

TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE  
 Meeting Room  
 215 Millstone Road  
 Millstone Township, NJ 08535

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
 JULY 1, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Kinsey calls the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Kinsey – present, Committeeman Dorfman – present, Committeewoman Grbelja - present (arrived at 7:51p.m.), Committeeman Kuczinski – present, Committeeman Masci – present. Also in attendance: Attorney – Robert Munoz and Deputy Municipal Clerk – Kathleen Hart.

**STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 IS READ.**

**I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 17, 2014.**

**RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, (15-122) Moved C/Kuczinski, Second C/Dorfman. Committee Discussion: None**

VOTE:

AYES: C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, M/Kinsey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion to adjourn executive session, Moved C/Kuczinski, Second C/Dorfman. ©

Time In 7:37 p.m, Time Out 7:58 p.m.

**MAYOR KINSEY CALLS THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:02 P.M.  
 FOLLOWED BY A FLAG SALUTE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 15-15**

**SECOND READING**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$741,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This Bond Ordinance provides an appropriation of \$900,000 for the 2015 Road Improvement Program and authorizes the issuance of \$741,000 Bonds or Notes; the 2015 Road Improvement Program includes, but is not limited to, improvements to Charleston Spring Road, Millstone Road (from Pine Hill Road to Baird Road), Baird Road (west of Millstone Road), and Windsor Road (from Perrineville Road to Feldsher Road) and miscellaneous improvements, including milling, paving, drainage, curbing, site preparations and including all work and materials necessary. A DOT Grant, in the

amount of \$120,000, will be utilized for Charleston Spring Road.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Kinsey opens the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

No Public Comment

Mayor Kinsey closes the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Grbelja, Second C/Masci.

No Committee Discussion.

VOTE:

AYES: C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, M/Kinsey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE 15-16**

**SECOND READING**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$55,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$52,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$55,000 for acquisition of a portion of the cost of Public Works Vehicles and Equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$52,250 bonds or notes. The acquisition includes, but is not limited to, a snow removal vehicle.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Kinsey opens the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Kinsey closes the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Masci, Second C/Dorfman.

No Committee Discussion.

VOTE:

AYES: C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, C/Dorfman, M/Kinsey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE 15-17**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER TWO, (ADMINISTRATION) ARTICLE VI (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES) SECTION THIRTY NINE, 2-39.7, (PAYROLL) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE BY FIXING SALARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This Ordinance fixes salaries for Township Officials and Employees

for 2015.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

C/Dorfman stated to the Mayor that he would like to make a motion to amend ordinance to include a floater position. Mayor Kinsey stated that a motion is on the table to amend this ordinance as introduced to include a floater position. C/Kuczinski second the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, M/Kinsey  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

Attorney Robert Munoz stated that as a result, the change is not substantial because it is so minor compared to the whole ordinance, the ordinance does not need to be republished.

Mayor Kinsey opens the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.  
 Mayor Kinsey closes the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Motion to adopt as amended: Moved C/Grbelja, Second C/Kuczinski.

VOTE:

AYES: C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, M/Kinsey  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT RESOLUTION POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD.**  
**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM “CONSENT AGENDA” ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS, IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED OF ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.**

- 15-123 Payment of Vouchers
- 15-124 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2015/2016 License for Domal Restaurant Corp., T/A Tommy’s Inn at Millstone, License No. 1332-33-003-010
- 15-125 Resolution authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2015/2016 License for Clarksburg Inn, Inc. T/A Clarksburg Inn License No. 1332-33-001-009
- 15-126 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2015/2016 License for the Millstone Township ELKS No. 2613, License No. 1332-31-005-002
- 15-127 Resolution Ratifying Collective Bargaining Agreements Between Township of Millstone and Communication Workers of America Local 1075, Supervisory and Non-Supervisory)
- 15-128 Resolution Authorizing 2015 Salaries for Union and Non-Union Employees Resolution setting 2015
- 15-129 Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement Between Millstone Township And Roosevelt Borough for Windsor Road Resurfacing
- 15-130 Resolution Appointing Tax Assessor
- 15-131 Resolution Appointing Videographer
- 15-132 Resolution Appointing Township Qualified Purchasing Agent

15-133 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2015/2016 License for Indus Holdings, Inc. T/A Buy Rite Liquors, License No. 1332-44-004-007

Motion to adopt, Moved M/Kuczinski, Second C/Masci, Committeewoman Grbelja asked if the resolution for the Qualified Purchasing Agent had a stipend associated with it. M/Kinsey replied no. This resolution was done in the past and no stipend was associated.

