

**Millcreek Township General Authority  
Regular Meeting**

**May 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township General Authority was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman David Zimmer in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. Present were David Zimmer, Daniel Ouellet, James Bock, Kim Clear, Cheryl Mitchell, Matthew Waldinger, Mark Zaksheske, Mark Shaw, Esq., and Sheryl Williams.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Mr. Zimmer called for Public Comment on Agenda items. There was no public comment.

On motion by Mr. Ouellet, seconded by Ms. Clear, the minutes from the April 11, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

On recommendation of Treasurer Mark Zaksheske, it was moved by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Clear and carried by unanimous roll call vote to approve the bills. Mr. Bock questioned if the purchase of No Trespassing signs for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street properties was approved by the Board, to which Mr. Waldinger stated no. Solicitor Mark Shaw recommended that the Authority review and possibly amend its bylaws to allow for day-to-day purchases without Board approval.

Solicitor Mark Shaw reported that the seller of the Sandbar has exercised his right to extend the Due Diligence period for 30 days. On recommendation of Mr. Shaw, it was moved by Mr. Ouellet, seconded by Ms. Clear and carried by unanimous roll call vote to table action on the closing documents for the Sandbar until the next meeting on June 13, 2023.

Mr. Ouellet reported that various fire and police agencies have requested to use the 8<sup>th</sup> Street buildings for fire and police rescue training, including outside agencies such as the Erie Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police. He assured the Board that nothing would be damaged in the buildings and explained that Cpl. Caldwell will have each entity sign a liability form. Cpl. Caldwell will also manage the usage schedule and will monitor the use of the buildings, which will only be permitted during daylight hours. On motion by Mr. Ouellet, seconded by Ms. Clear, it was carried by unanimous roll call vote to authorize Township and other agencies to use the 8<sup>th</sup> Street buildings for fire and police rescue training.

Millcreek resident Becky Beibel stated that she is in favor of the W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street redevelopment project, but not at the expense of history, and would like to see the former Grasshopper “schoolhouse” building preserved. She also suggested that a feasibility study be done on the building.

Millcreek resident Jackie Garnon stated that she is in support of redeveloping the 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor and opined that the Grasshopper “schoolhouse” building is not blighted and therefore should not be demolished. She would like it to be preserved and read a passage from Leidulf Mydland’s essay, “The Legacy of One-room Schoolhouses: A Comparative Study of the American Midwest and Norway.”

Millcreek resident Carol Blake said that she agrees with the 8<sup>th</sup> Street redevelopment project but opined that the Authority should have provided more information to the public earlier. She stated

that the group of citizens supporting the schoolhouse preservation would like to have an open public discussion with the Authority. Mr. Zimmer stated that no decisions have been made yet regarding the buildings, that the Board is listening to the residents and the history of the Grasshopper building is still being researched.

On motion by Mr. Ouellet, seconded by Ms. Clear, it was carried by unanimous roll call vote to recess to Executive Session at 3:27 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Clear, seconded by Mr. Ouellet, it was carried by unanimous roll call to end Executive Session and reconvene the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Clear, seconded by Mr. Ouellet, it was carried by unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl A. Williams  
Millcreek Township General Authority Secretary

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APPROVED: June 13, 2023

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David Zimmer, Chairman

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Cheryl Mitchell, Vice Chairwoman

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Daniel P. Ouellet

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James S. Bock

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Kim Clear