

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR February 1, 2023

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 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – present, 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.

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-62 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-62 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Time In: 7:06 p.m.; Time Out: 7:57 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:

Girl Scout Gold Award Project: Trinity Stockel discussed her Gold Award Project, which is one of the highest levels that a Girl Scout can achieve. It allows the girl scouts to get more involved with their community and develop life skills. The Gold Award Project that she did was a Pollinator Garden that helps local pollinators. The project is located at the Thomas Baird House, consisting of perennials (Blueberry plants, variety of White Mint, Autumn Joy, Butterfly Bush, Heather and Sylvia). The perennials will come back every year and expand in size over time.

The Township Committee members congratulated Trinity Stockel on achieving the Gold Award.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND 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.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

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Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.
No public comment.
Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-03 on second reading was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 23-04 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER XIII (FIRE DISTRICT), SECTIONS 13-3.7 AND 13.3.8 (NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT, NON-LIFE HAZARD USES AND PERMITS AND CERTIFICATE OF FIRE CODE STATUS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER XIII (FIRE DISTRICT), SECTIONS 13-3.7 AND 13.3.8

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance repeals and replaces Chapter XIII (Fire District), Sections 13-3.7 and 13.3.8 with respect to Non-Life Hazard Uses and Permits and Certificate of Fire Code Status under the State’s Uniform Fire Code Enforcement regulations, and brings Section 13-3 into conformity with regulations adopted by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-04 on first reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on February 15, 2023 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.

- 23-63 Payment of Vouchers – February 1, 2023
- 23-64 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes on Block 54.01, Lot 17
- 23-65 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Refund Real Estates Taxes Listed on Schedule A
- 23-66 Resolution Appointing Member to the Open Space Preservation Council
- 23-67 A Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Monmouth County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for Burnt Tavern Road Affordable Housing, Block 57, Lot 16.03 (Portion)
- 23-68 A Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Monmouth County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for 14 Novad Court, Block 57.01, Lot 21.02
- 23-69 Resolution Authorizing the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations Within the Township of Millstone
- 23-70 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services to Leon S. Avakian, Inc. to Prepare the 2023 NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit Renewal Requirements

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Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution 23-63 through 23-70 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

1. Millstone Township PTO, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on March 11, 2023 at 18 Schoolhouse Road, Millstone Primary School.

Motion to adopt 50/50 raffle was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Millstone Township PTO, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on March 11, 2023 at 18 Schoolhouse Road, Millstone Primary School.

Motion to adopt on-premise merchandise raffle was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. Millstone Township PTO, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on March 19, 2023 at 4 Red Valley Road, Millstone Park.

Motion to adopt on-premise merchandise raffle was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

C/Zabrosky stated that the Board of Education is hosting a one-time screening of the Screenagers, the Next Chapter to be held at the Millstone Township Performing Arts Center on March 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The screening is open to adults and children 10 years of age or older. Preregistration is required and can be located on the school district website.

The NJ Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force will be partnering with the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office and Monmouth University's Department of Criminal Justice to provide a lecture for parents and caretakers about keeping children safe online. The lecture will be in person on February 7th at 6:30 pm at Monmouth University and will be live streamed on the NJ State Police social media page.

The Township Administrator stated that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is planning a segment regarding the Dangers of the Internet. C/Zabrosky said that they are working with the school and the Sheriff's Office together to host this event for the parents. More information to follow.

C/Davis stated that the Shade Tree Commission and Open Space Preservation Council held their reorganization meetings in January. There are currently two open positions on the Open Space Preservation Council. If interested in volunteering, please complete a Talent Bank Application. The windmill was raised at the Thomas

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Baird House recently. There are discussions to potentially add electric to pump water from the windmill and refurbish the green house on the property.

DM/Morris stated that the Recreation Commission has two new programs that will start in February for Indoor Pickleball and Martial Arts. The Spring sports are currently open for flag football, lacrosse and soccer. Coming soon will be spring tennis, outdoor pickleball, cheer and summer recreation camp. The construction project for the baseball fields went out to bid. Monmouth County has a tire pickup for residential residents only through March 31, 2023. There is a limit of 10 residential tires. For more information, the flyer is posted on the Township website. The Spring Bulk Pickup is scheduled for April 3, 2023. The Brush Drop off dates for Spring are scheduled for 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 at 15 Baird Road. The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners and the Historic Commission awarded Millstone Township with a \$6,000 grant for the Baird House Siding Restoration and Painting Phase 1.

M/Ferro stated that the Fire/EMS responded to 104 calls for the month of January which included 73 medical calls, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 22 fire calls and 64 transports to various hospitals. The day shift had 67 calls and the night shift had 37 calls. The Fire Department and EMS are doing a great job. The Office of Emergency Management is looking for volunteers. There is a training program that must be completed per State statute. Please complete a Talent Bank Application if you are interested.

The Township Administrator stated that Dr. Huss contacted the Township that there was a rut at the end of the Middle School driveway which has been repaired. The County is working on the bridge that is located on Baird Road near the Middle School. The County will go out to bid this Spring for the roundabout at Scooter's Corner which should be done this year.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:26pm.

None

Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:27pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:27 p.m.

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

February 1, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on February 15, 2023.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk