

MILFORD BOROUGH – WORKSHOP MINUTES 2/5/23

The Milford Borough Council met February 5, 2024, at 7PM in the Borough Hall located at 109 W. Catharine Street for a workshop meeting. This meeting was advertised and open to the public. Present were Council President Joseph Dooley, Vice President Maria Farrell, Council Members Peter Cooney, Sharmie Ford and Richard Provenzano. Also present were Solicitor Jason Ohliger, Mayor Sean Strub and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo. Council Members Doug Manion and George Lutfy were not present. The meeting was called to order followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance President Dooley asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for David Heim. David passed away last month. He was a twelve-year member of the Zoning Hearing Board for the borough and was chair of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion to adopt Agenda by Farrell/Provenzano, AIF.

Open discussion on major items to focus on for the next two years. President Dooley introduced the topic by calling on Council member to discuss what each member felt were important items to focus on in the next two years. The following list was generated:

- Ongoing schedule with timelines of tasks to be completed by the DPW
- Borough website overhaul
- Quarterly newsletter
- Employee survey
- Refined capital expense list
- Police department cost analysis
- Research cost of Grant writer
- Explore Planning Commission needs
- Cost of replacing thermostats
- Research cost of replacing the heating unit in the Police department and Borough Hall
- Research state and local compliance with human resources working environment
- Complete job descriptions
- Continue work on Gateway Project including sidewalks
- Ann Street Park renovation
- Install cameras in Ann St Park and Catharine St ball field
- Attach links to Borough permits on website
- Explore the River Access Project
- Continue work on 537 plan
- Complete Stormwater Project
- Address ongoing budget needs
- Explore contracts for new employees
- Research USA 250 and Milford 150 celebrations
- Address infrastructure needs
- Prepare for potential union negotiations
- Convert all street lights to LED
- Develop a plan to encourage residents to put in sidewalks
- Add more speed humps
- Look at ways to protect Boroughs right-of-way
- Explore ideas for enhancing the Northern Gateway
- Explore cost and feasibility of burying powerlines
- Explore preserving the bridge over the Vandermark behind the gas station
- Explore turning some open space into a dog run

Discussion and vote on the Lattimore Construction invoice to fix the corner wall at Broad & Harford for an amount of \$14,400. Motion to approve by Farrell/Ford, AIF.

Public Comment: Alex Garcia-Osuna came up to the podium to speak about the opposition to the cell tower and radiation from it. He also accepted the invitation to join the cell tower research committee along with Doug Manion, Rich Provenzano, Heidi Braun and John Ciccolella. President Dooley stated that he sent an email response to Verizon with the language Solicitor Ohliger wrote requesting they attend a meeting in either February or March.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm