

Milesburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes

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The Milesburg Borough Council monthly meeting was held on Monday March 11, 2024, at 416 Front Street, Milesburg Pa. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Samantha Walker.

Members present: Ethel Kellerman, Fred Kellerman, Plummer Davidson, Clair Martin, Samantha Walker

Members Absent: Greg Ritter, Pete DeLosa

Don Peters gave a presentation about a potential Borough proclaimed, "Help your neighbor day" Don had an example of a door hanger that could be used to alert residents of when the day would be and some information about the day. It would also have an area to be marked if the resident would like assistance performing the work on their property. The council discussed how to work out the details and when it could be done, the topic was tabled until a later date.

George Holt asked if residents along Turnpike Street were permitted to put planters along the sidewalk, council instructed Mr. Holt residents could put planters out however the planter had to fit in the grass area beside the sidewalk and not interfere with line of sight for traffic or people walking on the sidewalks.

Ruth Barndt read a newsletter from the Borough dated 1998 with current water rates to the date of the newsletter.

Handouts were given to the council regarding the Pa Sunshine act about the recording of meetings.

Rob Bromley asked questions about council appointments and the possibility of downsizing the number of council members.

There was a short discussion about using QuickBooks desktop and not the online version, no motion or second to change.

There was a discussion about hiring a Fulltime Secretary/Treasurer and not Parttime, no motion or second to change. Samantha handed out structure options for employment to review, no decision was made at this time.

There was a discussion about repealing Resolutions 2024-2, 2024-3, 2024-5 and 2024-6. There was no motion or second to repeal these resolutions.

Discussion about why the current vacancy was not filled yet and when that would take place, there was time set aside in the meeting for residents that were interested in the current vacancy to speak as to why they would like to be considered for council. Fred Kellerman also asked council if they felt Samantaha Walker was fulfilling her duties as Council President, there was no comment whether they felt she was or not performing her duties as President adequately.

Fred Kellerman made a motion to make an appointment for council vacancy, the motion was seconded by Plummer Davidson. Not all members are in favor. Council members in favor, Fred Kellerman, Ethel Kellerman, and Plummer Davidson. Council members not in favor Samantha Walker, motion carried after roll call vote. At this time residents present at the meeting that had filled out council appointment forms were given time to speak. Kirsty Lloyd voiced concerns with drama and separation within the

current council and felt that more time for residents to apply for the vacancy was needed, but she did not turn down an appointment. Bryce Taylor voiced similar concerns and did not turn down an appointment. Cat Horn expressed her interest in council to be more active within the community, she agreed that more time to fill the vacancy for resident input would be beneficial for everyone interested in the position, but she would do whatever the council would like to do.

Ethel Kellerman made a motion to appoint Kirsty Lloyd to fill the vacancy on council, the motion was seconded by Fred Kellerman. Samantha Walker then excused herself to speak with Tracey Benson. Once returning to the council table Samantha Walker resigned from council effective 3/11/2024, handing the Secretary Treasurer a signed letter of resignation at which time the letter was turned over to Tracey Benson, who turned the letter over to the Secretary. Samantha Walker also turned in the keys to the Borough building that she had been given. The motion and second did not get voted on due to the lack of a quorum resulting from Samantha Walker resigning from council and leaving the meeting.

Tracey Benson advised that the reorganization of council could take place utilizing the mayor due to the unanticipated resignation of the President and the existing vacancy of the Vice President. On the motion of Fred Kellerman, seconded by Plummer Davidson, the council members present, along with the mayor, voted to reorganize. The mayor then took over the meeting to reorganize and his participation resulted in a quorum for that purpose.

Plummer Davidson made a motion to appoint Fred Kellerman as president of council, seconded by Clair Martin, Ethel Kellerman abstained from voting, all other council members, along with the mayor, voting in favor; motion carried.

Ethel Kellerman made a motion to appoint Plummer Davidson as Vice President, seconded by Fred Kellerman, all in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Clair Martin to adjourn the meeting due to the quorum not being fulfilled at the present time, seconded by Fred Kellerman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes by: _____

Keith Russell, Manager/Sec.-Treas.