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TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE

APRIL 1, 2009

Mayor Grbelja calls the meeting to order at 7:36P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Nancy Grbelja – present, Committeeman Abilheira – present, Committeeman Kinsey – present, Committeeman Kuczinski – present, Committeeman Masci – present. Also in attendance – Attorney – Simon Kaufman, Administrator - James Pickering, Municipal Clerk – Maria Dellasala and DPW Superintendent -Ken Gann..

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION 09-81 AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT, WHICH THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED.

C/Kuczinski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which was second by C/Masci.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from meetings of public bodies in certain circumstances which are set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone as follows:

The public shall be excluded for the discussion of any action upon the here in after specified matter.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. Land Acquisition
2. Items falling under the Attorney/Client Privilege

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public in approximately six months or when any litigation discussed is resolved.

This resolution will take effect immediately.

VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Executive session began 7:38p.m

Motion to adjourn Executive Session moved C/Kinsey, Seconded C/Kuczinski. ©

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Time Out 7:56pm.

MAYOR GRBELJA CALLS THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A FLAG SALUTE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PROCLAMATION:

April as Alcohol Awareness Month – M/Grbelja read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009 AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24: motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high-school seniors; and

WHEREAS, young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, the typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (that is more than for sneakers, gum and jeans combined); and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy A. Grbelja, Mayor of Millstone Township join Prevention First and do hereby proclaim that April 2009 is Alcohol Awareness Month in Millstone Township. As the Mayor of Millstone Township I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Millstone Township to support efforts that will increase community awareness, understanding and action to address underage drinking in our community and “Keep Our Future Growing.”

Proclaimed this the 1st. day of April 2009.

Nancy A. Grbelja, Mayor

PRESENTATION: BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THEIR 2009/2010 BUDGET Superintendent Maryann Donohue, School Board President Tom Foley and Business Administrator Bernie Biesiada present the 2009/2010 School Budget.

Tom Foley thanks C/Kinsey for going above and beyond to get the tax payment to the school board in January. There are many challenges, unique challenges, hardships to both the school board and the residents of the township. An additional \$445,000 is owed to Upper Freehold Regional School District for tuition from 2 years back. The enrollment was over estimated and now we have to pay and we already know that next year we will owe at least another \$200,000.

Maryann Donohue states that we have frozen school spending for the past two years. She speaks of some of the challenges the district faces between tuition to Allentown and students that go out of district. Kindergarten enrollment is lower than expected.

Residents with any questions can go to the schools web site www.millstone.K12.nj.us and see the school budget and post any questions they may have. School Election is April 21, 2009 from 2-9pm.

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Bernie Biesiada presents the following power point presentation:

Millstone's 2009 K-8 cost per pupil is the 22nd. lowest in the State out of 88 similar districts. Millstone's K-8 classroom instruction cost of \$6,566 is the 11th. lowest in the State out of 88 similar districts.

Major Budget Increases 2009-2010, Benefits, Tuition – UFRSD plus UFRSD tuition adjustment and Special Education, Vocational Technical and Salaries – Transportation staff.

Major changes 2009-2010 – Curriculum – begin elimination of MS French 1 course, two year plan (7th. grade in 09-10). Energy Conservation – Savings \$31,400 – All buildings closed on Fridays during the summer, classes resume September 3, 2009 and schools closed for one week in February 2010. Staff Changes – Savings \$248,664 (salary & benefits) Reduction of staff – 2 teachers, 4 instructional aides, 3 non-instructional aides, 1 buildings & grounds clerk. Transportation Plan savings \$260,495 – all transportation will be in house for K-12. Elimination of Pay to Participate fees = \$121,540 – all sports & Extracurricular activities, elimination of HS late bus fee = \$10,000, Elimination of field transportation charge = \$7,665, increase in teachers' allocation for classroom = 414,700 – increase of \$100 per teacher.

Tax Impact - General Fund tax levy of \$26,428,031 equates to a tax rate of \$1.87 per \$100 of assessed value. Debt service tax levy of \$3,189,693 equates to a tax rate of \$0.22 per hundred. Total tax rate is \$2.1015 per \$100 of assessed value. An increase of \$0.113 or 5.59%.

\$2,008 for every 4100,000 of assessed value. House with the average assessed value of 4408,600 will pay \$8,587 in school taxes, \$455 per year more than in 2008-2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. John & Shirley Petrella requesting permission to hold the Run for a Memory race for the John W. Petrella, Jr. Scholarship Run to be held on May 30th at 9:00 am.

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.

- 09-82 Payment of vouchers.
- 09-83 Resolution to adopt temporary emergency appropriations #5.
- 09-84 Resolution opposing Senate Bill S-2577/Assembly Bill A-3772.
- 09-85 Resolution opposing Governor Corzine's FY 2010 State Budget.
- 09-86 Resolution to apply for Project Grants from the 2009 Smarth Growth Planning Grants for Municipalities as provided by ANJEC.

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

Committee Discussion:

VOTE:

AYES: C/Abilheira (09-84, 09-85 & 09-86) C/Kinsey (09-83, 09-84. 09-

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NAYS: 85 & 09-86), C/Kuczinski, C/Masci, M/Grbelja
C/Abilheira (09-82, 09-83), C/Kinsey (09-82)
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Executive Session Minutes February 18, 2009
2. Executive Session March 4, 2009
3. Regular and Executive Session March 18, 2009.

Motion to adopt, Moved C/Kinsey, Second C/Kuczinski.

Committee Discussion: None

VOTE:

AYES: C/Masci, C/Kinsey, C/Kuczinski, M/Grbelja
NAYS: C/Abilheira
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

M/Grbelja states that on Friday March 27 the Girl Scouts of troop 307, Paula Kinsey is the troop leader, along with the First Aid held a hands on demonstration on how to perform CPR, Hymlick maneuver and how to use an AED, and what to do when you call 911. This was held in the Community Center and each girl did a wonderful job. These girls are in grades 3-8 and it's nice to see our girls being so informative, congratulations girls and keep up the good work.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Grbelja opens the meeting to the public at 8:50 p.m.

1. Jim Whitney – Indian Path Road – Asks if there is anything new with the property on Route 33 and Bergen Mills Road regarding the COAH plan. He also asks if there are any other properties being considered.

C/Kuczinski states that the task force has meet and are been advised on everything that has come before the township committee. We are still in the early stages on pursuing properties. We are moving forward diligently. The new rules are crazy and not doable for a lot of towns, it' not one size fits all, we just want to stay in compliance.

Mayor Grbelja closes the meeting to the public at 8:54 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Kinsey, Second C/Kuczinski. © Time Out 8:55 p.m.

Tapes of the meeting are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office.