Millersburg Borough Committee of the Whole Council Chambers July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

<u>Call to Order</u> – President Dietz called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm with Cl'ms Boyer, Hoke, Hoffman, Campisi, and Hoy present. Mayor Bowman, and Borough Manager Whitall were also present.

Employee Relations

<u>Employee Leave Policy</u> – Council reviewed an updated draft of the policy. Additional changes were proposed to include eligibility for all applicable benefits for each section, qualifying conditions for parental leave defined as "any FMLA qualifying event".

Economic Development

<u>America250 Celebration</u> – No update.

Streets

<u>Tanner's Run</u> – Cl'm Hoffman recapped his meeting with Mark Gutshaw, an engineer recommended by the Dauphin County Planning Commission. Representatives from the Borough, Upper Paxton Twp, and FSA met at Ark Safety and walked the system, reviewing options. Manager Whitall discussed the PennDOT inspection of the structure under 209. PennDOT feels there is no issue despite providing pictures of debris from the arch obstructing the system. Easements are in progress with multiple land owners for the emergency excavation.

Parks

<u>Market Square Park Update</u> – Manager Whitall provided an update on fundraising efforts. Brick sponsorships will be accepted until August 1.

MYO Park Campground – Request to remove from future agendas.

Property

<u>Daniel Miller House</u> – Council discussed the draft lease agreement with the Historical Society provided by Solicitor Kerwin at the previous Committee meeting. Changes to be sent back include: Premises – remove verbiage about the structure being moved, Term – include rollover/renewal, Sections 5, 6, & 8 – remove, the lessee will be responsible for maintenance.

Public Safety

<u>Landlord Tenant Ordinance Amendment</u> – Manager Whitall presented a draft amendment requiring rental inspections that the Planning Commission had been working on at the request of Cl'm Hoy. Cl'm Boyer invited Cl'm Hoy to the next Planning Commission meeting to help with improving the draft.

Finance & Risk Mgmt.

Nothing to discuss.

Community Outreach

Millersburg Pool – Cl'm Campisi informed Council that a sandblasting quote had been obtained for \$98,000 which includes repainting of the pool.

<u>Local Government Event</u> – Cl'm Campisi informed Council that the Pool would be hosting a National Night Out event on 8/5 and that Borough Council members were encouraged to attend.

Mayor

Mayor Bowman gave an update on the Mayor's Conference. The event provided solid networking opportunities and discussion.

Other Business

<u>COG EMS Committee Update</u> – President Dietz provided an update about the COG EMS Study. The proposed Authority structure is being advertised. No timeline yet on implementation.

President Dietz left the meeting at 9:07pm. VP Boyer chairing the remainder of the meeting.

<u>Federal Policy Discussion</u> - Cl'm Campisi discussed recent announcements on Medicaid cuts and concerns over how that would impact Borough residents. Cl'm Hoy agreed that mental health crises may escalate if residents are unable to afford care. Cl'm Campisi stated that she was uncomfortable with the way ICE had been handling deportations and claims of legal citizens being deported. She inquired as to what the Borough and Police Department's responsibilities were to legal citizens in the Borough that may face deportation. Council discussed and concluded that the Police Department would follow all applicable laws but discretion was left in Capt. Gamez's capable hands. A heated exchange occurred between Mayor Bowman and Cl'm Hoy which resulted in Cl'm Hoy calling Mayor Bowman an "asshole" and requesting that the comment be added to the public record.

Cl'm Hoy left the meeting at 9:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Whitall Borough Manager