

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023**

Ms. Butewicz called the Meeting to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Ms. Butewicz read the Adequate Notice at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Asprocolas, Ms. Butch, Ms. Butewicz

Absent: Mr. Peck, Ms. Posten, Mr. Rueter, Deputy Mayor Morris

Ms. Butewicz welcomed the reappointed members of the Council: Pat Butch, Randy Peck and Kate Posten

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN: Councilperson Butch made a Motion to nominate Amy Butewicz as Chairperson and Councilperson Asprocolas offered a Second. All voted in favor to appoint Ms. Butewicz as Chairperson.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Councilperson Butch made a Motion to nominate George Asprocolas as Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson Butewicz offered a Second. All voted in favor to appoint Mr. Asprocolas as Vice-Chairperson

MEETING SCHEUDLE: The council agreed to continue to meet in a virtual format. Mr. Asprocolas moved to set the meeting dates for the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Chairperson Butewicz offered a second.

Adopting a monthly meeting schedule to be held at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted or advertised. The February meeting will be held earlier to accommodate for Valentine’s Day. The Council will determine if the February meeting is needed at the end of this meeting.

February 14, 2023 (TBD)	March 14, 2023
April 11, 2023	May 9, 2023
June 13, 2023	July 11, 2023
August 8, 2023	September 12, 2023
October 10, 2023	November 14, 2023
December 12, 2023	January 9, 2024

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Open & Closed at 7:44PM

MEETING MINUTES:

May 24, 2022 Minutes - Councilperson Butch made a motion to approve the minutes and Vice-Chairperson Asprocolas offered a second.
Roll Call: Asprocolas, Butch and Butewicz voted in favor

MEETING MINUTES:

October 25, 2022 Minutes - Vice-Chairperson Asprocolas made a motion to approve the minutes and Chairperson Butewicz offered a second.

Roll Call: Asprocolas, Butch and Butewicz voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairperson Butewicz discussed receiving a talent bank application from Brianna Coppinger for a position on the Council. An interview will be set up prior to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meet & Greet: The meet and greet in November went very well and was well attended. The speakers provided good information for the landowners in attendance. The food from Vesuvio's was very good. Those attending:

Patrick & Greg Mullery

Jacob Sage

William and Cynthia Mayer

Dick and Judy Stern

Amy Butewicz

Pat Butch

Kelly Scott

Jeff Ziner

Suzanne Ming

Jeff Smith

Gene Madeam

Randy Peck

Eric Davis

Kevin Abernethy

Andrew DeFelice

Amber Mallm

Katie Mazzella

Kathy Minniear

Andy Coeyman

NEW BUSINESS:

SADC PIG Application: Submitted in December. Ms. Butch expressed her strong opposition to the way the application was submitted this year. The process needs to be started earlier to allow the entire Ag Council the opportunity to publicly discuss all submitted materials including the target properties. After the Ag Council approves the application, it gets sent to the CADB for review at least 30 days before the submission deadline. Chairperson Butewicz recommended putting the PIG application on the agenda no later than September to allow enough time to review and submit to the CADB before submission to the State.

Ag Budget: This year Ag and Open Space plan on issuing 2 newsletters. Ag will take the lead for the Spring newsletter. Articles need to be submitted by the March meeting to ensure printing is completed. The budget should remain the same.

Labor Housing Ordinance: There is a need for the Right to Farm legislation to have an addition addressing housing for agricultural purposes. While the State works on addressing the issue, Millstone should take the lead and develop its own municipal ordinance. The Municipality

could be more flexible than the State but not more restrictive. Any proposed ordinance would have to be worded to prevent abuse.

NJ Ag Convention: There may be some proposed impervious land coverage regulations that could negatively impact landowners of preserved farms. This could have a detrimental affect on the ability to preserve future farmland if changes can be made after an original easement is placed on the deed.

Vice-Chairperson Asprocolas moved to go to executive session. Chairperson Butewicz offered a second.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:18PM.

It was noted that the February Meeting will be scheduled for the 14th at an earlier time.

Seeing no further business, Vice-Chairperson Asprocolas moved to adjourn. Ms. Butch offered a second. Meeting adjourned at 9:19PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew DeFelice