

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 5, 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 – arrives at 7:07 p.m., 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.

Resolution 23-153 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-153 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded into the record.

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 DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

Time In: 7:08 p.m.; Time Out: 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:17 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 from the Millstone Township Middle School, dated June 21, 2023 thanking the Township Committee for the generous sponsorship award for this year’s 8th grade graduation.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 23-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V (FEES); SECTION 5-13 (FIRE DISTRICTS); SECTION 5-13.1 (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends the fees to be charged by the Fire District for Special Duty Assignments for Emergency Medical Services.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-11 on first reading 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

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Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on July 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

FIRST READING

BOND ORDINANCE 23-12 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,025,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance provides funding for various capital improvements for the Township of Millstone and appropriating \$2,025,000 for such purpose.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-12 on first reading 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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on July 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION:

23-149 Resolution Acknowledging Participation in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Lead Grant Assistance Program and Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-149 failed.

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.

23-154 Payment of Vouchers – July 5, 2023

23-155 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Township of Millstone and Monmouth Conservation Foundation for Open Space and Farmland Preservation

23-156 Resolution Appointing Full-Time DPW Laborer Without CDL – i

23-157 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone Endorsing the 2023 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

23-158 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 and Paint Island Spring Road”

23-159 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2023-2024 License for KMK Realty Associates, LLC, License No. 1332-33-006-001

23-160 Resolution Awarding the Lease of Township Owned Land – 4 Red Valley Road (Block 52, Lot 13) Consisting of 49.5+- Acres as Specified in the Lease Agreement

23-161 Resolution Awarding the Lease of Township Owned Land – Perrineville Road (Block 13.01, Lot 1 and Block 13 Lot 2.01)

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 23-154 through 23-161 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Davis, DM/Morris, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro

NAYS: None **ABSTAIN:** None **ABSENT:** C/McLaughlin

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2023

Motion to adopt Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DM/Morris, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Davis ABSENT: C/McLaughlin

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2023

Motion to adopt Township Committee Executive Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DM/Morris, C/Zabrosky, M/Ferro

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Davis ABSENT: C/McLaughlin

LIAISON REPORTS:

M/Ferro stated that the Fire/EMS responded to 126 calls for the month of June which included 82 medical calls, 19 motor vehicle accidents, 25 fire calls and 63 transports to various hospitals. The day shift had 88 calls and the night shift had 37 calls. Thank you for all you do.

NEW BUSINESS: The Township Administrator stated that JCP&L will be doing some tree trimming in town including Ely Harmony Road, Stagecoach Road, Sweetmans Lane and Stillhouse Rd. They will be back in September for additional tree trimming. The Township has contracted with a contractor who is working on the dangerous and hazardous tree inventory for the Township and is approximately 15% done. Once complete, residents will be notified to address any issues. M/Ferro questions if Optimum is still running their wires and are they removing their old wires. The Township Administrator stated that they are progressing and have had some issues. They will be leaving cones around any loose wires. Please be aware.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

The Township Administrator stated that some people let off fireworks in the Township parks and DPW is cleaning up. Hopefully, we will be able to find out who is responsible. Also, there have been several vehicle accidents due to speeding. The State Police have increased their patrols.

C/Zabrosky reported that Jacob June, a Millstone Township resident and a recent high school graduate, passed away last week. The Township Committee sends their condolences.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:29 p.m.

No public comment.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:29 p.m.

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

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July 5, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on July 19, 2023.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk