

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR January 18, 2023

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:03 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 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – present, Deputy Mayor Chris Morris – absent, Committeeman Michael McLaughlin – present, Committeeman Tara Zabrosky – present and Mayor Al Ferro - present. Also, in attendance: Duane Davison, Esq. - Township Attorney, Kevin Abernethy – Township Administrator and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-53 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-53 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Time In: 7:05 p.m.; Time Out: 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:00 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:

M/Ferro designated November 26, 2022 as Eagle Scout Day in Millstone Township for the following: Brandon Luis Diaz, Matthew N. McCormick, Gavin Lucas Normand, Jacob Christopher Normand, Samson Lee Cronn-Uveges. M/Ferro read the following proclamation designated to each Eagle Scout.

Designating November 26, 2022 as Eagle Scout Brandon Luis Diaz, Matthew N. McCormick, Gavin Lucas Normand, Jacob Christopher Normand, Samson Lee Cronn-Uveges Day

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Brandon Luis Diaz, Matthew N. McCormick, Gavin Lucas Normand, Jacob Christopher Normand, Samson Lee Cronn-Uveges has completed the requirements for, and has been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, was found worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout rank represents the highest advancement in scouting fulfilling requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout has earned 21 Merit Badges signifying the mastery of certain Scoutcraft skills, including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping and Family Life, Emergency Preparedness and/or Lifesaving; as well as helping boys increase their skill in an area of personal interest; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout has demonstrated leadership skills by holding one or more specific youth positions of responsibility in his patrol and/or troop; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Township Committee desire to congratulate and express their sincere thanks and appreciation to Eagle Scout Brandon Luis Diaz, Matthew N. McCormick, Gavin Lucas Normand, Jacob Christopher Normand, Samson Lee Cronn-Uveges for their exceptional character, citizenship, and commitment to the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Al Ferro, Mayor of Millstone Township, do hereby declare November 26, 2022 to be Eagle Scout Brandon Luis Diaz, Matthew N. McCormick, Gavin Lucas Normand, Jacob Christopher Normand, Samson Lee Cronn-Uveges Day and request that the Millstone Township residents join in this celebration with their support.

M/Ferro asked for a brief description of their project.

Eagle Scout Gavin Normand said he organized, fundraised and carried out the installation of four picnic tables at the Millstone Roosevelt Little League fields. Eagle Scout Matthew McCormick said he designed, fundraised, constructed and installed four bookcases and two window seats for the organization Project Freedom. Eagle Scout Samson Cronn-Uveges said he planned, designed and built a Gaga Pit for the Millstone Township Elementary School.

The Township Committee members congratulated the Eagle Scouts on this great honor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Resignation from Dirk Bruyn a member of the Office of Emergency Management, effective January 8, 2023.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE 23-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance authorizes an increase to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.  
No public comment.  
Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-01 on second 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  
ORDINANCE 23-02

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN 8.5 FOOT ROAD WIDENING DEDICATION FOR BLOCK 62, LOT 16.04 AND A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR BLOCK 62, LOT 16.03, LOCATED AT 97 STAGECOACH ROAD

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance accepts a Road Widening Dedication for Block 62, Lot 16.04 and a Conservation Easement for Block 62, Lot 16.03.

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Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

No public comment.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-02 on second reading was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 23-03

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 23-03 on first reading 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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on February 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION:

23-54 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Second Amended Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Millstone and the Millstone Township Fire District

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-54 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: DM/Morris

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.

23-55 Payment of Vouchers – January 18, 2023

23-56 Resolution: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for “Millstone Park Improvements – Improvements to Provide a Continuous Path Throughout the Park”

23-57 Resolution Re-Appointing Township Tax Collector

23-58 Resolution Appointing Special Environmental Counsel and Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract For Professional Services

23-59 Resolution Appointing Special Counsel for the Mt. Laurel Proceedings and Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services

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- 23-60 Resolution Awarding Contract for Proposed Building at Clarksburg Cultural Center - Phase III in the Township of Millstone
- 23-61 Resolution Amending Resolution 22-193 Approving Compensation for Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution 23-55 through 23-61 was moved by C/Davis; second by C/McLaughlin.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2022:

Tax Collector	\$408,398.87
Clerks Report	\$ 1,490.00
Dog License	\$ 96.40
Municipal Court	\$ 12,330.84
Recreation	\$ 2,343.62
Construction	\$ 53,458.00
COAH	\$ 13,068.00
2023 Interest Revenue	

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- 1. Reorganization Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2023

Motion to adopt reorganization meeting minutes of January 4, 2023 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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky said that the Planning Board heard the Hexa Builders application and approved preliminary site plan approval with 18 general conditions and 24 special conditions.

C/Davis said that the Environmental Commission met on January 9<sup>th</sup> for their reorganization meeting. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean-up is scheduled for April 22, 2023 from 9am – noon at the Court Building. Please come out and volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Township Administrator said that the Affordable Housing Alliance met with the Seniors to discuss a program to help rehabilitate homes that you would have to qualify for financially. The information is posted on the website. The Affordable Housing Alliance has started clearing the lot for the Allen House 2 project which is going to be another Seniors home, similar to the unit next door.

The free rabies clinic sponsored by the Monmouth County Board of Health is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 1-2pm at Wagner Farm Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS: None

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:21pm.

Charles Boris, 60 Red Valley Road congratulated the Eagle Scouts on their accomplishments.

Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:22pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:23 p.m.

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

January 18, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on February 15, 2023.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Municipal Clerk