

**Borough of Millbourne
Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Skariah at 7 pm.

Roll call: Present were Council President Justin Skariah, Council Vice- President Md. Hasan and Council members Md Ali and Rafikul Islam and Mayor Tom Kramer. Absent was Councilman Mahabubul Tayub. Also present were Solicitor Rebecca Geisler, Engineer Dennis O'Neill, Police Chief Shawn Payne, Financial Officer Mainul Kaiser and Acting Manager Nancy Baulis.

Public Comment: Chris Cosfol of 34 Millbourne questioned the zoning violations at 32 Millbourne. Rebecca said 2 potential zoning of the code of ordinances citations should be issued. Nancy did issue citation, but district court is closed. The district judge will decide if there will be a penalty. Pictures will be taken to show kitchen on former porch. Chris said thank you.

Appointments/ Presentations/ Announcements/ Awards: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Vice-Pres. Hasan to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of August 18, 2020 and the Workshop meeting of September 14, 2020. **Motion passed.**

Bills List: Motion was made by Vice-Pres. Hasan and seconded by Pres. Skariah to approve the bills list. There were 3 additional checks added \$13,333.33 for Upper Darby Fire coverage for Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. Magic T V to replace the TV in the office for security and Panco to repair a police car. **The motion passed.** The amount was \$52,162.79

Reports: Motion was made by Vice-Pres. Hasan and seconded by Pres. Skariah to approve the reports. Dennis added that Burd Ave. will be repaired where the break –up has occurred. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Wall in the Hall: Dennis has asked two contractors to come in to give a price on removing wall in the hall.

Dennis continued Willner has agreed on \$2.1 Million in escrow and funding for grading, MDS permit activity on construction will need to look at night time 6 am not through the night for hours of work. Work continues at 6505 Market. 6501 needs to submit new plans. Rebecca said all agreements are with Bob Scott on the CHOP project.

Zoning letter to all property owners: 2 units in a single family, need zoning permission. Vice-Pres. Hasan wants all to get citation if in violation. The letters are ready to go out.

Resolution on Willner Fees: Holding until all documents are signed. There will be a letter of credit for escrow, but need a cash escrow for engineering, inspections, legal fees that can be released as needed to the Borough. Pres. Skariah this is the largest building site in the history of the Borough.

Dennis was out at 7:19 pm.

Chief Shawn Payne spoke to the need to garage some of the police vehicles. The cars are being damaged by people mad at the police. The cost to repair is a concern. The cars will not be parked near Market St., but put in the fire house.

The Court is still closed but Portnoff should restart collecting of back taxes and trash and sewer delinquencies.

The Census: there will be a day of action with Cong. Mary Gay Scanlon and St. Sen. Tim Kearney as the census continues until the end of September.

Fire Protection: Upper Darby Township did sign a resolution to cover protection for Millbourne. Once we receive a copy we will cut a check for the 4 months remaining in 2020. The terms were the same as has been agreed to previously.

The resolution 471 to have an expiration on conditional approvals needs to be advertised.

Motion was made by Vice-Pres. Hasan and seconded by Councilor Ali to advertise the resolution and send to Delaware County Law Library. Motion passed.

Vacancy Board: Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Council Rafikul to appoint Abir Ibne Arab 46 Hurley Court as the member. Nancy will send a letter. **Motion passed.**

Masks: Council members will give out a box of masks to each family in the Borough. If the family is not home a notice will be left to come to the office for the box. Terri will prepare the notice and give the list similar to the parking permit list to be used to keep track of those who were given a box.

RTK for land value tax: There will be a conference call with Dan Grieser, Tom, St. Sen. Kearney's staff and others to discuss the appeal on the assessment of the commercial properties in Millbourne. When the commercial properties taxes decrease the residents taxes increase. Other Boroughs and Townships in the County should be filing an appeal. The new assessment was to be revenue neutral but it is not revenue neutral. Upper Darby School District says it is too busy working on the budget to look into this information. Tom says, but this is the budget. Pres. Skariah says it is a good idea to appeal before the deadline. Millbourne would appeal to the Court of Common Pleas. Dan mentioned concerns raise taxes this year. Tom feels someone was not doing their job; there should be relief to appeal. Pres. Skariah appeal as high in the court system as can. Dave Komer is doing an assessment on the Willner property and Dan needs the data back from him. Council will need to speak up ask for information appeal in court. Dan will prepare to present at the Oct. workshop meeting. Nancy will reach out to school board in Upper Darby. Tom reached out to Heather Boyd but she was not interested. Rebecca will confer with Dennis, Bob Scott and Michael Willner on the appeal.

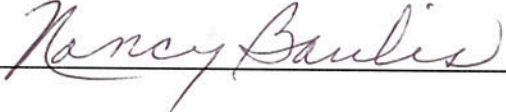
New Business:

Reorganization of Vice-Pres. of Council: Rebecca said Council can change positions without any need to have a total reorganization. Vice-Pres. Tayub resigned as Vice-Pres. of Council but remains a Councilman. **Motion was made** by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Islam to appoint Councilor Hasan as Vice-Pres. of Millbourne Borough Council. **Motion passed.**

Councilor Ali would like to have Cham clean up leaves for 2 hours a week and add hours if needed. He can use the leaf blower. Nancy will ask Cham if he is willing to take this task on his schedule.

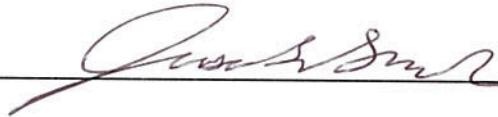
Public Comment: None
Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Council Vice-Pres. Hasan. **Motion passed.** The time was 8:03 pm.

Respectively Submitted 

Nancy Baulis, Secretary

Approved by Council this 19th day of October 2020



Justin Skariah, President of Council