

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2022**

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:01 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 – present, Committeeman Michael McLaughlin – absent, Committeeman Tara Zabrosky – present 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 22-152 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 22-152 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Time In: 7:03 p.m.; Time Out: 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:15 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:

1. Letter received from Millstone Township Middle School, dated June 22, 2022, thanking the Township Committee for the generous sponsorship awards for this year’s graduation.

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.

- 22-153 Payment of Vouchers – July 6, 2022
- 22-154 Resolution Authorizing Payment No. 1 to the Contractor for ADA Playground Improvements at Millstone Park
- 22-155 Resolution: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for “Improvements to Backbone Hill Road from Sweetman’s Lane (Monmouth County Route 1) to Schoolhouse Road
- 22-156 Resolution: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for “Improvements to Stillhouse Road Phase IV from Stage Coach Road (County 524) to Paint Island Spring Road
- 22-157 Resolution Awarding Contract for Historic Interpretive Plan and Graphic Sign Design Services

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Motion to adopt Consent Agenda 22-153 through 22-157 was moved by C/Davis; second by DM/Morris.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2022

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of June 1, 2022 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2022 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Davis.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**APPLICATION FOR A TRAILER PERMIT:**

1. Application for a Temporary Trailer Permit to be located at 38 Hampton Hollow, Block 23/Lot 8. Zoning Application approved by Zoning Officer.

Motion to approve temporary trailer permit application was made by DM/Morris; second by M/Ferro. All in Favor.

**APPLICATION FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT:**

1. Millstone Township Elks BPOE #2613 filed for a Social Affairs Permit for an event to be held on July 30, 2022 from 12PM – 8PM at 22 Burnt Tavern Road.

Motion to approve social affairs permit was made by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

C/Zabrosky states that the Planning Board held their special meeting on June 29, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Farm Park for the applicant Hexa Builders. The application is carried to July 13, 2022 for purposes of announcing a special hearing date to hear the remaining testimony.

DM/Morris states that 279 campers were signed up for Summer Camp. Day trips are selling very well and the Recreation Department is looking to add more day trips/buses. Pickleball is up and running and getting all positive feedback. The Fire/EMS responded to 102 calls for the month of June which included 76 medical calls, 15 motor vehicle accidents, 11 fire calls and 40 transports to various hospitals.

DM/Morris announced the passing of Joanne Kelty, who was the past Township Historian and volunteered with many organizations in Millstone Township for many years. The Township Committee sends condolences to her family.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mining Permit Application for Buck Mining – Time extension only: Township Administrator states that Buck Mine filed their renewal application on June 30, 2022 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 and

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paid the required fees. An extension of time is needed until the Township Engineer completes his report and presents it to the Township Committee at the July 20, 2022 meeting. Township Attorney states that historically the Township Committee has granted Buck Mine various extensions of time. The Township Committee discussed granting a 30-day extension period pending the Township Engineer report.

A motion was made by C/Davis; second by DM/Morris granting a 30-day extension period pending review of the Township Engineer report at the July 20, 2022 Township Committee meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

Township Administrator states that a warning has been sent out via Nixle that riding of ATV's, motorcycles or vehicles illegally on public lands and parks will be enforced with fines of up to \$2,000 along with possible confiscation of these types of vehicles.

C/Zabrosky thanks Matt Merritt for placing 3,500 American Flags around the Township for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

M/Ferro announces that together with 270 other municipalities as well as State Assemblymen and Senators, all helped in the restoration of the Energy Tax Receipts going back to the municipalities. The restoration of these funds of \$331 million will be given back over years, but the Governor has allocated \$75 million in 2023.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:36 p.m.

Robert Schantz, 1028 Windsor Road, voiced his concerns regarding truck traffic coming down Feldsher Road and a weight limit needs to be set for the bridge. The road is deteriorating with lots of potholes. The road is half in East Windsor and Millstone. Mr. Schantz also states that on Windsor Road there is a drainage issue by the pond that needs to be cleaned up and is eroding the road. M/Ferro asks the Township Administrator to reach out to East Windsor regarding the issue with Feldsher Road and report back at the next Township Committee meeting.

Don Marantz, 12 Patterson Lane, states that Patterson Lane and Hooper Road are in poor condition with lots of potholes and the Patterson Lane sign is missing. Mr. Marantz states that there have been recycling issues lately and that the recycling company tossed his recycling buckets in the truck.

Township Administrator will reach out to DPW with regard to the Windsor Road drainage issue, road conditions on Patterson Lane and Hooper Road and the missing street sign.

Charles Boris, 60 Red Valley Road, commented that there were many town residents that participated at the special planning board meeting held on June 29, 2022. Mr. Boris states that there is so much history in Millstone Township that he would like to see events being held in town such as a reenactment of the Revolutionary War. DM/Morris states that the Thomas Baird House has many historic events and the Township has a lot of historic artifacts that are in storage.

Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:52 p.m.

Township Administrator states that after speaking with the recycling company with regard to the current issues, he questioned whether recycling pickup day can be switched from Wednesday to Tuesday. The Township Committee had no objection. At this time, there is no change in recycling day, but if this changes, the residents will be informed.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:52 p.m.

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

July 6, 2022 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on July 20, 2022.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Municipal Clerk