

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2023**

Ms. Butewicz called the Meeting to Order at 7:34 p.m.

Adequate Notice read at 7:34 p.m. by Chairperson Butewicz

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Asprocolas (7:40), Ms. Butch, Ms. Butewicz, Mr. Peck, Ms. Posten, Ms. Coppinger (sworn in at 7:36pm).

Absent: Deputy Mayor Morris

OATH OF OFFICE: Brianna Coppinger was sworn in as Alternate 1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Open & Closed at 7:38 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

March 14, 2023 Minutes - Councilperson Butch made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairperson Butewicz offered a second.

Roll Call: Butch and Butewicz voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter: Newsletter was mailed out last month. The entire Owl article was incorporated into this newsletter.

Municipal Labor Housing Ordinance: Waiting for State guidelines. There is a proposal sponsored by NJ Assembly-person Alex Sauickie in committee that addresses the labor housing issue. The Ag Council should review the proposal in September and offer feedback.

Deer population management: Vice-chairperson Asprocolas would like to revisit the deer population issue in Millstone. He and Chairperson Butewicz will work on a proposal to present to the TC. If a proposal is put together over the summer that can be voted on, the Ag Council will meet prior to September.

Clambake: Report to Wagner Farm Park around 10:30/11:00am on Sunday June 4th to set up for the Clambake. Sponsorships are similar to last year but individual ticket sales are lagging. Patrick is unavailable this year to cook, so we need to find a replacement. We are testing out steak shish kebabs this year as an off-menu item.

Chairperson Butewicz moved to go to executive session at 7:57pm. Vice-chairperson Asprocolas offered a second.

Council returned from Executive session at 8:42 PM

NEW BUSINESS: Councilperson Butch noted that the NJ Ag Experiment Station budget will be addressed in the next few weeks. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to their State

representatives for District 12 to vote in favor of increasing the budget since it has been flatlined for several years now.

Councilperson Butch requested that the Ag Council hold an educational seminar in September or October to discuss topics like Agri-tourism and Rural Micro-Enterprises. Ms. Butch will reach out to Brain Schilling for a recommendation on a speaker. If possible, we should try to hold this at the Cream Ridge Research Center. November might be better in order to avoid peak farming season.

Seeing no further business, Vice-Chairperson Asprocolas moved to adjourn. Councilperson Peck offered a second. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew DeFelice