

**Minutes of the
MILLVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - COVID 19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION DRAFT
Council Chambers, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA**

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

Discussion was held regarding Review of Act 15, Sunshine Act guidelines for a remote meeting.

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 general updates.

Discussion was held regarding the Draft 2021 Calendar and Council Meeting Dates and times.

Discussion was held regarding a Blood Drive at MCC on January 29, 2021.

Discussion was held regarding restrictions to set in place for bars, restaurants, salons and gatherings as per COVID-19 mandates.

Discussion was held regarding the Demo schedule. Demos that were to begin on 12/9 have been postponed temporarily.

Discussion was held regarding a Holiday Tree placed at McCarthy Park. Parking bags are to be put on the meters beginning 12/9. Holiday Message from the Borough, Council and Mayor to put on website.

Discussion was held regarding the Double L Revolving Loan. Loan was paid off in full and early.

Discussion was held regarding Motion, Ordinance and Resolution reviews.

1. Motion to move Tuesday, January 5 Council Workshop and Tuesday, January 12 Regular Council Meeting to Millvale Community Center beginning at 5pm and hold remotely because of COVID-19. Advertising as required by ACT 15.
2. Motion to acknowledge Tri-Cog landbank disposition plan for 1134 North Ave, 165-P-41 to market the property to a nonprofit.
3. Motion to approve \$33,500 loan from Millvale Rivertown Loan Fund to MDCDC for completion of income based housing projects.
4. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2764, amending Resolution No. 2730 and fixing salaries and wages for fiscal year 2021.
5. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2765, amending schedule of fees associated with Borough services, permits and licenses for fiscal year 2021.
6. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2766, adopting the 2021 budget for the Borough of Millvale.
7. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2767, authorizing the 2020 tax and revenue anticipation note for the Borough of Millvale for 2021 in the amount of \$450,000.
8. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2768, eliminating contributions to the police retirement fund for FY 2021.
9. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2769, authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and establishing administrative procedures and appeals for tax year 2021.
10. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2770, execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC.
11. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2771, Extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for 30 days.
12. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2803, levying and assessing the real estate taxes in Millvale Borough for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total of 10 mills.

The regular meeting of the Millvale Borough Council was called to order at 5:29pm.

Council President Machajewski noted that the meeting was being recorded. Meeting audio recording to be uploaded to Website after meeting, along with draft of December Meeting Minutes.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Brian Spoales, Mayor (via ZOOM)
Jim Machajewski, Council President
Al Atkinson, Vice-President
Paul Bossung (via ZOOM)
Katie Dembowski (via ZOOM)
Patty Harpur (via ZOOM)
William G. Stout-absent
Jack Varley - absent

Also Present:

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager
Solicitor Cambest (via ZOOM)
Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski

Office Administrator Michele Revay (via ZOOM)

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Workshop meeting, held on Monday, November 2, 2020 and the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to move Tuesday, January 5 Council Workshop and Tuesday, January 12 Regular Council Meeting to Millvale Community Center beginning at 5pm and hold remotely because of COVID-19. Advertising as required by ACT 15. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Atkinson, to acknowledge Tri-Cog landbank disposition plan for 1134 North Ave, 165-P-41 to market the property to a nonprofit. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to approve \$33,500 loan from Millvale Rivertown Loan Fund to MCDCC for completion of income based housing projects. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to adopt Resolution No. 2764, amending Resolution No. 2730 and fixing salaries and wages for fiscal year 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Resolution No. 2765, amending schedule of fees associated with Borough services, permits and licenses for fiscal year 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Resolution No. 2766, adopting the 2021 budget for the Borough of Millvale. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Atkinson, to adopt Resolution No. 2767, authorizing the 2020 tax and revenue anticipation note for the Borough of Millvale for 2021 in the amount of \$450,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Resolution No. 2768, eliminating contributions to the police retirement fund for FY 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve Resolution No. 2769, authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and establishing administrative procedures and appeals for tax year 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to approve Resolution No. 2770, execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Dembowski, to approve Resolution No. 2771, Extending the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for 30 days. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to adopt Ordinance No. 2803, levying and assessing the real estate taxes in Millvale Borough for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total of 10 mills.

Monthly Finance Reports: November 2020

Council President Machajewski read the financial report into the record.

Real Estate Tax Collections – \$502,902
Delinquent Real Estate - \$89,838.65
Real Estate Transfer - \$30,222
Wage Tax Collections - \$256,583
Delinquent Wage Tax - \$1,055
Mechanical Devices - \$300
Mercantile/Business Privilege/LST - \$87,126
District Justice Fee/Parking - \$29,748

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mrs. Harpur, to approve the monthly finance report for November 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Machajewski, second by Mr. Bossung, to approve the financial transactions for November 2020 in the amount of \$4,717.25. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports - The following reports were submitted to Council:

- Girty's Run Report submitted for October 2020.
- Mayor Spoales: Merry Christmas, thank you to Public Works for putting the tree up at McCarthy Park.
- MERRY CHRISTMAS, STAY SAFE!

Public Comment, via Website

None.

Adjournment

The public meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

James Machajewski, Jr., President

Eddie Figas, Borough Manager