

MILFORD BOROUGH – WORKSHOP MINUTES 4/1/24

The Milford Borough Council met April 1, 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 Sharmie Ford, Peter Cooney and Richard Provenzano. Also present were Mayor Sean Strub and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo. Council Member George Lutfy was present via phone call. Council Member Doug Manion and Solicitor Ohliger were not present. The meeting was called to order followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to adopt Agenda with the following changes: Move # 5 – Update from Counsel on Use of Social Media, to April 15th meeting, and item # 9 add to Ordinance, No Parking on East John Street in the section of East John that already has no parking signs posted by Farrell/Provenzano, AIF.

Public Comment: None

PennDOT update on Sawkill Creek Bridge repair. Chris Tomaszewski and a team of PennDOT reps attended the meeting to update the Council and residents on the Sawkill Creek Bridge repair. The timeline for the repairs will include a single-lane condition using traffic signals, while the prime contractor installs a temporary two-lane bridge. Stage one is currently scheduled to begin 5/28/24. The second stage will route traffic to the two-lane bridge placed behind the Callahan House to make repairs on the arch, deck and parapet walls. This stage is currently scheduled to begin 7/1/2024. The third stage will include an identical traffic pattern as Stage 1 to remove the temporary bridge. This stage is scheduled to begin 11/27/2024 and continue to 1/10/2025. Current physical work completion date is 6/10/2025. The truck weight limit restrictions will be lifted with the temporary bridge and the newly repaired bridge.

Council members and residents had numerous concerns and questions about the Sawkill Creek Project:

- Removal of any weight limit restrictions on the bridge
- Whether there will be signage on route 84 eastbound about the bridge repair and traffic
- Local traffic using side streets to avoid construction traffic
- Length of the red traffic light and potential back up into the borough
- Timing of the temporary single lane traffic light to accommodate commuting times
- Increase in truck traffic when the weight limit is removed
- Where will demolition debris be piled?
- Protection of Sawkill Creek from falling debris
- Is the PennDOT Traffic Study available to the Borough Council and the public?
- Current sidewalk to be replaced by a wide shoulder (is a sidewalk or jersey barrier still a possibility?)
- Concern about tandem trucks navigating the turn at Harford and Broad.
- Start and end times of construction
- Impact of construction and traffic on local businesses.

Update from Counsel on use of social media. This topic has been moved to the April 15th meeting.

Forms/Policies Discussion: The Gatherings Policy and Borough Hall Rental agreement discussion has been moved to the April 15th meeting.

- a. Gatherings Policy
- b. Hall Rental Agreement
- c. Special Events Policy – The non-profit that is sponsoring this event should be the applicant and sign the agreement for approval.
- d. Food Trucks – This has to be looked into further by the Council Members

Individual updates on two-year plans. This discussion was tabled to the April 15th meeting.

Discussion and vote to appoint alternate Engineer. Motion to appoint Gene Ruzanski, Construct Engineering LLC as the alternate engineer by Ford/Farrell, AIF.

Discussion and vote to advertise amendment to Chapter 290 Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance to add No Seasonal Parking from Catharine to Ann Streets on the east side of 3rd Street. Plus, the addition to add No Parking on East John Street, where a sign already exists, but was never added to the Ordinance.

Motion to approve by Provenzano/Cooney, AIF.

Discussion and vote on proposed paving needs for 2024. This discussion was moved to the April 15th meeting.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: Motion to open by Cooney/Farrell, AIF. Motion to close and adjourn by Farrell/Cooney, AIF

Adjourned at 9:15 pm