on 4/20. Millvale clean up on 4/24.

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

Discussion was held regarding a new bulletin board/borough info board.

Discussion was held regarding the County Hazard Mitigation plan.

Discussion was held regarding Jordan Tax Service billing issues.

### Public Comment

Covered in the beginning of Workshop.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager