

**MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2009**

PRESENT:

Joseph Artmont, Council Vice President
Charles Turner, Councilman
Mohammed Patwary, Councilman
Gurbaksh Basra, Councilman
William Donovan, Mayor

OTHERS PRESENT:

John McBlain, Borough Solicitor

The Borough Council President, Thomas Kramer, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer, Rufus Stokes, the Borough Finance officer, Stella Economidis, the Borough Engineer, Jim Watson and the Borough Police Chief, David McCann were not present at this evenings meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Khiet Loung from 20 Burd Avenue thanked Councilman Artmont and the Borough Manager for organizing and holding meeting with the business owners to promote the paper recycling program which the Borough is trying to start.

Mr. Loung also asked the status of the 100 year celebration for the Borough of Millbourne.

The Borough Manager informed Mr. Loung that she has been talking with the owner of Gheris lanes in order to hold the celebration at Gheris considering it is the oldest business in the Borough. The owner of Gheris is excited to be a part of the celebration. We were thinking of having tables set up in the bowling alley, serving a variety of ethnic foods and have various public officials speak, including Congressman Sestak, State Representative Civera and Senator Erickson.

Mayor Donovan stated that he wanted a committee set up over two years ago to discuss and plan the 100 year celebration. I wanted banners ordered to celebrate the anniversary and I wanted to ensure that public officials would be able to attend.

Councilman Patwary wanted to know if the celebration would take place outside or inside the bowling alley. Councilman Patwary stated he agrees there should be a committee and residents should be involved.

The Borough Manager asked Council to establish a committee tonight and that the committee can then begin to make plans as they see fit. The Borough Manager informed Council that she would let the owner of Gheris know that the committee would be taking over planning the 100th year celebration and that at this time we are unsure of the plans.

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POLICE REPORT: See Attached

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT: No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: No report

BILLS LIST: March 16, 2009

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE BILLS LIST OF MARCH 16, 2009; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TURNER; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

MEETING MINUTES: February 17, 2009

Mayor Donovan requested that the meeting minutes be amended to show that the bills list was approved by a vote of 4-0 rather than 5-0.

Councilman Patwary wanted the February meeting minutes to reflect that he questioned the bill from Marshall Road Towing. Councilman Patwary stated that he requested an answer as to why the bill was so high and he did not receive an answer. Councilman Patwary stated that the bill should not have been paid.

The Borough Manager agreed that the minutes should have reflected the conversation regarding the bill but that Councilman Patwary was told why the bill was so high and that the bill was approved to be paid, that actually Councilman Patwary made the motion to pay the bills.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009, WITH ABOVE STATED AMENDMENTS; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TURNER; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: See attached

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASRA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Borough Solicitor informed Borough Council that the Borough Manager and the solicitor attended a hearing regarding the rescinding of the trash bid by Accurate Trash Removal. The Judge asked both parties to attempt to resolve this matter outside of the court room. A representative from Accurate stated that the president of the company wants to continue with the case. The Judge continued the hearing until the following Thursday. A few days later Accurate withdrew their motion. The Borough Solicitor stated that this does not mean that they will not file another motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Donovan stated that he received a packet of information regarding the 2010 census. They are looking for volunteers to help get an accurate count of the people living in Millbourne. A lot of grants for education and the elderly are based on the information received from the census. We need people to committee to going around and explaining to people about the census. If we are able to do this people might understand the importance of the census and how it will benefit the Borough.

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 16, 2009

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16, 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUCNILMAN BASRA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Jeanette McNeil, from 20 Burd Avenue asked when the public will get to speak in regards to the Millbourne Borough Flood Ordinance.

The Borough Manager informed Ms. McNeil that once the Flood Ordinance has been reviewed by the County and other agencies, the Borough will follow the normal ordinance adoption policy. The Solicitor will be authorized to advertise the ordinance for adoption and the public will have an opportunity to review the ordinance, ask questions and concerns prior to adoption.

Ms. McNeil asked if any ordinances of Millbourne Borough have been filed in the Law Library. She stated that the librarian at the Law Library stated that Millbourne has never filed any ordinances at the Library.

The Borough Solicitor stated that all ordinances are on file at the Borough office and a resident can review at any time.

Ms. McNeil asked if there was an update on the LVT situation.

Councilman Artmont informed the public that we do not have an update on the LVT at this time.

The Borough Solicitor informed Council that a letter was sent to James Byrne in reference to the LVT but we have not received a response to date.

Khiet Loung, from 20 Burd Avenue told the Mayor that he recently contacted the Census office to offer assistance. Mr. Loung took the test to be an out reach to the Asian community. The outreach program has already started and he would like to work with the Mayor on the Census committee.

Mr. Loung stated that he would like the opportunity to review the Flood Plain Ordinance considering the Pennsylvania Environmental Council has a vested interest in the development along Cobbs Creek.

Mr. Loung asked the process for adoption of an ordinance.

The Borough Solicitor informed Mr. Loung that an ordinance is distributed to Councilmember's, a request is made to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance. At the following meeting members of the public can address concerns for the ordinance prior to the approval.

Mr. Loung asked if the Borough Ordinances are on a PDF and if not can I take the ordinances of the Borough and scan them.

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The Borough Solicitor stated that the original ordinances are not allowed to leave the Municipal building. Residents are allowed to review the Borough ordinances at the Borough hall or pay for a copy of the ordinance.

Mayor Donovan stated that the ICC covers plumbing, heating, electrical and building. The people who complete the inspections for the Borough are certified by the State, Rufus is certified. We hired a local, qualified person because we were paying Remington, Vernick and Beach to travel from Conshohocken to complete code enforcement activities.

Mr. Loung asked how a resident would determine the rules of the Borough.

The Borough Solicitor stated that all residents are entitled to review any and all Borough Ordinances.

Mr. Loung informed Borough Council that as of January 1, 2011 the caps placed on peco will be removed. Mr. Loung attended a seminar informing people of the upcoming increases. Peco is required by law to help people uncover ways to save energy. This problem will hit Millbourne.

Councilman Artmont asked Mr. Loung if he could put his comments in writing because they are all very good and important but if Council had them in writing we could review each situation and address.

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL; A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASRA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DRU ANN STAUD
MILLBOURNE BOROUGH MANAGER