**VOTE:**

AYES: C/Masci, C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, M/Kinsey  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

1. Executive Session May 20, 2015 and June 3, 2015
2. Regular & Executive Session June 17, 2015

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Dorfman, Second C/Masci.  
 No Committee Discussion

**VOTE:**

AYES: C/Masci (May 20, 2015 Executive & June 17, 2015 Regular & Executive),  
 C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja (May 20, 2015 & June 3, 2015 Executive),  
 C/Kuczinski, M/Kinsey  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: C/Grbelja (June 17, 2015 Regular & Executive)  
 C/Masci (June 3, 2015 Executive)  
 ABSENT: None

**COMMENTS FROM THE DIAS:**

Attorney Robert Munoz stated that this is old business, however, there is no category on tonight's agenda. Mr. Munoz continue to state that the committee is aware that we have been dealing with the Buck Mining licensing/permit issue. They are required to put in a detention basis and they have been proceeding. I have received a request from Mr. Toto to allow some sale of the excavation material because of the difficulty to finish the detention basis with all the material they have on site. I asked the Township Engineer to take a look at it which he did. It is his belief that they are correct. In the absence of distributing seeded and presently stabilized area, some of the material has to be taken off site and be sold. It is also my understanding that the outlet structure was to be delivered today. Mr. Toto was requested to come to the microphone and give an update. Mr. Toto greeted the Mayor, Township Committee, Mr. Munoz and Ms. Hart. Mr. Toto stated that the outlet structure was 75% completed. The outlet structure is a major component of maintaining the hydraulic control (stormwater management on site) so we are moving forward. Today was a big day for the Buck's as far as nearing completion of the installation of the structure and completion of the detention basin as a whole, which was Matt Shafai's (Township Engineer) concern. Attorney Robert Munoz stated that Matt Shafai continues to say that they should be permitted to sell 20,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of material so that it will enable the basin to be completed. Matt Shafai has confirmed with Freehold Soil Conservation and NJDEP that they have no objection to the material being removed from the area. It is Mr. Munoz's recommendation that we follow Matt Shafai's recommendation, from a legal prospective, and put a resolution on for the next meeting to again consider conditionally granting the permit that was considered once before, subject to 30 days, to remove the sediment and getting the

structure done, but allowing them to begin the 30 days period tonight. Mr. Munoz stated that a motion to authorize him to prepare the resolution and granting the 30 day period to dispose of the material and continue the construction needs to be made. Committee Masci asked Mr. Munoz if Matt Shafai would revisit the site at the end of the 30 day period for a revaluation and give a report. Mr. Munoz said Matt Shafai would revisit the site. Mr. Toto said that it was acceptable to the owners. Mr. Munoz will draft up a resolution what was discussed and adopt at the next Township Committee.

Motion to move forward with preparing the resolution and authorizing the 30 days extension, Moved Committeeman Kuczinski, Second Mayor Kinsey.

No Committee Discussion

VOTE:

AYES: C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, M/Kinsey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Toto thanked the Township Committee for seeing him and for their time and consideration.

Mayor Kinsey states that this week there has been a resurfacing of vandalism on public property. It is unfortunate that people don't have anything better to do but to deface public property, our township parks. A \$1,000 reward on who is doing this is being offered. It is totally unacceptable. It takes away time from our township employees, they cannot be left that way for weeks. After we cleaned up once, they did it again. We are going to catch you and are going to come down with the full force of the township. It just doesn't happen at the parks, but at the DPW area, like the salt shed and clothing drop off bins. If you see something, say something. Contact the State Police if you know anything. We have a beautiful community. They are not out during the day, so please be vigilant. Thank you.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Kinsey states that we have a very packed house tonight and opens the meeting to the public at 8:20 p.m. If anyone would like to come to the microphone and make a comment, please do so.

1. Doreen Polhemus - Clarksburg Road - states that after 18 years, she is back talking about the Clarksburg Church. This money pit is no different from any other building or parks that we have in the Township. It is no different than our parks, baseball fields, play fields, anything that we own that we enjoy. Our houses are money pits. Our cars, especially when they are filled up with gas. Our children are money pits. Everything worth having has a cost and this building has a cost. We have been talking about this building for 5 years about getting a new roof. This committee's fix for this roof is putting a tarp on this roof. It is disgraceful and took some shingles off the roof in the neighbors paddock. If one of the horse stood on a nail, that would be a lawsuit. The church was a community center when it was built. It is an icon. We lost the Clarksburg Inn. We need to protect this building. She ask that the tarp be taken off as it is destroying the roof and pulling shingles off. Ms. Polhemus added that this is not an ongoing project and that once the roof is on the building, it will last another 30-40 years. Fix the building, fix the roof.

2. Debbie Cady - Stage Coach Road - states she lives in the old school house next to the church. The tarp is hideous and hanging off the side of the building. She moved in the school house next to the church over 27 years ago and would hate to see the church go. Please fix it or get the tarp off. If money is allocated why can't we get a new roof on the church. It is part of the history of the town and ask the Committee to please get the roof fix. C/Dorfman asked Debbie Cady if the Township needed a

boom truck would the Town have permission to go on her property and the response was yes. We are asking for a roof and structural support. That is all we are asking for. I don't want to see the church to disappear from the side of my house. I don't want to see the roof cave in. Parking is a little bit of a problem and cars do go fast on that road. We just want to preserve and fix the church. I don't want to lose the church. From what I am hearing from this Committee is that you don't want to preserve it.

3. Ryan Polhemus, Doreen's son - Starting with his great grandfather all the way down to him, the family has taken care of the church. I was even married in the church, it means a lot, please fix church.

4. Mia Colson - 39 Baird Road - wants this church to stay in this community for her children and her grandchildren and ask the Committee to save the church.

5. Joann Kelty - 48 Conover Road - states that the Church is Township owned property and is the responsibility of the town to take care of it. The Committee has know that the church is in repair and have had 5 years to make a decision. If you can't make a decision you should not be in office. You are obligated to keep up township infrastructure. The church is part of the township's infrastructure. You are obligated to maintain.

6. Pat Butch - 40 Prodelin Way - states that at the 8/20/14 Township Committee meeting a group of people for the church came and the Township Committee promised to fix the church and ask that the church get fixed. The church has been used for girl and boy scout projects, a Poe event, Open Mic, Harvest Fest, with a lot of community involvement and would still like to use. She ask the audience to show of hands who wants to fix the Church. Many hands went up. Pat Batch also addressed a few concerns. The first one is ADA access and SHPO will guide us. It is not a cost factor that is astronomical, it is concrete on a ramp. Another concern is parking, which there are neighbors that will help solve the parking situation. We are proud to have the church be a part of our heritage. Money is often the bottom line, this is not a small price tag. It's a small price tag for what the building means to us. The cost is in the range of \$500,000. Two and a half years ago \$240,000 was allotted to this project by the Township Committee. We can use our preservation money in order to leverage it and write a grant, dollar for dollar. In order for us to use the money we put aside and leveraged money to come close to the total cost. It is not something we have to add all that extra money too, we can leverage ours with preservation grant money in order to reach the goal we need in order to fix the church.

7. Eric Sinha - 42 Rising Sun Tavern Road - states that he wants to remind the Township Committee about intangible things that we can apply to the church and with other icons in town, Presbyterian Church, Municipal Building (it was an old school) that add intangible value to this town. The farms are part of this community that gives value to us and to prospective buyers. Mr. Sinha is a lifelong resident of Millstone Township. The value of every one's property has increase because of those intangible assets, such as the church. Respect the history. We all have gained value and equity in our property because of things like the church. Please continue to fund the church. The only logical conclusion is this, the church should then be torn down because what you are doing by proxy essential, is saying that the roof is going to collapse, therefore the church is going to be destroyed. I have seen some of the plans and I understanding the difficulty and the expense that is required here. I appreciate that expense but that is something we did not bring on. It is out of our control as more time has passed to get that church fixed.

8. Jean Mount - states she no longer lives in Millstone but did lived here for a while and wrote the History of Millstone Township. We had a lot of help from volunteers and the support of the Township Committee and was able to accomplish the publication of that work. Most of us have children and want to pass down a heritage to those children that show respect for the community and people. This building needs to be fixed, starting with the roof.

