

**Borough of Millbourne
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020 via Zoom**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Skariah at 6:33 pm. Mayor Tom Kramer was acting as host. Participants were muted until ready to speak and be acknowledged.

Roll Call: Present were Council President Justin Skariah, Council Vice-President Mahabubul Tayub, Councilor MD Ali, Councilor MD Hasan at 6:38 pm, and Councilor Mohammed F. Islam at 7:17 pm. and Mayor Tom Kramer. Also present were Finance Officer Mainul Kaiser and acting manager Nancy Baulis.

Public Comment:

Bill Mulgrew 29 Burd Ave. Trucks on Willner property with 17 bays near residents and trash also near residents. The building needs to be flipped so the bays are at the other end of the property. Council President Skariah said he agreed with the points being made.

Virginia Mulgrew 29 Burd Ave. has concerns with smells from garbage as they had problems before with another commercial property on Market St. Mayor Kramer said she was referring to Astra Foods. She is also concerned with the noise of trucks 24/7 sound walls need to be constructed.

Helen Papas 28 Burd Ave. spoke to the fact that her cancer prevented her from attending the zoning hearing board and that Bill Mulgrew took her place.

President Skariah did say he was sorry to hear of Helen's cancer. Having spoken to her neighbors they are all against as the project stands.

Council President Skariah introduced County Council Member Elaine Schaefer and Steve Beckley from the DelCo Planning Commission to address Council on the concern for a trail on the Willner site. Elaine stated that studies have shown that properties near trails increase property values. The section of Millbourne is important to the Heinz to Valley Forge Trail to connect Phila. with the rest of the County. Millbourne Council has leverage at this time to request the trail be built while the trucks are moving dirt. Steve Beckley said that the trail was included in the feasibility study that was done in 2012. He will send a pdf version that can be sent to Council. The feasibility study included a bridge across the creek and an old tunnel under Market St. Council Vice President Tayub wants the trail on the

Millbourne side of Cobbs Creek. Elaine stated CHOP employees can use the trail to get to work either by walking or biking. Now is the time that changes can be made to the design. Councilman Ali said the engineers know so can make a trail it will be good for the environment and good for Millbourne. Too many years nothing on the site, now we can have a project built. Sean McIntosh has worked on trails for many years and feels this is important for Millbourne and will help anyway he can to facilitate. Councilman Hasan needs to see studies. Elaine said could request more time from the developer. Councilman Hasan wants to extend for two months. Is the virtual meeting taking place next week? Justin said yes next week.

Minutes from the April 21 Council meeting were tabled. Nancy will mail copies to Council.

Fire Protection agreement: Nancy reminded Council of the e-mail Rebecca sent. If Millbourne does not accept the agreement including the fire tax payment a new agreement will be asking for more money. The agreement needs to be approved by May 19. Councilman Ali said Millbourne needs the fire protection and needs to pay the fire tax. Councilman Hasan said the agreement has not changed from the one proposed by Mayor Micozzie, \$62,000 need to pay. Council President Skariah said we need to accept, it is not great. Council Vice-Pres. Tayub all need to agree on \$40,000 plus mil on tax. Tom questioned but Councilman Islam joined the meeting. Council Pres. Skariah said beat deal we can get Council Vice-Pres. yes, Councilman Islam said yes. Nancy reminded Council and Mayor that the mil on fire tax is part of the property taxes paid by residents, isn't that correct Mayor Kramer? Tom said yes it is in the Borough Code. He will send a link and Nancy will also send out a table for the fire code tax as requested by Councilman Islam.

5 G and Rufus Stokes contract will be checked on with Solicitor Rebecca.

New Business:

Sound Study for the Willner project. Council Pres. Skariah highway study hard numbers and the expense is reimbursable. Council Vice-Pres. Tayub no explain what sounds mean 24 hours. Councilman Hasan not agree on any sound no. Mayor Kramer said no cost for the Borough. Willner's people were doing the study for them; Tom feels we need an independent study on sound. Councilman Hasan says no he understands. Councilman Ali an opportunity needs engineers

want what is good for Millbourne Councilman Islam safety, pollution, environment responsibility sound study. Council Vice-Pres. not against project we want to know how sound impacts. Councilman Hasan proposal other side engineer says yes. Councilman Islam can Council take a vote all had spoken. **Motion was made** by Council Vice-Pres. Tayub and seconded by Councilman Hasan to have a sound study on the impact on Millbourne from the Willner property. **Motion passed.**

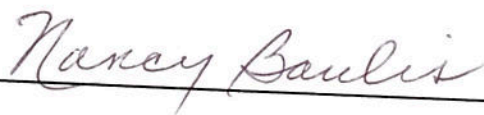
Ticket writers' return: Council Pres. Skariah said since the Governor is saying stay closed until June 4 Millbourne should follow the order. Council Vice-Pres. Tayub said follow until June 4. So no ticket writers until after June 4.

Councilman Hasan said with the virtual meetings Council members should not interrupt others. Councilman Islam feels with the technology same topics should not be repeated over and over. Mayor Kramer said he had left the mics open, but in the future he will mute. Please raise hand if you want to speak and he will unmute a member. Council Pres. Skariah said that makes sense.

There was no other business or need for executive session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Ali and seconded by Council Vice-Pres. Tayub. **Motion passed.** The time was 7:45 pm

Respectively
Submitted



Nancy Baulis, Secretary

Approved by Council this 19th day of May 2020



Justin Skariah, President of Council