

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2017**

**Mayor Kuczinski calls the meeting to order at 8:08 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Kuczinski - present, Committeeman Dorfman –present, Committeeman Kinsey – absent, Committeeman Masci –present, Committeewoman Grbelja - 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 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, (17-124) Moved C/Grbelja, Second M/Kuczinski. 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/Grbelja. ©

Time In 7:35 p.m., Time Out 8:03 p.m.

**MAYOR KUCZINSKI CALLS THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:08 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A FLAG SALUTE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**ORDINANCE 17-09  
SECOND READING**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$640,000 FOR 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$608,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

This Bond Ordinance provides an appropriation of \$640,000 for the 2017 Road Improvement Program and authorizes the issuance of \$608,000 bonds or notes for financing part of the appropriation.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Kuczinski opens the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

No Public Comment.

Mayor Kuczinski closes the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

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

**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.**

- 17-125 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 Drainage Improvements At Crest Circle Drive And Perrine Circle
- 17-126 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for 2016 Roadway Improvement Project
- 17-127 Payment of Vouchers
- 17-128 Appointing Part-Time Maintenance Custodian
- 17-129 Resolution Appointing Full-Time DPW Laborer

Motion to adopt: Moved C/Dorfman, Second C/Grbelja

Committee Discussion: None

**VOTE:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Kinsey

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

- 1. CDBG Meeting, June 20, 2017
- 2. Regular Session and Executive Session, June 21, 2017

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

Committee Discussion: None

**VOTE:**

AYES: C/Masci, C/Grbelja, M/Kuczinski (6/21/17)

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Dorfman, M/Kuczinski (6/20/17 CDBG)

ABSENT: C/Kinsey

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:**

Mayor Kuczinski welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the public that when any one comes up to the microphone, they will need to state their name and address and any issues you have. Mayor Kuczinski stated that the Committee will try to answer their questions. Mayor Kuczinski stated that the Boy Scouts are in the audience for a Communication badge.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Kuczinski opens the meeting to the public at 8:15 p.m.

Steve Parrino, 3 Doctors Creek Court:

- Was not aware of any group homes in the town until he was victimized
- State Police was amazing and new exactly where to go
- Community is concerned about the security in these group homes
- Would like to be informed about these group homes
- Asked if there is anything the Community can do to ease the residents
- Willing to offer his time and resources if needed at these group homes

Kathy Logo, 112 Baird Road:

- Concerned about some individuals walking down the road; one with a suitcase and another person spinning around and walking
- Was not aware of any group homes in the town

Mayor Kuczinski told the residents that 2 male juveniles from the group home have been arrested for at least 22 of the 25 recent burglaries and the investigation is ongoing. All of the incidents were "crimes of opportunity," and non-violent committed by two juveniles 17 years of age or under. These 2 juveniles would walk along and see where they can get in. Items that were stolen were left in plain sight, such as jewelry, coins, cash, and a laptop. If the juveniles are found guilty, they will be removed from the group home and possible then sent to a youth correctional facility. The State Police are doing a full investigation. The youths were fully cooperative and non-combative and told the State Police exactly what they had done. Millstone has had rashes of incidents like this before and were from regular families living in Millstone. These facilities are State mandated and are allowed to be in Millstone. The Commander of the Hamilton Barracks of the New Jersey State Police and a Sergeant Detective will be at the August 2, 2017 Township Committee meeting to bring residents up-to-date and speak about basic safety precautions.

Committeeman Gary Dorfman explained that the Mentor Group manages three group homes in Millstone and are under authorization by the State to be temporary residences for juveniles coming from difficult situations. The three properties in Millstone Township each house five individuals. One group home has five boys ranging in age from 11 to 14. The second group home has five boys ranging in age from 15 to 17 years old. The third group home has five girls ranging in age from 11 to 15. They are temporary stay locations, not to be permanent. These are kids in a bad situation. As a governing body, we can't say no "not in this town". The intent and the objective of the organization is to move the youths to a status of being able to live within their family unit within a time period not to exceed eight months. The Mentor Group is suppose to make us aware of any issues regarding the neighbors and if any police response. There is 24 hour supervision, including many professionals (social workers, physiologist). The intent and the objective of the organization is to move the youths to a status of being

able to live within their family unit. Officials from Mentor Group have been asked to come to the next Township meeting (July 19, 2017) to share with the community what their organization is about, what they are trying to achieve, how they are going about it, what the recent events were, and what they are going to do to prevent it from reoccurring.

Committeewoman Grbelja said a few years back there was a rash of break ins where jewelry was stolen. They were neighborhood kids, nothing to do with the group homes. Since 1980's two homes for the developmental disable with no incidents and now these three group homes. We need to be more observant, it's a new era and be more cognitive.

Committeeman Masci thanked everyone that came out. It's unacceptable that there is a lack of supervision in these homes. We were told the average time these kids live in the group homes is eight months and that these juveniles do not have criminal records. We are going to find out if this is true and take some action if not. We are just as concerned as everyone here in this room. Getting out the right information is key. One of these homes has been here for over five years and we never had any problems. We are going to everything we can do to minimize these issues.

Committeeman Dorfman has met with the Mentor Group and will follow up with them. We are going to try and make sure we minimize the risk of this ever happening again. The Mentor Group will be invited to attend the next Township Committee meeting on July 19, 2017. Once confirmed, it will be posted on the Township Committee Agenda for July 19, 2017 and posted on the Township website ([www.millstonenj.gov](http://www.millstonenj.gov)).

Several more residents voiced their concerns and frustration about not knowing that the group homes existed in Millstone and the lack of supervision.

Residents expressed their satisfaction that the Township Committee was actively engaged in determining what happened and taking steps to ensure that something of this nature will not happen again.

Members of Boy Scout Troop Troop 116 was asked to discuss what they learned tonight. They summed up that there are a lot of layers to each problem, need to find out more information about problems and that lack of communication can turn any situation into a problem.

Committeeman Dorfman asked the scouts to go home and thank their parents as they are very fortunate to have a family that is caring and provides a good home.

Committeewoman Grbelja said that unfortunately, not all children have that.

Mayor Kuczinski closes the meeting to the public at 9:16 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Masci, Second C/Dorfman. © Time Out 9:27 p.m.

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

July 5, 2017 minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on July 19, 2017.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Millstone Township