

Millstone Township Committee Meeting Minutes 8-2-17  
TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE  
Meeting Room  
215 Millstone Road  
Millstone Township, NJ 08535

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Kuczinski - present, Committeeman Dorfman – present, Committeeman Kinsey – present, Committeeman Masci – absent, Committeewoman Grbelja - present. Also in attendance: Attorney, Robert Munoz and Municipal Clerk, 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, (17-138) Moved C/Kinsey, Second M/Kuczinski. Committee Discussion: None**

**VOTE:**

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

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

Time In 7:34 p.m., Time Out 7:38 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.**

**PRESENTATION:** New Jersey State Police - Detective Giuseppe Diodati and Detective Jeffrey Botti

NJSP Detective Giuseppe Diodati and Detective Jeffrey Botti from the Hamilton substation reported that Millstone is a safe town and, with the exception of the recent car burglaries that were solved within a few days, there are no major incidents of crime.

On July 2, the New Jersey State Police arrested and charged three juveniles residing in one of three Mentor Group homes for burglary and theft of items stolen from unlocked vehicles and from vehicles with open windows. Items stolen were things left in plain sight such as jewelry, coins, cash, and a laptop. All of the incidents were “crimes of opportunity,” non-violent, and not involving criminal break-in of the homes.

Detective Diodati said, “I did an inquiry through our records management system. Basically nothing really major is going on besides the recent car burglaries near Stillhouse Road.”

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Detective Diodati said there were two sets of 25 car burglaries and one unrelated attempt for a residential burglary in the past four months, there are no major incidents that have happened in Millstone.

Detective Botti described the car burglaries. In every single incident, there was an unlocked door. There was no attempt of forced entry on any of those. When you have teenagers that are pretty mobile — 25; they can do that in 15 or 20 minutes. It does sound like a significant number, but it is an isolated incident. Within 72 hours we had the suspects, we knew who did it, they knew where it was coming from and that they suspects were on foot.

“It’s a safe town,” Detective Botti said. “Our guys are here. They are visible I think now more than ever and being diligent. We are trying to be proactive within the town as much as any of our municipalities.”

M/Kuczinski asked the detectives if safety issues have increased due to the group homes moving into Millstone.

Detective Botti stated as far as the residents are concerned, I don’t think it’s any different than any of the other group homes in any other area of the state. You have juveniles that are from other counties – some are an hour removed from areas that they grew up in. A lot of times, any of these activities are basically because they are looking for proceeds to get transportation to get back to the areas they are from.

C/Dorfman asked if the State Police presence and their need to respond to any events at the group homes were impacting their ability to respond to other events within the community.

Detective Botti states I wouldn’t say so, there is a higher volume of calls for service to some of them and, quite honestly, we get to know some of the juveniles on a first name basis. They don’t really have interaction at the family home. They are there for a reason.

It really comes down to just making sure we have enough patrols and readiness on our end. I think our station managers and our supervisors have done a pretty good job of allotting that manpower.

C/Kinsey asked if the group homes were increasing the burden of the State Police in Millstone.

Detective Diodati states the one burden that comes with these homes is that there are runaways, when they run away, it’s all hands on deck. We have to find these kids because these kids are between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. We need to locate these kids for their safety. A lot of assets go into that — it can be four or five trooper cars. Depending on the situation, it could be a helicopter out there. It’s all scenario-based whether it’s a burden or not.

Detective Botti said that it is important to have dialog with the group homes and officials.

C/Dorfman affirmed that he and Township officials continue to maintain a good dialog with officials from Mentor Group.

M/Kuczinski thanks Detective Diodati and Detective Botti for coming to tonight's Township Committee meeting and presenting an update on recent crimes in Millstone as well as review safety tips.

**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.**

17-139 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program

17-140 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Kheder & Sons, Subdivision No. P03-33F, Block 55, Lots 4.24 – 4.28 (Formerly Lot 4.02)

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- 17-141 Resolution Authorizing Project Completion - Closing Statement to Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant Program for Clarksburg MEC-CRC Historic Preservation Project - Phase I
- 17-142 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Waive Interest on Real Estates Taxes on Block 64, Lot 12
- 17-143 Payment of Vouchers
- 17-144 Resolution Authorizing Voiding Unclaimed Funds and Adding Funds to the Millstone Township Current Fund

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

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Masci

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:**

C/Grbelja asks about the welcome to Millstone signs, some are breaking down and in bad shape. Administrator Dellasala states she will speak with Dan Specht to see if DPW can fix the signs if not we will get some pricing.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Kuczinski opens the meeting to the public at 8:29 p.m.

No Public Comment

Mayor Kuczinski closes the meeting to the public at 8:29 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Dorfman, Second C/Grbelja. © Time Out 8:29 p.m.

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

August 2, 2017 minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on September 6, 2017.

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Maria Dellasala, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Millstone Township