

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2022

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:02 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 – 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 22-170 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 22-170 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/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky. All in Favor.

Time In: 7:04 p.m.; Time Out: 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:03 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:

The Millstone Township Elks, Mike Cunningham stated that they have increased their membership, which is all volunteer, and in appreciation for all of the support from the Township the Elks are presenting a check in the amount of \$10,000 as a donation for the ADA Playground Equipment at Millstone Park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Resignation letter received from Phyllis Iozzi, Violations Clerk, effective August 30, 2022.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 22-14

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER LANDS IN TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE KNOWN AS BLOCK 59, LOT 9.05 FOR ADDITIONS TO TOMS RIVER HEADWATERS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance provides for the purchase by the Township of Millstone of property known as Block 59, Lot 9.05.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.
No Public Comment.

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Township Administrator states that the County selected this area to be part of the Toms River Headwater Project and it is mentioned in the Monmouth County Open Space Plan from 2019. M/Ferro states that preservation is important for Millstone Township as long as it is right for the town and we will continue to preserve open space and partner with the County and State.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance 22-14 was made by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky.

M/Ferro states the motion to adopt the ordinance gives us the right to purchase the property, however, it is not a guarantee that we will purchase the property.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 22-15 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

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

No public comment.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance 22-15 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Zabrosky, C/Davis, C/McLaughlin, 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.

- 22-171 Payment of Vouchers – August 17, 2022
- 22-172 Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Emergency Tree Removal Services on Carrs Tavern Road on August 9, 2022
- 22-173 Resolution to Approve the Township of Millstone to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth to Provide the iTax Map/Collaboration Center System (Tax Map Conversion and Maintenance Services)
- 22-174 Resolution Authorizing an Application to Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant Program
- 22-175 Resolution Opposing the Proposed Increases to the State Health Benefits Program
- 22-176 Resolution Appointing a Technical Assistant to the Construction Official

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 22-171 through 22-176 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR JULY 2022:

Tax Collector	\$2,410,803.13
Clerks Report	\$ 305.00
Dog License	\$ 156.40
Municipal Court	\$ 11,261.99
Recreation	\$ 28,579.29
Construction	\$ 74,095.00
COAH	\$ 801.00
2022 Interest Revenue	

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2022

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2022 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of March 2, 2022 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. Executive Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of March 16, 2022 was made by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. Executive Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of April 6, 2022 was made 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

5. Executive Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of April 20, 2022 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. Executive Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 was made 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

APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

- 1. Standardbred Retirement Foundation, RA #296, Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on December 7, 2022 at 353 Sweetmans Lane.

Motion to adopt raffle license RA #296 was made by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

APPLICATION FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT:

- 1. Millstone Township Elks BPOE #2613 filed for a Social Affairs Permit for an event to be held on September 18, 2022 from 12PM – 5PM at 44 Red Valley Road.

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

- 2. Millstone Township Elks BPOE #2613 filed for a Social Affairs Permit for an event to be held on October 7, 2022 from 7PM – 10PM at 22 Burnt Tavern Road.

Motion to approve was moved by C/McLaughlin; second C/Davis. All in Favor.

- 3. Millstone Township Elks BPOE #2613 filed for a Social Affairs Permit for an event to be held on October 29, 2022 from 6:30PM – 11PM at 22 Burnt Tavern Road.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky states that at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, August 22, 2022 the Director of the NJ Department of Education Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning will be doing a presentation on school safety and security. Presentation is open to the public at 6:30 p.m.

C/Davis states that the Open Space Preservation Council is planning a meet and greet in October or November to educate on the open space preservation program. The Environmental Commission does monthly stream testing and anyone wanting to volunteer, please reach out to the Environmental Commission. C/Davis also discussed with the Committee if they would like to support The Environmental Commission in applying for a grant called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by PSE&G. This will provide grants to the Green Team with resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues. A resolution will be placed on the September 7, 2022 Township Committee agenda for consideration.

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M/Ferro states that the Fire/EMS responded to 137 calls for the month of July which included 99 medical calls, 17 motor vehicle accidents, 21 fire calls and 63 transports to various hospitals. They are doing a great service for the town and are providing 24/7 services to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Administrator states that there is a NJDOT 100% grant (no matching from Township) for Safe Streets and would like the support of the Township Committee to look into filing an application to have a walkway from the bridge on Baird Road over by the Middle School to Wagner Farm Park including two cross walks (one at the Baird House and one to Wagner Farm Park). Also, would like to include in the grant the completion of the walkway at Millstone Park. The consensus of the Township Committee is for the Township Administrator to move forward. The well and irrigation issues at Wagner Farm Park and Millstone Park have been repaired. The repairs to the hard courts are ongoing at Millstone Park.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

M/Ferro states that Millstone Day is scheduled for September 18, 2022 to be held at Millstone Park from 12pm – 5pm. Please come out and join the festivities.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

Mayor Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:36 p.m.

Doreen Polhemus, Township Historian states that the Historic Commission and Friends of Historic Properties are working on another phase of a grant for the Clarksburg Cultural Center. This will be for work on the school house, parking lot and sidewalks. This is one more step towards completion and thanks the Township Committee for their support.

Charles Boris, 60 Red Valley Rd, states that he has seen kids on dirt bikes on the basketball courts at Millstone Park. Mr. Boris discussed his concerns regarding the speed limit on Red Valley Road from 45 mph to 35 mph. With all the traffic coming from Millstone Park it is becoming congested and dangerous. Township Administrator will have the troopers monitor the road and the Township Attorney will look into the requirements that pertain to the speed limit on Township roads.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:45 p.m.

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

August 17, 2022 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on September 7, 2022.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk