

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2017 @ 8:00 PM**

Mayor Kuczinski calls the meeting to order at 7:19 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kuczinski - present, Committeeman Dorfman –present, Committeeman Kinsey – absent, Committeeman Masci –present, Committeewoman Grbelja - present. Also in attendance – Attorney – Bob Munoz and Municipal Clerk/Administrator – Maria Dellasala.

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 TRENTON TIMES, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 27, 2016.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, (17-70) Moved C/Grbelja, Second C/Dorfman. Committee Discussion: None

VOTE:

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

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

Time In 7:21 p.m., Time Out 8:08 p.m.

MAYOR KUCZINSKI CALLS THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:11 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A FLAG SALUTE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PROCLAMATION:

Millstone Elementary School Community Problem Solvers

WHEREAS, the Millstone Elementary School Community Problem Solvers, also known as the Phearless Phragmites Phighters, have taken on the problem of Invasive Phragmites australis in Millstone.

WHEREAS, students have researched, completed interviews, posted an on-line survey, trained in GIS mapping and presented their concerns and findings to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission and Boy and Girl Scout Groups plus the creation of “Invase-Away” kits to distribute to all scout groups in Millstone for cleaning shoes and clothing after hiking.

WHEREAS, Millstone Township supports the efforts of the students in helping the residents become aware of the impacts of Phragmites and our options to control Phragmites at a local level.

WHEREAS, Millstone Township will now be exploring options to eliminate Phragmites starting with the priority locations the students identified.

WHEREAS, the team consisted of the following:

Co-Advisors: Beth Topinka and Jennifer Modula

Assistant: Galina Gordon

Millstone Elementary Community Problem Solvers Students:

<i>Ethan Bailey</i>	<i>Ryan Bailey</i>	<i>Tia Bajaj</i>
<i>Rafferty Burden</i>	<i>Anna DePinho</i>	<i>Brendan DeRose</i>
<i>Mahi Desai</i>	<i>Charlie Duffly</i>	<i>Rachel Glantzberg</i>
<i>Evangeline Huey</i>	<i>Gianna Iannaccone</i>	<i>Prisha Kupsad</i>
<i>Thomas Maltese</i>	<i>Gabriella Menar-Nohilly</i>	<i>Gavin Normand</i>
<i>Jai Patel</i>	<i>Dylan Quinn</i>	<i>Francesca Scibilia</i>
<i>Joshua Sullivan</i>		

NOW THEREFORE, I Mayor Michael T. Kuczinski, on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone, take pride in commending and recognizing the Millstone Elementary School Community Problem Solvers.

Proclaimed this the 1st. day of March 2017.

Michael T. Kuczinski, Mayor

Students took turns explaining to the Township officials and residents on their supreme efforts to learn about and combat the invasive Phragmites plants found in Millstone. We have been working to solve this problem of invasive Phragmites in Millstone, said Rachel Glantzberg. One of the things we have been doing is informing scout groups – 254 in total – about this invasive species. Phragmites are a problem because they are extremely flammable, they decrease property values and plenty more. The rhizomes, or the invasive seeds or roots of Phragmites, are extremely hard to dig out. Rachel continued, We also have been working with the Environmental Commission and, with them, we are hoping to eradicate our target patch across from the First Aid station.

The Phearless Phragmites Phighters are part of the Millstone Elementary School Community Problem Solvers team. They are competing in the Future Problem Solving State Bowl on Saturday, March 11th.

Students on the Phearless Phragmites Phighter team attended the Township Committee meeting to share their expertise and provide the Millstone Department of Public Works with “Invase-Away kits” to assist the DPW in not accidentally spreading Phragmites.

This is a box of five Invase-Away Kits for the road cleaners and workers,” said Prisha Kupsad. You might be wondering what is an Invase-Away Kit?

The Invase-Away Kit is a kit that our group made that helps stop spreading Phragmites seeds. We have a toothbrush to scrub the dirt off your shoes, a magnifying glass to take a closer look, a dust pan to brush it all off, tweezers to pick up the burrs and we also have a lint roller for rolling the Phragmites seeds off your clothes. These tools will help stop spreading Phragmites because you don’t want to get the Phragmites seeds on your clothes and walk around and drop them all and start a whole new colony! Tia Bajaj said.

We thought it would be a good idea because these workers often work around the Phragmites patches and we don’t want to accidentally make this a bigger problem, Prisha Kupsad said.

Last December, the Phearless Phragmites Phighters created a survey which received over 60 responses from Millstone residents

**Designating March 2, 2017, in the Township of Millstone, as
Read Across America-NJ Day**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Millstone stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading will be conducted on March 2, 2017, which would have been the 113th birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Michael T. Kuczinski, Mayor of the Township of Millstone, call on the citizens of the Township of Millstone to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2017 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA's Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

PROCLAIMED this, the 1st day of March 2017.

Michael T. Kuczinski, Mayor

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.

- 17-71 Resolution Authorizing The County Of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division To Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations Within Millstone Township
- 17-72 Resolution Authorizing Defense Of Litigation (Arlene Fitzpatrick Yarbrough V. Township Of Millstone, And Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The Township Of Millstone)
- 17-73 Resolution To Adopt Temporary Emergency Appropriations #2
- 17-74 Resolution Extending Contract For 2017 Curbside Spring Clean-Up
- 17-75 Payment of Vouchers
- 17-76 Resolution Appointing Construction Department Secretary

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Dorfman, Second C/Masci. Committee Discussion: None

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Kinsey

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular and Executive Session February 15, 2017

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Masci, Second C/Grbelja. Committee Discussion: None

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Kinsey

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Kuczinski opens the meeting to the public at 8:45 p.m.

No Public Comment

Mayor Kuczinski closes the meeting to the public at 8:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Grbelja, Second C/Dorfman. © Time Out 8:46 p.m.

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

March 1, 2017 minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on March 15, 2017.

Maria Dellasala, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Millstone Township