

**MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2008**

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
Jim Watson, Borough Engineer
Stella Economidis, Borough Finance Officer
Dru Staud, Borough Manager

Councilman Patwary informed President Kramer that the Total Revenue report was not in this month's packet.

The Borough Manager apologized for the error; all revenues are listed in the Finance Officers report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Henzy, the Upper Darby Postmaster addressed Council regarding the problems residents of Millbourne have been experiencing with their mail delivery. Mr. Henzy asked residents to contact him at the Upper Darby Post office with any mail delivery issues this will ensure that the mail does get to the appropriate person but it will also be a way of notifying the post office of the specific problem.

POLICE REPORT: July 21, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2008 POLICE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT: July 21, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2008 FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASRA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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BILLS LIST: July 21, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO APPROVE THE BILLS LIST OF JULY 21, 2008; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BASRA; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilman Patwary yes
Councilman Basra yes
Councilman Artmont yes
Councilman Turner yes
President Kramer yes

MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 16, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2008, BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilman Patwary yes
Councilman Basra yes
Councilman Artmont yes
Councilman Turner yes
President Kramer yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT: See attached

The Borough Engineer informed Borough Council that the punch list which was generated by members of Council and the Borough Engineer has been submitted to Septa. Several items have been addressed.

The Borough Engineer informed Borough Council that he meet with representatives from the County regarding the Millbourne Borough park improvements.

Councilman Patwary stated that he did not know about the plans to enlarge the park, he stated that many of the residents are concerned with the street being closed. One issue is the emergency vehicles.

The Borough Solicitor informed Borough Council that an ordinance needs to be established to close the street.

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Councilman Patwary stated that a public meeting should be held prior to the street being closed.

The Borough Solicitor stated that if Council wants to create an ordinance to close any street, the public will be able to voice their concerns prior to the adoption of the ordinance.

Councilman Artmont asked Councilman Patwary if he wanted a park within the Borough that the children could play. Councilman Artmont informed Councilman Patwary of last years meeting when several residents asked Council to address the issue of the children playing in the front yards of the Courts. What is the issue with the Park?

Councilman Patwary stated that he felt the residents should be able to voice their opinions; the residents need to be notified.

Mayor Donovan stated that the residents were notified; we held a public hearing and no one attended. The reason we are closing the street is to create a safe place for the kids to play, currently they are running in the streets, which is very unsafe.

Councilman Artmont asked if we could send a letter to all of the residents explaining the park and its benefits.

President Kramer suggested that we hold a meeting with the public to address this issue without the financial obligation of advertising the meeting.

The Borough Solicitor stated that we could hold an informal meeting to discuss the plans for the park and to listen to the concerns of the residents. During this informal meeting no action can be taken.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Borough Solicitor stated that we will be putting the 2009 Trash Removal for the Borough of Millbourne out for bid shortly, if anyone has any issues regarding the upcoming contract please contact the Borough Manager.

The Borough Solicitor informed Borough Council that a few members of Council meet to discuss revisions to the Millbourne Borough Zoning Ordinance, one section we are reviewing is the PCD area which includes the former Sears site. President Kramer has submitted several ideas which I am reviewing. I will get something in writing to the Borough next month.

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The Borough Solicitor has been in contacted with the Insurance company that is dealing with the fire at 6451 Market Street. There is a provision that entitles a town to collected delinquent taxes from a property owner prior to any insurance money being released. The problem with Mr. Mathai is that he owes Delaware County and Upper Darby School District as well as the Borough of Millbourne. I have been discussing this issue with representatives from the County and the School District, we are optimistic that the Borough will receive some of the delinquent taxes for the property at 6451 Market but we are unsure at this time how much.

Councilman Artmont asked if we agree to take a lesser amount does that wipe out the remaining delinquent funds?

The Borough Solicitor stated that Mr. Mathai will still owe the Borough the remaining funds.

The Borough Solicitor has been in negotiations with Crown Castle, the company which leases the land where the tower is built. Crown Castle would like to either extend their existing lease with the Borough or pay a lump sum amount. We are in the very preliminary stages of negotiations but this matter will be coming before Council within the next few months.

MANAGER'S REPORT: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Donovan informed Borough Council that he attended the Mayor's Convention, 50 Mayors were in attendance. Mr. Donovan stated that the seminars where all very informative, he received a lot of information which he will share with members of Council. Mayor Donovan presented brochures to purchase banners to help the Borough celebrate 100 years. Mayor Donovan also spoke with several vendors regarding tazers, Mayor Donovan plans to talk to Chief McCann to determine if they would be beneficial to Millbourne Borough. Mayor Donovan stated that discussions were held at the conference regarding tax relief for volunteer fire fighters and right to know laws.

Mayor Donovan reported that the stop sign at Aster and Wister Drive is missing.

President Kramer requested that if anyone notices a sign missing or damaged to contact the Borough Manager.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Borough Finance officer presented for approval the June financial statement, 83% of the real estate taxes have been received to date. The Finance officer suggested that the

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Borough look into establishing an account where the Borough would have access to the tax funds quicker. Currently we have to wait until the Tax Collector transfers the money from her account to the Borough account, this is not done routinely.

The Borough Solicitor stated that we would need the approval of the Tax Collector in order to make any change in how the tax funds are received and or transferred.

Councilman Patwary asked why do we have to put both names Millbourne and Tax Collector on our checks?

The Borough Solicitor informed Councilman Patwary that it is a State Law.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Turner stated that the Peco light behind 16 Park Avenue is still not working properly.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kramer informed Borough Council that he received a letter from the Skhi Temple requesting to create a loading zone in front of the main entrance of the Temple.

The Borough Engineer stated that if Council agrees to create a loading zone, we would have to put a sign stating loading zone only and stripe the street.

President Kramer informed Borough Council that he received a letter from Cobbs Creek West thanking Councilman Patwary for the Borough clean up he organized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Patwary stated that he will be holding another clean up day on August 11, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL; A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARTMONT TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MILLBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATWARY; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DRU ANN STAUD
MILLBOURNE BOROUGH MANAGER