

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 15, 2022**

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:00 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 – 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 22-138 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 22-138 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 DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

Time In: 7:02 p.m.; Time Out: 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:06 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. Thank you letter from Open Space Preservation Council and Agricultural Council regarding the 2022 Clam Bake.
2. Resignation letter from OEM Coordinator, effective June 15, 2022.

PRESENTATION:

M/Ferro presents and reads into the record a Certificate of Appreciation to Evelyn Bodnar and Al Bodnar who have volunteered their services for over 40 years.

Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding courage, bravery and integrity during times of stress, we dedicate this Certificate of Appreciation to you. Your long hours of dedication to the Township of Millstone Office of Emergency Management, without asking for anything in return has meant more to us than words can express. It’s with our most heartfelt thanks that we wish you every continued success in your personal life.

PUBLIC HEARING: MONMOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

Mr. Shafai, Township Engineer, discusses the 2023 CDBG application to be submitted to Monmouth County for the ADA Accessible Environmental Education Trail at Barnegat Bay Preserve. The project is eligible for up to \$200,000. The grant application is for a paved parking lot, ADA walking trail and boardwalk over the wetlands. The cost is over \$500,000. There is already a \$108,000 matching grant from Green Acres. The project status is as follows: A survey and topography have been done; in the process of applying for an LOI and GP-17 wetlands permit, which would allow the boardwalk in the wetlands area as long as you have a permit; speaking

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and working with the Elks Club to be able to access via their property. The application is due July 22, 2022. There is a resolution on the agenda stating that the Township will contribute to this project.

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:18 p.m.

Kathryn Lugo, 112 Baird Road feels that this is not necessary and there are more important things to do in the Township such as very limited senior services. A walking trail would be better suited for different parks that are already established.

Ashley Dillon, 10 Fitzpatrick Run asks if the CDBG funds can be used for recreation parks. M/Ferro states that yes it can be as long as it is for ADA access.

Mayor Ferro closed the meeting to the public at 8:25 p.m.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT:**

Matt Shafai, Township Engineer, discusses a 2-year renewal of the mining permit application for Preston Pit, Inc formerly Saraha Pit. They should be completed in a year to a year and a half. Then they will need to restore/stabilize the site. The restoration needs to be complete per original plan with certain approvals from outside agencies. The Township has a letter of credit and a bond on file which would not be released until restoration is complete.

**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 22-11**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This ordinance provides an appropriation of \$300,000 for various capital improvements and authorizes funding from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$300,000.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

No public comment.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-11 on second reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** None                      **ABSTAIN:** None                      **ABSENT:** None

**SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 22-12**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18 SPRING ROAD AND KNOWN AS BLOCK 52, LOT 7 AND BLOCK 51, LOT 10**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This Ordinance provides for the purchase by the Township of Millstone of property known as Block 52, Lot 7 and Block 51, Lot 10, located at 18 Spring Road.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

No public comment.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

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Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-12 on second reading was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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.

- 22-139 Payment of Vouchers – June 15, 2022
- 22-140 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcohol Beverage 2022-2023 License for Domal Restaurant Corp., T/A Tommy’s Inn at Millstone License No. 1332-33-003-010
- 22-141 Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
- 22-142 Resolution Granting a Two Year Mining Permit to Preston Pit, Inc./Preston Pit II (Formerly Sahara Sands)
- 22-143 Resolution: Authorizing Submission of a CDBG Application to the County of Monmouth and Township’s Contribution Toward the Project Known as “ADA Accessible Environmental Education Trail at Barnegat Bay Preserve”
- 22-144 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contract for Website/Email Annual Maintenance Contract to City Connections, LLC
- 22-145 Resolution Appointing Coordinator of the Millstone Township Office of Emergency Management
- 22-146 Resolution Appointing Deputy Municipal Disaster Control Director of the Millstone Township Office of Emergency Management
- 22-148 Resolution Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 Which Restores Energy Tax Receipts
- 22-149 Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S-2103, Which Authorizes the Conversion of Certain Office Parks to Mixed Use and Requires the Approval of Mixed-Use Development Applications
- 22-150 Resolution Appointing Part-Time Plumbing Subcode Official and Plumbing Inspector
- 22-151 Resolution Amending Resolution 22-55 Appointing Full-Time Deputy Chief Financial Officer

C/Davis made a motion to pull Resolution 22-147 from the consent agenda for further discussion; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda 22-139 through 22-146 and 22-148 through 22-151 was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION:

- 22-147 Resolution Increasing Contract Amount for Special Environmental Counsel

C/Davis asks if the increase covers specific items. Township Administrator states that we are close to the original dollar amount that was set in the original resolution and additional research and review of documents need to be done.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 22-147 was moved by C/Davis; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR MAY 2022:

Tax Collector	\$7,904,147.99
Clerks Report	\$ 2,839.00
Dog License	\$ 675.20
Municipal Court	\$ 8,228.81
Recreation – April	\$ 29,523.11
2022 Interest Revenue	

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

APPOINTMENT MADE BY THE MAYOR:

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED that Al Ferro is hereby appointed as a Regular Member to the Office of Emergency Management to fulfil the unexpired term of Brian Andrews, term expiring December 31, 2022.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES: None

APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE PARTY:

1. Centrastate Healthcare Foundation Fundraiser – Canine Carnival to be held at Green Leaf Pet Resort, 23 Burnt Tavern Road on June 25, 2022 from 12pm – 6pm.

Motion to approve 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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Davis states that the Shade Tree Commission will be applying for an NJDEP resilience grant to inventory trees and note those that create a hazard to power lines and cause power outages. The Environmental Commission has two vacancies on the board and ask anyone who is interested to submit a Talent Bank Application.

C/Zabrosky states that the Planning Board will hold a special meeting on June 29, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Farm Park for the applicant Hexa Builders. Riverside Center would like to join four lots and needs a variance for height and lot coverage. The applicant asks to come back to the July 13, 2022 Planning Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

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M/Ferro states that there has been a string of car burglaries over this past week. The NJ State Police is investigating and three individuals were arrested in Jackson. The NJ State Police is working with several municipalities' police departments and hopefully more arrests will follow. The Courts need to keep them behind bars and the Judges to realize that letting people out is not the solution to the problem.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:45 p.m.

Anthony Marra, Fire Commissioners: As of June 6, 2022 the Fire Department/EMS is now able to provide 24-hour service for the residents of Millstone Township. This is being done by paid fireman/EMS and supplemented with overtime employees and volunteers. Very proud of the Fire Department/EMS.

Mayor Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 9:50 p.m.

M/Ferro states that the Verizon cell service in the Township has been losing cell service signal around the Elementary and Primary schools as well as Sweetmans\_Lane/County Route 527. A case has been opened up with Verizon. An e-blast will go out asking residents who have issues in that area to contact the Township with their cell number.

### ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:53 p.m.

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

June 15, 2022 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on July 6, 2022.

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Kathleen Hart, RMC  
Municipal Clerk