

**MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

John McBlain, Borough Solicitor
Stella Economidis, Finance Officer
Jim Watson, Borough Engineer
Dru Ann Staud, Borough Manager

The Borough Manager stated that Borough Council will be holding a public meeting following this evening's meeting to discuss the Stephen Court Park issue. We would like to ask that everyone keep their comments brief this evening so we can move on to the second meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Khiet Luong, from 20 Burd Avenue thanked all the residents for attending the meeting; Mr. Loung stated that it was nice to see so many people at the meeting.

Mr. Loung asked the status of the recycling program.

The Borough Manager stated that she had no been in contact with the recycling company so far this month but as per the last conversation she did have with the company, their intention was to remove the bins if we did not meet the minimum requirement at the end of September.

Mr. Loung asked Borough Council if they have moved forward in adopting an Ordinance establishing rules regarding reimbursements for trips for borough officials.

President Kramer stated that the issue would be discussed this evening.

Mayor Donovan asked Mr. Loung to stand up and state the accusation which he made regarding the Mayor's comments at a previous meeting. Mayor Donovan stated that Mr. Loung must have some sort of listening device which he should show Council. Mayor

Donovan again demanded that Mr. Loung stand up and state his accusations. Mayor Donovan stated that Mr. Loung is not a man.

Mayor Donovan stated that several people were questioning his bill last month when he was not present. Mayor Donovan asked Councilman Patwary to state his problem with the bill considering he was the one raising the issue.

BILLS LIST: September 21, 2009

Councilman Patwary asked if Chief McCann had already attended the conference.

The Borough Manager stated that the Chief had not gone to the conference yet, he was requesting payment for the conference and the chief only submitted reimbursement for the registration and transportation.

Mayor Donovan asked why there were questions regarding his plumbing bill but now there is a bill for another plumber on the bills list in the amount of 1600.00.

The Borough Manger informed Mayor Donovan that the plumbing work needed to be addressed in the police station. The toilets were not working, if a prisoner was in the cell we could be in trouble for not having a properly working system. Also, due to Mayor Donovan being an elected official in the borough of Millbourne he was unable to be paid for any further work.

Mayor Donovan stated that the business is his son's not his therefore he is eligible to do work in the borough.

The Borough Solicitor stated that there is a limit to the amount of money an elected official can make for the borough they are elected to serve, that amount is 1,000.00 a year. It does not matter if the company is directly owned by the elected official or a relative.

President Kramer stated that he thought the amount was limited to \$500.00 a year.

Councilman Patwary stated that the Engineer is now over budget, where will we get the money to pay the remaining months of the year?

President Kramer stated that the Borough Engineer's work is partly based on unforeseen projects. We budget to the best of our ability but sometimes projects or crisis arises which need to be addressed.

The Borough Finance Officer stated that the Borough Engineer still has approximately \$10,000 left in his budget.

Councilman Patwary said I have added all the bills for the year and he is over budget.

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The Borough Finance Officer stated that several of the bills at the beginning of the year were actually 2008 bills.

Councilman Patwary was satisfied with the answer.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPROVE THE BILLS LIST OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

MEETING MINUTES: August 17, 2009

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2009; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

POLICE REPORT: See Attached

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT: August/September

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: August/September

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPROVE THE FIRE MARSHALL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND AUGUST; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: See Attached

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE ENGINEER REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Borough Solicitor addressed Council regarding Act 32 which the state of Pennsylvania enacted on July 2, 2008. Act 32 amends the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511 of 1965 to consolidate the collection of the earned income taxes on a countywide

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basis. The main goal is to reduce the number of companies collecting the earned income taxes in order to make the program more efficient. Based on that information the County is requesting that each municipality nominate one person from their community to represent them at the County held meetings. The first meeting will be November 12, 2009. I recommend the Borough Manager be appointed to represent Millbourne Borough.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPOINT DRU STAUD TO REPRESENT MILLBOURNE BOROUGH AS THE VOTING DELEGATE; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE SOLICITOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASRA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Donovan presented for approval a Proclamation declaring the week of October 23 through October 31, 2009 as Alcohol and Drug Abuses Awareness Week.

A MOTIION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2009 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Mayor Donovan stated that he has been contacted by various Mayors to join forces for Mayor's against illegal guns.

Mayor Donovan stated that Chief McCann had a conflict with this evenings meeting due to the town he lives in holds their meetings on the same evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT: September 21, 2009

The Borough Finance Officer stated that at this time of year the revenues start to slow down, so we need to keep a watchful eye on expenditures.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Artmont asked the Borough Engineer what the status was with the Sears property.

The Borough Engineer stated that he has not gotten the all clear yet from Buckley. He will check that status.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Borough Solicitor presented for approval a Travel Expense Resolution.

President Kramer stated that this issue has come up in the past and I believe it is beyond time that this Resolution be passed. This resolution will allow for borough employees and officials to present to Council the expenses which will be incurred for all training and conferences prior to anyone attending the event. The resolution states that the employee or official will only be reimbursed for travel and registration.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL EXPENSE RESOLUTION; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Councilman Artmont stated that we should reimburse the Mayor for his hotel stay because we did not have a resolution stating otherwise until this meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE MAYOR'S HOTEL BILL; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Patwary informed the public that this Sunday is a neighborhood clean up day. We will begin at 3:00pm at Hurley Court and Wister Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Singh from Stephen Court asked when we were going to discuss the Park.

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President Kramer stated that we would address the park issues at the meeting immediately following this meeting.

Jeanette MacNeille, 20 Burd Avenue, asked the Borough Finance Officer if the Borough has a contingency fund.

The Borough Finance Officer responded no.

The Borough Solicitor stated that we have a reserve fund.

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 ARTMONT; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DRU ANN STAUD
MILLBOURNE BOROUGH MANAGER