

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2022

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:04 p.m.

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 Meeting Notice 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 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – present, Deputy Mayor Chris Morris – absent, Committeeman Michael McLaughlin – present, Committeeman Tara Zabrosky – absent (arrives at 7:50pm) and Mayor Al Ferro - present. Also, in attendance: Brian Chabarek, Esq. - Township Attorney, Kevin Abernethy – Township Administrator and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Motion to adopt Resolution 22-114 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 22-114 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Davis, C/McLaughlin, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris, C/Zabrosky

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

Time In: 7:06 p.m.; Time Out: 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. followed by a flag salute and a moment of silence.

All attendees and participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for public gathering. Individual speakers should be advised that no right of privacy protects a person’s public comments made in a public forum. Accordingly, all participants bear responsibility for their own statements and commentary.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 22-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V (FEES), SECTION 5-2 (FEES FOR CHAPTER II: ADMINISTRATION), PARAGRAPH C (RECREATION REGISTRATION) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends the Recreation Registration fees contained in Chapter V, Section 5-2, paragraph c. of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Millstone.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-09 on first reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Davis, C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on June 1, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

FIRST READING

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ORDINANCE 22-10 ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 26 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION), SECTIONS 26-1 THROUGH 26-5.3 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 26 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS) TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS AND TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This ordinance repeals Chapter 26 (Flood Damage Prevention, Sections 26-1 through 26-5.3) and replaces it with a new Chapter 26 (Floodplain Management Regulations).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-10 on first reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Davis, C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on June 1, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

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.

- 22-115 Payment of Vouchers – May 18, 2022
- 22-116 Resolution Authorizing the Township of Millstone to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- 22-117 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Refund Real Estates Taxes Listed on Schedule A
- 22-118 Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Performance Guarantees for Avinash Vashist D/B/A Millstone River Mart, LLC, Application No. Z18-07 (Formerly PB16-01), Block 59, Lot 11)
- 22-119 Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2022 Transportation Bus Service for the Millstone Recreation Summer Camp
- 22-120 Resolution Supporting Improvements to County Route 526 (Allentown-Red Valley Road/Trenton-Lakewood Road) Between Sharon Station Road and Interstate I-195 in the Townships of Millstone and Upper Freehold
- 22-122 Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Millstone Township Fire District for EMT Services for the Calendar Year 2022 Pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement and Authorizing Preparation of an Amended Shared Services Agreement

C/Davis made a motion to pull Resolution 22-121 from the consent agenda for further discussion; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, C/Davis, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda resolutions 22-115 through 22-120 and 22-122 was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, C/Davis, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

RESOLUTION:

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22-121 A Resolution Urging the New Jersey Legislature to Amend the Budget Cap Law to Appropriate Funds for Increasing Insurance Costs

C/Davis questions if this is an incentive for insurance companies to increase their costs. Township Administrator agrees, however, the 3.5% CAP limits municipalities overall. The insurance company will need to justify the increase and the Township would also be able to look at other insurance companies once the JIF term expires.

Motion to adopt resolution 22-121 was moved by C/Davis; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, C/Davis, M/Ferro

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE MAYOR:

1. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that **Deepti (Dee) Sinha** is hereby appointed as a regular member to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Stacie Curtis, term ending December 31, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED that **Milton (Bud) Reuter** is hereby appointed as a regular member to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Deepti (Dee) Sinha, term ending December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Amanda Blanco** is hereby appointed as an Alternate 1 member to the Millstone Township Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Dawn Schneider, term ending December 31, 2023.

2. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED that **Deepti (Dee) Sinha** shall serve as Class II member to the Millstone Township Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Stacie Curtis, term expiring December 31, 2022.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR APRIL 2022:

Tax Collector	\$2,821,793.62
Clerks Report	\$ 5,339.00
Dog License	\$ 1,027.00
Building Department	\$ 32,268.00
COAH	\$ 10,666.00
Municipal Court	\$ 7,710.37
2022 Interest Revenue	

Motion to file was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis. All in Favor.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022

Motion to adopt regular Township Committee meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Zabrosky, C/Davis, C/McLaughlin, M/Ferro

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky states that at the Planning Board meeting testimony was heard for Hexa Builders. The application was carried to June 8, 2022 for the purpose of announcing a special meeting date. The Seniors will be holding a bus trip on June 16, 2022 to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse and are looking for additional people to sign up. The cost is \$100. The Board of Education adopted their budget on May 9, 2022. The total budget is \$42.1 million which is an increase of \$1.1 million. The average increase per home will be about \$68. The Middle School had a Memorial Day essay contest which ended on May 15th. The school will pick a winner and the winner will be asked to read at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Millstone Township Middle School was recognized as a National School of Character. They were one of 50 schools in the nation that were selected. The Township Committee will acknowledge the school board with a Certificate of Achievement at their next board meeting.

C/Davis states that the Open Space Preservation Council will hold their annual clambake on May 22, 2022. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Andrew DeFelice at the municipal building.

M/Ferro would like to acknowledge Evelyn and Al Bodnar, who resigned after over 40 years of volunteer service with the Office of Emergency Management, with a Certificate of Achievement at the June 15th Township Committee meeting. The Township Administrator will contact Evelyn and Al Bodnar to see if they will be able to attend the June 15th meeting. M/Ferro states that the Fire/EMS responded to 143 calls for the month of April which included 85 medical calls, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 50 transports to CentraState, 9 transports to Jersey Shore, 3 transports to Princeton and 3 transports to Capital Health. They are doing a phenomenal job. M/Ferro reminds residents that the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30th. There will be a few surprises. Please come out and support our Veterans. Over the last few years, there has been a parade for the Seniors graduating from Allentown High School. The parade is scheduled to go through Millstone Park on June 17, 2022 at around 6:00 p.m.

Township Administrator states that due to the high cost of fuel and asphalt, the road program will not be able to mill and pave parts of Olde Noah Hunt Road and Bruere Drive. Hopefully, we will be able to fill the cracks on these two roads.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Revised Summer Hours beginning May 31, 2022 – September 2, 2022 with hours starting at 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Friday.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS: NONE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:38 p.m.
No public in attendance.
Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

Time Out 8:39 p.m.

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

May 18, 2022 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on June 1, 2022.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk