

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 1, 2020**

Mayor Masci calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp., NJ 08535

**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 18, 2019.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic State of Emergency the Millstone Township Committee meeting was held using the Zoom platform. Members of the public have the option to attend the meeting via Zoom or in person. The Township Committee and Township Attorney attended the meeting via Zoom; Business Administrator and Municipal Clerk were present at the meeting room.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Masci – present, Committeeman Dorfman – present, Committeeman Ferro - present, Committeewoman Grbelja – present, Committeeman Kuczinski – present. Also, in attendance: Robert Munoz - Township Attorney, Business Administrator – Kevin Abernethy and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 20-261 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-261 was moved by C/Kuczinski; Second DM/Grbelja.  
Committee Discussion: None

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** C/Dorfman, C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, M/Masci  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was moved by DM/Grbelja; Second C/Dorfman. All in Favor

Time In: 7:04 p.m.; Time Out: 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Masci calls the Regular Meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. and asks Kevin Abernethy to lead the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Masci read the following statement:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Township Committee Meeting of July 3, 2020 will be utilizing the Zoom platform. For public comment section you can also email [askmillstone@millstonenj.gov](mailto:askmillstone@millstonenj.gov) with your questions or public comments along with your name and address. Your comments will be read into the record. This meeting will also be recorded and be replayed on the Millstone PEG Channel.

**PROCLAMATION:**

**OPEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**Whereas**, the Millstone Township community is committed to supporting local business and restaurants; and

**Whereas**, Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 158 rescinds food or beverage establishments to offer in-person service at indoor areas effective at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020; and

**Whereas**, the impact of this order will continue to hurt small businesses, even many going out of business; and

**Whereas**, Governor Murphy refuses to abide by his own executive orders and social distancing policies; and

**Whereas**, the Township of Millstone is asking Governor Murphy to rescind Executive Order No. 158 and allow food or beverage establishments to offer in-person service at indoor areas effective immediately.

**Now, Therefore, I**, Fiore Masci, Mayor of Millstone Township, join leaders around the State in asking Governor Murphy to open the State for business and prosperity.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2020.

M/Masci said all of us were witness to the Governor participating in rallies. We are all supportive of our constitutional right to have rallies, but this is unfair. The Governor is not following his own executive orders. C/Kuczinski said it is a very good proclamation and right on point. You have to put a little bit of faith in businesses and the people who will visit them. At the end of day, these businesses might not survive but let it be their decision. DM/Grbelja said that people are smart enough and be able to know what they should be doing and not doing. We do not want to see businesses go out of business. C/Dorfman said an individual can make the choice if they want to sit down in a restaurant.

**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.

- 20-162 Payment of Vouchers for July 3, 2020
- 20-163 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 for 2020 Clean Communities Grant
- 20-164 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 For 2020 Recycling Tonnage Grant

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 20-162 through 20-164 was moved by C/Ferro; Second C/Dorfman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** C/Kuczinski, C/Dorfman, C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, M/Masci

**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

1. Executive Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2020

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of June 17, 2020 was moved by C/Kuczinski; Second DM/Grbelja.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: C/Dorfman, C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, M/Masci**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2020

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2020 was moved by DM/Grbelja; Second M/Masci.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/Kuczinski, C/Dorfman, M/Masci**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE MAYOR:**

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that Stacie Curtis shall serve as the Class II member to the Millstone Township Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Mary Pinney, ending December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mary Pinney shall serve as the Alternate I member to the Millstone Township Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Stacie Curtis, ending December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this appointment be forwarded to the Millstone Township Planning Board and to the appointees.

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that Stacie Curtis is hereby appointed as member to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Mary Pinney, ending December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this appointment be forwarded to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission and to the appointee.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of the appointments made by the Mayor of the Township of Millstone at its meeting of July 1, 2020.

M/Masci said that Mary Pinney represents the pinacol of volunteerism when it comes to residents being involved for all the right reasons. She would put her heart and soul into every decision and it has been an honor to have her be part of the Township. The volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions really deserve the accolades and make Millstone Township what it is. M/Masci said he is excited that Stacie Curtis has joined more of our boards.

DM/Grbelja said that Mary Pinney came on the board back in the early 2000. She is a very well educated woman and has served on the Board of Education, Environmental Commission, Watershed Council and Planning Board starting in 2004. She has been very instrumental and helped develop ordinances when the zoning was changed, along with COAH 2<sup>nd</sup> round. She has been a very important part of Millstone. She will continue to be part of the planning board. Stacie Curtis volunteered to be on the Environmental Commission and will be an excellent complement for the Environmental Commission and for the Planning Board she has an excellent background and understands land use.

M/Masci would like a proclamation or volunteer certificate at the next meeting to acknowledge Mary Pinney for all the years she has volunteered.

**APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSES:**

1. PTO Freehold Township High School Patriots, RA# 268, On-Premise 50/50 to be held on August 3, 2020 at Charleston Springs Golf Course, 101 Woodville Road.

Motion to approve Raffle License #268 was moved by C/Dorfman; Second C/Kuczinski. All in Favor.

2. PTO Freehold Township High School Patriots, RA# 269, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle (Putting) to be held on August 3, 2020 at Charleston Springs Golf Course, 101 Woodville Road.

Motion to approve Raffle License #269 was moved by DM/Grbelja; Second C/Ferro. All in Favor.

3. PTO Freehold Township High School Patriots, RA# 270, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle (Closest to Pin) to be held on August 3, 2020 at Charleston Springs Golf Course, 101 Woodville Road.

Motion to approve Raffle License #270 was moved by C/Kuczinski; Second M/Masci. All in Favor.

4. PTO Freehold Township High School Patriots, RA# 271, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle (Longest Drive) to be held on August 3, 2020 at Charleston Springs Golf Course, 101 Woodville Road.

Motion to approve Raffle License #271 was moved by C/Dorfman; Second DM/Grbelja. All in Favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

M/Masci asks the residents to read the tree ordinance regarding homeowners' responsibilities that is posted on the township website and Facebook page. Business Administrator said the Township will continue to monitor some of the roads and pick the properties that have the most dangerous trees and reach out to the resident. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the trees that are on their property and cut the branches that are hanging over the road.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

M/Masci read the following regarding the Primary Election on July 7, 2020 which is also posted on the Township website.

Pursuant to Executive Orders, Governor Murphy moved the New Jersey Primary Election to July 7, 2020 and mandated that the election be conducted primarily by Vote by Mail, with limited in person polling locations open on Primary Election Day.

The only polling location for Millstone Township residents will be located at Wagner Farm Park, 4 Baird Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08535 and will be opened from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

There is only one voting machine STRICTLY for voters who are disabled or who need an accessible voting device to vote. Voters with such needs should contact the County Clerk's Office at 732-431-7790 for further information.

All other voters that arrive at the polling place above will vote on a provisional ballot (paper ballot).

**What is the deadline for returning your Vote by Mail Ballot?**

If you are using the US Postal Service, the ballot must be postmarked on or before July 7, 2020. If you are using one of the 5 secure drop boxes, the deadline for delivering your ballot is 8 p.m. on July 7, 2020 or if you prefer, you may deliver your completed ballot up until 8 p.m. on July 7th; the night of the Primary Election, to the Board of Elections Office, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, NJ. **Mail-in-ballots cannot be dropped off at Wagner Farm Park!**

M/Masci said that the two candidates that are on the Primary Ballot and selected by the majority of the Republican County Executive Committee are Chris Morris and Michael Kuczinski.

M/Masci said that Chris Morris is replacing him and that Michael Kuczinski has been his running mate for the last four terms. It is unfortunate that you are not on line 1, however, you are on line 7. You have been a former Mayor, Deputy Mayor and is a sitting Committeeman. You have been a teacher, friend and someone who is deeply respected and admired. You have always put the Township residents first. It has been an honor and wish you the best of luck.

**COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:**

M/Masci discusses fireworks and would like the residents to leave the fireworks in the hands of the professionals. We live in a community that lends itself with some many potential hazards. It spooks the pets and farm animals that are in town and can also ignite a fire to roofs or trees. We love the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but leave the fireworks in the hands of the experts. Wishes the residents a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

C/Kuczinski said he received an announcement from Dr. Huss, Superintendent of Millstone School that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held at the Middle School on July 8<sup>th</sup>, outside with social protocols in place. Rain date will be Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

M/Masci asks the Business Administrator to reach out to Dr. Huss to see if there is anything the Township can do to help out. C/Dorfman will also reach out to Dr. Huss.

Business Administrator discusses Millstone Park. They are trying to rectify a few safety issues and the fields are in pretty good shape. Some vandalism was done but is being rectified with the help of security cameras. Some events are being booked in August/September. Once these safety issues are rectified a date for the grand opening will be set.

DM/Grbelja reminds the resident of the event for Jerry & Estelle Gottlieb will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at the Primary School along with a few special guests. M/Masci said he signed 100's of certificates for the volunteers that helped out and it made him feel really great as this shows people are there to help one another.

Business Administrator discusses that the Affordable Housing Alliance is looking for applications for rehabilitation repairs. The deadline was June 30, 2020. The turnout was extremely low and would like to extend the deadline date an additional two months. The Township Committee agrees and the deadline date will be August 30, 2020. Business Administrator will reach out to the Veterans and Seniors groups.

C/Dorfman discusses the usage of the parks. He witnessed firsthand how much the tennis courts are used along with the basketball courts at both Rocky Brook and Abate Park. Happy to see the parks being used and looking forward for Millstone Park to be opened and used by the residents.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

M/Masci opens the meeting to the public at 8:55 p.m.

No public in attendance and no emails received.

M/Masci closes the meeting to the public at 8:57 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn:** Moved DM/Grbelja; Second C/Kuczinski. All in Favor.

Time Out: 8:57 p.m.

Audio of the meeting is available in the Municipal Clerks Office.

July 1, 2020 Township Committee meeting minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on July 15, 2020.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Municipal Clerk