9. Michael Simon - 7 Quail Hill Road - states that he really appreciate what Mayor Kinsey talked about the graffiti and how quickly you wanted to fix it because it was an eye sore. This church has been here for many years and would appreciate you getting this eye sore fixed and handle it the same way you fixed the graffiti.
10. Barry Frost - 22 Deer Trail Drive - states that despite whatever the costs are – the money is there. If something has value, you defend it. You fight for it. This is something that should be preserved, you should understand that. No one should have to beg and explain detail by detail by detail. The value of the building should be understood. Mr. Frost also stated that it is the Township Committee's job to watch the purse strings, be fair and do the right thing but overall your focus should be on getting this thing built because it has value, important value. If you don't see that value, it is not going to make any difference. Hopefully you all can see the value.
11. C/Dorfman addressed concerns regarding the rising cost expectations for this project. We have only recently received the full engineering report with ballpark cost expectations. We, as a governing body, are cognizant and cautious about going down a road where we don't know the end cost of things. Based on the engineering reports, the anticipated cost is \$609,000. However, three unknown important costs are not included in this estimate. Specifically, the cost of making the building ADA compliant, the cost of adding bathroom facilities and the cost of adding parking. Cost estimates for the ADA ramp could potential be \$10,000 or more. We do not even know if a bathroom is going to be viable, due to septic issues and it may just end up being port a potty. No solution for parking, so people who want to participate and enjoy it can get there safely without cars going 60 miles an hour past them. The Township officials have asked questions to better understand the full cost expectations of this project. Everything we choose to do means that something else will not be done. We also have to think about what gives the greatest value to the whole community.
12. C/Grbelja stated that she really has to say something and normally don't do this, but I have spent so much time talking about this church and what the repair of the church will be for at least 5 years. Three years ago, I put the forward the bond ordinance for the \$240,000 to help repair the church. There was issues in the church beforehand. We had initial damage with Hurricane Irene and two years later had additional damage from Hurricane Sandy. I don't care what anyone wants to say, if they want to say they didn't have the impact, the church was always that bad, the Church has stood there for 170 years. There is some structural stuff. Every time we get an answer, there is always something else thrown in and we are always asking for more. It doesn't matter if the place is painted or not painted. If we have a bathroom or not. If we have an event, we can put a port a potty out there. I remember when we were talking about the Baird House and we did get the grant to have ADA bathrooms, you said to get port a potty you don't need a bathroom. This came from this Township Committee. Every time we get to a point, I just feel that you are not going to be satisfy until we reach a number where you are going to say that is far too much and turn it down. Had we done what we needed to do a few years ago we would not be at this point. The front and back of the building is falling down, that's not to shore up. Those are extra things and from what I understand from the architect and engineer, some of that stuff is not necessary. If we take a look at the work that has been done at the Baird property there were lots of stuff that had been donated and work that had been donated and I am sure that people here would come out and could help paint and could help do things just as they did at the Baird property. We may have DPW that can't paint the building, but I can paint a two story building with my extension ladder, maybe our DPW can't do it as they couldn't paint the handball wall. I don't understand why they needed a scaffold to do it. What I am saying is that we keep looking for excuses. We either have to fish or cut bait. If you took the time to learn the history and Mrs. Mount I read your book. It makes you to want to know about the history of Millstone Township. I have gone to the Freehold Historical Society and read the history and the families that go deep into Millstone and the churches in this area. When you have that since of history and where we came from, it becomes a very important part of this community. I don't want to hear that we don't have the money. We collect \$1 million a year in open space funding which is dedicated for historical preservation, farmland, recreation and the other things.

We have the money. That is not the problem, but it is obviously not the desire because some people feel they don't like historic buildings. If we are afraid to go to Open Space and say that the money is for Historic preservation as well and we need to have a project that says Historic Preservation; if they don't like it, that is too bad. This Township Committee is the one that decides where the money is used for. We have gone over and over the same thing time and time again. I have no problem and I agree with taking Millstone Park and putting forth that project and building the fields that are there, but we did not spend the time on that project that we have spent on this church. That is far more money than what we are spending on this church to shore it up even if it is the \$600,000. The numbers are escalating because you keep requesting more information. We just spend \$4,000 on professional fees. I 100% support this project. I don't know what to do to change your mind. I think it is just a belief that you don't think the building is worth it. All we need to do is shore up the foundation and I guarantee you that with all of these people here, these people will be out to help in the church. The decision should be that we invest the money that we have to have the building taken care of. It's on the National Registry and we have a responsibility to do this and we should adhere to what our responsibility is. C/Grbelja stated that Millstone Park was about \$3.7 million. It had AstroTurf, a buildings that could house 2 soccer fields, community room, storage, inside facilities, parking lots. If you are comparing to what we are spending now, we basically have fields there. We could of applied for a low interest loan. I wanted that building and I thought it was a smart thing to do. I was angry the Committee returned the grant money back to the County. The Township Committee did not want to hear about phasing. They wanted the full cost from soups to nuts. When you develop Millstone Park it is going to be in phases. Maintenance is going to have to take place and little repairs. The steeple does not make a difference and you could remove it. It is not an intricate part of the building. If you take a look at the history of this building, you would develop an appreciate for it. This building is not in bad shape. It has survived for a 170 years. It comes from Open Space and it doesn't affect our taxes. We are collecting a million dollars a year for historic preservation, recreation, farmland preservation, green acres and open space. That is what the money is designed for. It will provide something for this community and there will be events again. We could expand the programs at the Baird House and incorporate small plays at the church. We have a lot of people willing to donate material but we can not start until we have a commitment. We can put in for a County grant and that chops off cost from the open space fund of \$250,000. The County like this project, they like preservation. If we lose it, it just another treasure we will lose forever. We do not spend frugal, but for the investment, I don't think it is a lot of money. There were some people on the Committee that did not want phasing.

13. C/Masci commented about how nice it was to see residents come out to the Township Meeting and asked how many people came to the budget meeting. A few hands were raised. C/Masci stated that we had a projector up with slides and you would of seen that it said Millstone is #1. Millstone Township is the lowest municipal tax rate in Monmouth County. Let me tell you some of the reasons why that is. First of all, I am very honored and blessed to be part of this team. Those that know me know that I speak very frank and very candid and doesn't sugar coat anything. I might tell you something that you don't want to hear but I hope that at the end of the day you respect what I say and I will respect what you say. We are Number 1 because since I been part of this Township Committee, which has been for 6 1/2 years, we examine everything, all spending. I just questioned a voucher and asked why we put new tires on a truck for \$900.00 instead of recaps for \$300.00. People may say that the Township Committee are really cheap and that you don't want to spend taxpayers money. It is our responsibility to steward whatever money is spend by this Township responsibly, fiscally being responsible. We look at the church and there are many people that know that I have a great infinity for things historical, I restore antique cars and the Baird project which we now have spent 1.4 million dollars of taxpayers' money and some from grants. I am an avid supporter of that, it is a jewel in our community. You want to talk about history, it encompasses when Millstone was made up of various villages, Clarksburg, Perrineville, Bairdsville, Smithville, Holmeson, which all came together as one. We have spend 3.5 million dollars on the old school house. So the notion that Millstone Township is

not supportive of historic structures, is not supported by the dollars. We are 37 square miles and over 10,000 residents. The church next to the Court Building does not cost the taxpayers anything. It is an active church and it has beautiful events that take place there. It burnt down in 1884 and they rebuilt. It has a beautiful history. You look at the church on Stage Coach, 6 years ago my son and I performed in that building. There is something about churches, that all of us learn to respect, a place to worship and represent all the good things in life. Five years ago we were told that it was going to cost \$100,000 that ballooned to \$245,000 and we supported that. Then a bid went out for the repairs of the church and came back at \$421,000. I personally tried to save taxpayers money with possibly having a shared service agreements so we would not be hit for prevailing wages but no one was interested in taking this job. The church is on the National Registry. The repairs being proposed is nothing to historic standards. We are still waiting from the SHPO to say that they are consistent and that would be ok or if that would change. We have not official heard back. Would anyone undertake a project without knowing the cost of it? What would you think of your elected officials if we did that? Imagine Township Officials spending \$609,000 on a building where someone with a disability has no access to it, there are no bathrooms, and there is no parking. We need to use the same prudent fiscal responsibility with our Open Space Funds as we do with our municipal budget funds. Millstone Park was slated for \$4 million dollar building, but the Township Committee put a stop to it and returned the \$250,000 grant because it was too much money. The Township Committee has heard each and every one of you here. I said publically that I can't see how to support the spending of over \$600,000. I will say this, you are here and communicated the sentiment and it is refreshing to see the passion that people have. I will say publically now that I am staying open, but the idea that everything has no kind of fiscal responsibility is extremely alarming. We govern the entire town and there are other taxpayers that don't agree with this project. The steeple does make a difference and possible can fall on someone as they walk in. If you pull the cord on the bell the steeple could collapse and kill someone. The steeple is structural.

14. Mark Blackwell - the \$609,000 is not totally accurate. Engineers estimates are typically higher. \$32,000 on the insurance and another \$12,000 grant that off sets that number. I just want you to get off the \$609,000 number. The structural repairs and roof have to be done. Some of the structural walls and painting do not have to be done at this point. Even the ADA access is not a big deal. We could modify the front steps.

15. C/Kuczinski stated that the no one on this Committee ever advocated to do it all at once. We just wanted to know the total cost. The phasing was acceptable to all of us. We just wanted an end game.

16. Donald Kozak - 5 Alpine Drive - I don't have anything to add to the basic argument about the church. I see the pros and cons. It is a small church. I get the drift, if you leave it alone, it will fall down. The numbers keep getting higher. If you wait long enough it will keep getting higher and the church will fall down. What bothers me is that some of you are very proud of the fact that you are Number 1 in the County with the tax rate. We don't like to pay anymore taxes, but that thought process, if we extend to everything (the parks), we will lower the value of our community. I am aware of what is going on with the property values in town. We are not appreciating like other communities around us. You can debate whether that is true or not. Some communities to our west seem to have higher resale's, properties are appreciating. It could be that they have more stuff. Monroe has nice parks. Here we do not put much appreciate into some of this stuff. I have been here 20 years. I watched the school fights and sometimes get the sense we are short changing ourselves. When you are thinking about investment in this community, whether it is historic building or the parks, consider we are trying to improve the value of the quality of life which increases the intrinsic value of the property. We didn't move here for the great shopping, the stores, but the communal atmosphere. Millstone does not have a lot of history. It is not like Allentown, Freehold. What little history we have, the churches, Baird House, we need to embrace it. Consider these when you are deciding to put money towards the renovation of the church or be straight up. Let the chips fall where they may. Do consideration to the quality of life and the proceed value of the historic attributes to this town. Not all

of them make since. Maybe it is going to be a lot of money to fix the church, it smalls and the parking, but we got to spend money to improve the place and want it to be a nice community to live in.

Mayor Kinsey closes the meeting to the public at 9:32 p.m.

Mayor Kinsey thanked the audience for their comments and made a motion to putting forward a grant application to the County for \$250,000, which we will match. We are not going to know about the grant until December but need to get started sooner so we can get into the grant round. C/Grbelja asked if we are going to start working on it or wait. M/Kinsey asked if we can get this application going and asked for a second. C/Kuczinski second the motion.

M/Kinsey asked for a roll call. C/Masci asked for clarification that we would have the \$240,000 we already passed, \$250,000 from this grant and the balance we would have to fund. M/Kinsey said yes.

VOTE:

AYES: C/Masci, C/Dorfman, C/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, M/Kinsey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABESENT: None

C/Grbelja wanted to know if we don't get the grant are you saying that we are not moving forward with any repairs. M/Kinsey stated that he wanted to move forward with the grant money. A resident asked if the tarp can be removed and M/Kinsey said yes. C/Grbelja wants to make a recommendation to get started, but knows that it will not be voted on it. C/Grbelja stated that whether we get the grant or not, just saying that we are getting the grant, which is a big step for the Committee, really doesn't get us any closer to starting the work on the church. That's my only problem. C/Kuczinski said you can't start the work until you apply for the grant. M/Kinsey stated correct. C/Grbelja said we can submit the grant and then start the work and wait for an answer. Is it my understanding that we submit the grant and whether we have it or not, we start the work under the bond ordinance. C/Kuczinski said we are just applying for the grant. M/Kinsey stated to take this first step as a successful first step. C/Grbelja stated we are going to apply for the grant and revisit this another time when the work will start and which time an answer from SHPO should be in. The consensus of the Township Committee agreed to allow Pat Butch to apply for the grant and submit, which will take about a month to complete.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Grbelja, Second M/Kinsey. © Time Out 9:36 p.m.

Tapes of the meeting are available in the Municipal Clerks Office.

July 1, 2015 minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on August 19, 2015.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Millstone Township