

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 19, 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 – absent, Deputy Mayor Chris Morris – present, Committeeman Michael McLaughlin – present, 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, Matt Shafai, Township Engineer.

Motion to adopt Resolution 22-198 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 22-198 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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: 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:04 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.

PRESENTATION:

NJ State Police: M/Ferro introduced Sargent Terebetski from the NJ State Police, Hamilton Barracks. Sargent Terebetski updated the Township Committee and stated that car thefts have died down. There has been one arrest with future arrests coming. Please don’t leave keys or valuable in the car, lock your vehicles and put cars in garages. Crime has been fairly low in Millstone. Sargent Terebetski stated that the police have been in the schools and doing more to address the cars passing school buses. M/Ferro asked about an update on truck traffic enforcement. The Township can assist the State Police with the use of the Township drones. Sargent Terebetski stated he spoke to his Assistant Station Commander and the police can utilize the drones for commercial vehicles. The Township Administrator asked about overall speeding in the Township and Sargent Trebetski stated to send an email with the problem roads and they can address the issue.

Robert Schantz, 1028 Windsor Road, questioned the weight limit on Windsor Road. East Windsor Township has a weight limit of 4 tons on their part of Windsor Road near Cedarville Road. He stated he contacted the Monmouth County Highway Division and they said it is up to the Township to install a weight limit sign. Matt Shafai, Township Engineer will check into the weight limit. There are tractor trailers and dump trucks coming down Windsor Road.

Cathy Lugo, 112 Baird Road, asked if there can be better communication between the schools and the state police with the bus situation. Sargent Terebetski suggested that the dedicated SRO at the schools, Trooper Murray, be contacted. The Township Administrator stated that a policy is in effect for vehicles passing school buses. The bus driver would complete a complaint form with the SRO. The SRO would then review the video from the bus driver and be able to run the plates on the vehicle and get a name. The SRO would then bring the information, along with the evidence of the tape, to Millstone Court and a summons will be issued. Sargent

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Terebetski stated that if the yellow lights are flashing on the bus, this means that the vehicle needs to slow down and proceed with caution and if the red stop sign is out on the bus, the vehicle needs to stop. C/Zabrosky stated that as a parent, you can also file a complaint with the court system along with the video.

Campo Mine – Presentation outlining progress and plans for restoration of the Mining Pit: Lorali Totten, P.E., P.P. from Crest Engineering Associates stated that the Campos’ are not in attendance due to illness. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Township with the progress of the restoration and to describe the proposed plan. Campo Mine stopped mining in 2015. Monmouth County and other interested developers contacted the Campos to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property. At this time, neither are currently pursuing. However, Monmouth County could potentially be interested after the restoration is complete. The revised grading plan is from May 2021. The Freehold Soil Conservation District and the State Department of Agriculture will need to review the plans and approve. The Campos would like to use natural resources in areas to restore which doesn’t fit the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control standard and would also like to develop a second entrance on Pine Hill Rd. The restoration would take about 1 year to 1-1/2 years to complete once the restoration plans are approved. Lorali Totten stated that there is a billing issue with the Campos and Freehold Soil which needs to be resolved prior to submitting the plans for approval. Once the approvals are done, Lorali Totten will then send the plans to Matt Shafai, the Township Engineer.

Matt Shafai stated that the restoration plans are moving very slow. M/Ferro stated that the Township will set dates for milestones that the Campos will need to meet. The Township Attorney stated that a letter of credit has been extended to September 2023 and is on file with the Township. The first milestone date will be for Freehold Soil to approve the restoration plans by February 1, 2022. Lorali Totten will submit the aerial plans to the Township Administrator and will attend the next Township Committee meeting along with the Campos on November 2, 2022.

Ashley Dillon, 10 Fitzpatrick Run, has concerns about creating an entrance on Pine Hill Road as there are already a lot of trucks coming up and down the road.

**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.**

- 22-199 Payment of Vouchers – October 19, 2022
- 22-200 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Sound System Equipment
- 22-201 Resolution Awarding Bid for Site Work at Clarksburg Cultural Center – Phase III in the Township of Millstone
- 22-202 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes on Block 20.03, Lot 11

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution 22-199 through 22-202 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022:

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| Tax Collector | \$313,369.41 |
| Clerks Report | \$ 210.00 |
| Dog License | \$ 94.80 |
| Municipal Court | \$ 9,970.87 |
| Recreation | \$ 5,269.34 |
| Construction | \$ 52,949.00 |

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COAH \$ 4,800.00
2022 Interest Revenue

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Executive Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of August 17, 2022 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of September 7, 2022 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. Executive Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of September 21, 2022 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. Executive Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2022

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky stated that the Planning Board special meeting for Hexa Builders is scheduled for November 1, 2022. The new exhibits are posted on the township website (Exhibit #'s 832-844). The Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on December 14, 2022. The cost is \$110.00 which is the cost of the bus, playhouse ticket and buffet dinner. This is open to all residents.

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M/Ferro states that the Office of Emergency Management is working on the OEM Plan for 2023 and are well within compliance. OEM is looking for members and will also be initiating an old program called a CERT program. If interested, please complete a Talent Bank application and submit to the Township Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Administrator stated that Bill Woodward, a resident of Millstone Township and member of the Sunrise Optimist Club made a request to place a book donation bin at the recycling yard. The consensus of the Township Committee is in favor of the book donation bin.

The Township Administrator addressed a recent letter received from a concerned resident regarding conditions at Wagner Farm Park. Some of the issues raised are being quickly rectifying.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

M/Ferro reminded the residents of the following:

- Brush Drop Off Dates for Fall 2022 that are remaining: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 15 Baird Road, across the street from Wagner Farm Park.
- General Election on November 8, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Early voting will begin on October 29, 2022 through November 6, 2022. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The two locations that are closest to Millstone Township are Manalapan Township at the Monmouth County Library located at 125 Symmes Dr, Manalapan and Upper Freehold located at Hope Fire Company, 82 Route 526 Allentown.
- Veterans Day is November 11, 2022. Please come out and support our Veterans.

M/Ferro discussed two recently adopted ordinances with regard to state mandate, P.L. 2021, c. 92, that the owners of businesses maintain adequate liability insurance and annually register the certificates of insurance with the Township (Ordinance 22-16) and owners of rental units maintain adequate liability insurance and annually register the certificates of insurance with the Township (Ordinance 22-17). The adopted ordinances can be found on the Township website under adopted ordinances (<https://www.millstonenj.gov/government/ordinances-proposed-adopted>).

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 9:17 p.m.

Robert Schantz, 1028 Windsor Road, requested the drainage ditch be cleaned out that is located on Windsor Road. Township Engineer will go out and report his findings to the Township Administrator. Mr. Schantz asked for an update on Feldsher Road. The Township Administrator has not heard back from East Windsor and will reach out again.

Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 9:21 p.m.

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

October 19, 2022 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on November 2, 2022.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk