

Milesburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes

4-8-24

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The Milesburg Borough council meeting was held April 8th, 2024, at the Borough building at 416 Front Street Milesburg Pa, 16853.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Fred Kellerman, Council President, with the pledge of allegiance, current council members present Fred Kellerman, Plummer Davidson, Ethel Kellerman, along with the Mayor, Clair Martin. Council persons Greg Ritter and Pete DeLosa were not present, having tendered written resignations of their respective offices "effective Immediately" on April 5, 2024. Council person Samantha Walker was also not present, having tendered her resignation effective immediately during the prior council meeting held on March 11, 2024. At the start of the meeting resident Bryce Taylor interrupted the meeting by asserting, without being called upon, that the council could not meet or take any action due to the lack of a quorum. Mr. Taylor was told by Fred Kellerman that the meeting could proceed because there was a quorum. Mr. Taylor continued to disrupt the meeting and that led to Mr. Taylor being asked to leave by the Pennsylvania State Police troopers who were on site. Mr. Taylor left without causing any further disturbance and the meeting continued.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved separately due to the number of minutes to be approved, Ethel Kellerman made a motion to accept the 2/12/24 meeting minutes, second by Plummer Davidson, all in favor motion passed. Ethel Kellerman made a motion to accept the 2/21/24 meeting minutes, second by Plummer Davidson, all in favor motion passed. Ethel Kellerman made a motion to accept the 3/6/24 meeting minutes, Plummer Davidson seconded, all in favor motion passed. Ethel Kellerman made a motion to accept the 3/11/24 meeting minutes, Plummer Davidson seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Ethel Kellerman made a motion to pay the bills and accept the treasurer report, Plummer Davidson seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Due to the recent resignations of Greg Ritter and Pete DeLosa; and the prior resignation of Samantha Walker, at this time the council ratified the reorganization of council conducted on March 11, 2024, following the resignation of Samantha Walker. For this purpose, control of the meeting was turned over to the Mayor, Clair Martin. Ethel Kellerman made a motion to appoint Fred Kellerman as President of council, Plummer Davidson seconded, all in favor motion carried. Ethel Kellerman made a motion to appoint Plummer Davidson as Vice President of council, Clair Martin seconded, all in favor motion carried. The mayor then turned control of the meeting back over to the Council President.

It was announced that Council had received 3 resignation letters from Samnatha Walker, Greg Ritter, and Pete DeLosa, none of whom attended the meeting Plummer made a motion to accept Samantha Walker's resignation, seconded by Ethel, all in favor motion carried. Plummer made a motion to accept Greg Ritter's resignation, Ethel seconded, all in favor motion carried. Plummer made a motion to accept Pete DeLosa's resignation; Ethel seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Due to vacancies on council, there were 3 residents present at the meeting that were interested in a council appointment to fill the open 3 seats. Barry Campbell Jr, Kirsten Lloyd, and Shirley Martin all were present at the meeting and spoke of why they were interested in being on Borough Council. Plummer made a motion to appoint Barry Campbell Jr. to fill Samantha Walker's position on council, motion,

seconded by Ethel; unanimously carried. Plummer made a motion to appoint Kirsten Lloyd to fill Greg Ritter’s position on council, motion seconded by Ethel; unanimously carried. Plummer made a motion to appoint Shirley Martin to fill Pete’ DeLosa’s position on council, motion seconded by Ethel; unanimously carried. At this time the newly appointed members of council each signed their respective Affidavit of Eligibility before a notary public; and took the Oath of Office as administered by the mayor; then the new council persons were seated at the council table.

The council received a resignation letter from Lesa Weaver for her position as the vacancy board chair, Plummer made a motion to accept Lesa’s resignation, seconded by Ethel Kellerman all in favor motion carried. With the resignation of the Lesa, Plummer Davidson made a motion to appoint Robyn Dyke as the vacancy board chair, motion seconded by Shirley, all in favor motion carried.

Resolution 2024-2 Bank signatures to remove Pete DeLosa and Sandy Dieterle from the current signers on the bank accounts and add Fred Kellerman and Plummer Davidson, along with the Borough Manager. A motion was made by Ethel to adopt the resolution, motion seconded by Shirley all in favor motion carried.

Code enforcement report was given by Keith Rupert. He reported he had 3 junk vehicle reports. Keith also thanked the new council members for stepping up and accepting an appointment.

Solicitor report was given by Tracey Benson. Tracey reported that the Dann and Hilliard easements have been recorded and that the Railroad Street bridge replacement has gone out for bid.

A report from the fire company was given by Jon McClure. He reported that the Engine Rescue was currently out of service and at a shop for major repairs totaling close to \$30,000 which the insurance company will cover. He also asked for a current payoff amount for Engine 9 which the Borough obtained money for, and the fire company pays monthly for. The fire company received a state grant for debt reduction and would like to pay off the debt. Due to resignations, there were 2 vacancies for the Oversight Board. Shirley Martin made a motion to appoint Barry Campbell as the primary representative for the oversight board, and Kirsten Lloyd as the alternative representative for the oversight board, the motion was seconded by Plummer Davidson, all in favor motion carried.

At this time council asked if there were any visitors that would like to speak. Tom Letterman voiced some concerns of who was doing road work and if anyone was going to be hired. Sam Hilliard asked about brush collection. Joan Young thanked residents that stepped up for council appointments.

Ethel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Plummer all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes by: _____

Keith Russell, Manager/Sec.-Treas.