

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Millvale Borough Building, 501 Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Council Workshop was called to order at 6:02pm.

Roll Call

Council Members: President James Machajewski
Vice-President Al Atkinson
Paul Bossung
Katie Dembowski – arrived 6:27pm
Tyler Halt
Denise Rudar
William Stout

Also in attendance: Borough Manager Eddie Figas, Sergeant Michael Dickson, Office Administrator Michele Revay, Solicitor Cambest, Engineer Bob Maher

Public Comments

530 North Ave – Updates, there was a hearing at the magistrate – owner provided information that property was in the process of being sold. Back yard cleared out, interior of the house being cleared out. Traps for rats must be set, they have 30 days to do so.

Stanton Ave Residents – No questions at this time re: culvert.

Lindsay Powell – Candidate for PA HD 21 – Introducing herself to Borough Council, Mayor and attendees.

Public Hearing

Hearing regarding demolition of 522 Spruce Street (owner: Malonzo Bey); 728 Stanton Avenue (owner: Mark Pilsak); 1133 Evergreen Avenue (owner: Gregory Stewart); 437 Evergreen Avenue (owner: Diana Wolf); 125 Frederick (owner: Christina Martinez). Vote will be at regular council meeting next week. Motion by Mr. Atkinson, second by Mr. Bossung. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding Police and Non-Uniform 2024 Pension MMO's.
Discussion was held regarding designating Tuesday, 10/31/23 from 5:30pm – 8:00 as Halloween Trick r' Treat.
Discussion was held regarding Holiday Season Free Parking (Wednesday, 11/22/23 ending Tuesday 1/2/24)
Discussion was held regarding CDBG OPT-IN Resolution 2024, 2025, 2026.

Events/Programming

Discussion was held regarding NHCO trash pick up, 8/05/23.
Discussion was held regarding Millvale Music Fest Summer Picnic, 8/12/23.
Discussion was held regarding Office Closure – Labor Day, 9/4/23.
Discussion was held regarding Millvale Days – 9/15 & 9/16, sponsorship letters and permit apps available at the end of the week.
Discussion was held regarding the Special Election for PA HD 21 on 9/19.
Discussion was held regarding the VFD/Boro Employee picnic – 9/23/23 – Riverfront Park
Discussion was held regarding Indigenous Peoples' Day – 10/9/23. Announce on the web.
Discussion was held regarding Millvale Music Fest – Fall Harvest 10/14 – Riverfront Park.
Discussion was held regarding NHCO Trash pick up 10/21/23
Discussion was held regarding Halloween Trick r' Treat 10/31/23 5:30pm – 8 pm.
Discussion was held regarding Election day 11/7/23. Workshop will be moved to Monday 11/6/23.
Discussion was held regarding Shaler student athletes recent playoff appearances, proclamation for 8/9/23 at Shaler Area High School.
Discussion was held regarding Language Partners open house, at MCC, 3pm – 7pm on 8/8/23.

Zoning/Community Development/Code Report

Discussion was held regarding Smart Gov. Software – SmartGov is now live on the website.
Discussion was held regarding 29 Park Street demo. Getting finalized, may take next steps if property owners don't respond.

Borough Engineer

Gateway Engineers

Mr. Maher reported on engineering activities for the month of July.

C-42000-2023 General Engineering – Robert Maher, P.E.

Gateway continues to assist the Borough with review of projects and grant opportunities. Reviewed traffic pattern for Maryland Avenue, submitted recommendation.

C-42004-2023 MS4 Compliance Work – Ryan Berner, GISP

We are reviewing outfall screening status and will be providing recommendations on screenings to be conducted and follow up investigations. We are updating mapping based on plans received from the Borough.

No updates.

C-42007-2022 Road Program – Matthew Bagaley, P.E.

- The paving has been completed and reviewed in the field with DPW.
- There was a soft spot discovered during the paving operation on O'Brien Street that was repaired.
- Payment application and recommendation submitted.

C-42010-2023 Demolition: 2023 Act 152– Robert Maher, P.E.

Project set up on the County portal through the COG

- The following properties are proposed: 1133 & 1137 Evergreen, 523 Spruce, 728 Stanton, 125 Frederick
- Preparing required items
- Approved resolutions for each property
- Submitted required items to the portal on June 16, 2023

C-42010-0010 CDBG Grants – Robert Maher, P.E.

CD 49 Logan Street Repair – Robert Maher, P.E.

Pre-Application was approved. The Full-Application was submitted to NHCOC prior to the November 11, 2022 deadline. Received letter from COG stating the grant was not awarded. Plan to submit project to the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF).

Plan to submit project to the Statewide LSA (Local Share Account) program, window opens September 1, 2023

C-42006-0003 2023 ARLE Grant – Grant and Sherman – Kyle Brown, P.E.

- Gateway was authorized to assist with preparing an ARLE grant application for the intersection of Grant Avenue and Sherman Street.
- Gateway assisted with the preparation of a cost estimate and other materials to prepare the grant application documentation for submission.
- The application has been submitted; support letters will be added once received.
- Update the PennDOT signal database (TSAMS) with the component information identified from our field visit.

C-42025-0001 2023 TSAMS Inventory – Kyle Brown, P.E.

- Gateway was authorized to perform signal inspections and inventories of the intersections of North Avenue & Klopfer Street, North Avenue and Elizabeth Street, North Avenue & Lincoln Avenue, North Avenue & Grant Avenue / Howard Street, and Lincoln Avenue & Butler Avenue. This effort will provide assistance to the Borough by helping to determine the prioritization of future funding with respect to signal improvements and grant applications.
- PennDOT grant programs require that their signal database (TSAMS) be up to date with current conditions in order to qualify for grant funding. Currently, the majority of the Borough's signals do not have any signal component information incorporated in the TSAMS database.
- Overall summary of the signal inventory and inspection findings were submitted to the Borough for review and consideration

C-42026-0000 GLG Grant Application Cycle 8 – Kyle Brown, P.E.

Gateway assisted with the preparation of a Green Light-Go grant funding application for the replacement of the traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Evergreen Road and North Avenue. The grant application was submitted on Monday, January 30th with award announcements anticipated around July of 2023.

No updates.

C-42027-0001 Bridge Planning – Kevin Nadalin, P.E.

Gateway developed schematic temporary repairs for both Lincoln Ave and Grant Street. Gateway and the Borough met with a contractor to review viability of potential repair and construction obstacles. Gateway developed plans for pricing by that contractor and provided the plans for pricing.

Estimates for the temporary repair of the bridges are \$75,000 for Lincoln and \$70,000 for Grant. These repairs would bring the bridges back to their previously posted weight limits and would be temporary only until the permanent repairs are made. Gateway is working with the Borough to review these repairs with PennDOT regarding potential funding and will provide information to the Army Corps of Engineers as well.

Gateway continues to meet and coordinate with the Borough regarding the PennDOT procurement and bidding and design processes in order to proceed into design of the permanent repairs.

Continue to coordinate with the Borough through the PennDOT procurement processes.

Assisted with review of PennDOT requests for additional information regarding Lincoln Bridge No. 7

Girty's Run Stream Restoration – Matt Bagaley, P.E.

Gateway is currently surveying and designing the stream restoration project in Shaler Township that Millvale will contribute funding toward such that the Girty's Run PRP requirements are met. The intent is that a portion of the project to be completed in Shaler will count toward Millvale's DEP PRP requirement. Ongoing construction administration and inspection of the stream restoration work by the contractor.

Public Works

Discussion was held regarding Summer schedule updates. Public works staff has been keeping busy. Discussion was held regarding PWSA – Watertower – Eddie Figas and Joe Kypta met with PWSA at watertower.

Discussion was held regarding PWSA lead line replacement (Lincoln, Grant, Clara and Sherman Streets) New fountain has been installed at the island by Hardee's.

Discussion was held regarding security cameras/traffic cameras from Global.

Discussion was held regarding air conditioner repair at the MCC – will cost \$4,300.00.

Discussion was held regarding Army Corps of Engineers, re: Girty's Run and Hurricane Ida damage.

Police Report

Discussion was held regarding July activity updates. New police vehicles delivered from Ford, waiting in installation package. No new updates otherwise.

Discussion was held regarding uniform upgrades. Est. cost \$8,000.00. Looking to request an award grant for \$5,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding Social Work updates.

Planning Commission

June meeting – Discussed 323 Stanton Avenue, voted to approve re-classification. Voted to approve.

Zoning Hearing Board

No new updates.

Tree Committee

Discussion was held regarding grant opportunities. Met with Treevitalize, looking to replace trees on Grant and North.

Civil Service Commission

No updates.

Fire Department

Discussion was held regarding Act 104, Fire Department Capital Grant. For capital projects, awarded between 20K and 100K – the roof needs to be repaired. Gathering quotes for roof replacement.

Items from Council Members

Mayor Spoales – Humane Action Pittsburgh discussion; Introduced Lindsay Powell, who is running for PA HD 21's seat.

Mrs. Halt – VFD Softball game, 8/12.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding Police CBA, SASD SRO Contracts – moved to Executive session.

Discussion was held regarding Zoning Hearing Board alternates.

Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.
Council then went into Executive Session.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager