

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2023

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 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – absent, Deputy Mayor Chris Morris – absent, 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 23-110 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-110 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Time In: 7:04 p.m.; Time Out: 8:07 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:

1. Letter received from Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Millstone Township on earning recognition as a 2022 Tree City USA. Millstone Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 15 years.
2. Letter received from NJ Department of Community Affairs announcing the award to Millstone Township for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$67,000 for the continuation of the walkway at Millstone Park.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 23-09 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 23 BURNT TAVERN ROAD AND KNOWN AS
BLOCK 57, LOTS 30.01 AND 32

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance provides for the purchase by the Township of Millstone of property known as Block 57, Lots 30.01 and 32, located at 23 Burnt Tavern Road.

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 on second reading Ordinance 23-09 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/McLaughlin, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Davis, 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.**

- 23-111 Payment of Vouchers – April 19, 2023
- 23-113 Resolution Appointing Special Counsel with Respect to Affordable Housing Obligations and Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services
- 23-114 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes Listed on Schedule A
- 23-115 Resolution Appointing Seasonal Clean Communities Employee – Ryan Krumfolz

C/Zabrosky made a motion to pull Resolution 23-112 from the consent agenda to discuss separately; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 23-111, 23-113, 23-114 and 23-115 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION:

- 23-112 Resolution Endorsing Treatment Works Application for Duck River Textiles, Inc., 10 Farrington Boulevard, Block 18, Lot 2.03

C/Zabrosky questioned if this is one of the warehouses that is already constructed or pending. The Township Committee discussed and C/Zabrosky will reach out to the Township Engineer for more clarification.

C/Zabrosky made a motion to table Resolution 23-112 to the May 3, 2023 Township Committee meeting, second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR MARCH 2023:

Tax Collector	\$338,889.38
Clerks Report	\$ 2,295.00
Dog License	\$ 1,145.80
Municipal Court	\$ 13,144.82
Recreation	\$ 82,477.65
Construction	\$ 60,586.00
COAH	\$ 191,520.00
2023 Interest Revenue	

Motion to file was made by C/McLaughlin, second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023

Motion to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023

Motion to adopt the Executive Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023 was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/McLaughlin.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky stated that the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office hosted the Internet Safety session at the Millstone Performing Arts Center last night. Officer Santos presented an hour-long session with a questions and answer session at the end. The Township Administrator also discussed with Officer Santos about hosting a session for the Seniors. Officer Santos does a presentation geared towards Seniors and a date will be scheduled. A handout of the session will be posted on the Township website. The Board of Education budget public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6PM. The public hearing is for the public to comment and ask questions with regard to the school budget. Please come out and voice your opinions.

M/Ferro stated that the Office of Emergency Management is working on updating the Emergency Operation Plan, which is due in September. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Office of Emergency Management, please complete a Talent Bank, located on the Township website.

The Township Administrator announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade will start at Millstone Park and end at the Veterans Memorial on Stagecoach Road. The Elks have offered to supply food at the end of the ceremony. If you are interested in participating, the flyer will be posted on the Township website. Please come out and support our Veterans.

The Township Administrator stated that the Environmental Commission will be holding its first Green Day at Millstone Day. They plan on having many activities and partnering with the Shade Tree Commission,

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Recreation Department, Clean Communities, Open Space Committee, Watershed and small businesses within town.

The Township Administrator stated that the Township has applied for the NJ Heritage Grant for the 1925 Clarksburg School/Municipal Building for a major renovation and have received many letters of support. The Township Administrator also stated that he assisted the Fire Department with a grant to reimburse the cost of an ambulance. The Township is still looking for seasonal help through Clean Communities. DPW has been very busy putting fertilizer down on the fields and removing downed trees. The Township received a grant for completing a survey on dangerous trees around town and notices will be sent noting the dangerous trees.

M/Ferro stated that the annual Stream Cleanup is scheduled for April 22, 2023 and preregistration is required. The Tire Drop Off event is scheduled for April 22, 2023. Tires can be dropped off at the DPW yard, 899 Perrineville Road from 8am – 12pm. The Brush Drop off dates for Spring are scheduled for 4/22, 4/29 and 5/6 at 15 Baird Road from 8am – 1pm. The annual Clam Bake is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2023. Tickets must be purchased in advanced by May 24, 2023. All flyers are posted on the Township website.

M/Ferro stated that John MacPhee passed away recently. He was a life member of the Millstone Township First Aid Squad, a member of the St. Joseph’s Church Men’s Guild where he was named Man of the Year for 2012-2013, CentraState Associated Auxiliaries, the Woodworking Club of Marlboro, former member of F Troop of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and former coach in the Colts Neck Little League. Our condolences go out to his family.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:33 p.m.

Charles Boris, 60 Red Valley Road. Asked for an update on the Hexa Builders complex. M/Ferro stated that Hexa Builders received preliminary approval by the Planning Board with conditions. It is now up to them to meet those conditions. Mr. Boris also stated that he likes the idea of a program on internet security for the Seniors.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.
Time Out 8:36 p.m.

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

April 19, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on May 3, 2023.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk