

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 02, 2025

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order at 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 transmitted 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, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – present, Deputy Mayor Chris Morris – present, Committeeman Tara Zabrosky – present, Committeeman Jeff Ziner – present and Mayor Al Ferro – present. Also, in attendance: Brian Chabarek, Esq. - Township Attorney, Kevin Abernethy – Township Administrator and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Resolution 25-92 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by C/Ziner; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 25-92 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, C/Ziner, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Time In: 7:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was moved by DM/Morris, second by C/Ziner with an all in favor.

Time Out: 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 8:11 p.m. followed by a flag salute and a moment of silence.

Municipal Clerk read, the following statement:

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.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 25-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (FEES), SECTION 5-16 (FEES FOR TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES), SECTION 5-16.1 (PERMITTED USES), CHAPTER 35 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS), SECTION 35-7 (OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS), SECTION 35-7-3.7 (MOBILE HOMES), AND SECTION 35-7-3.8 (PARKING AND STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS) OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends Chapter 5 (Fees), Section 5-16 (Fees for Trailers and Mobile Homes), Section 5-16.1 (Permitted uses) insofar as fees are concerned, and amends Chapter 35 (Land Use and Development Regulations), Section 35-7 (Off Street Parking and Loading Regulations), Section 35-7-3.7 (Mobile Homes) as well as Section 35-7-3.8 (Parking and Storage of Commercial Vehicles in all Zoning Districts) insofar as the length of time a license may be granted for.

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Motion to adopt was moved by C/Davis, second by C/Ziner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on April 16, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION:

25-93 Resolution to Adopt Temporary Emergency Appropriations #2

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Ziner, second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DM/Morris, C/Zabrosky, C/Ziner, 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.

25-94 Payment of Vouchers – April 2, 2025

25-95 Resolution Appointing a Part-Time Secretary to the Open Space Preservation Council and Agricultural Advisory Council

25-96 Resolution Authorizing the Solicitor to Foreclose "In Rem" Certain Properties for Delinquent Taxes in the Township of Millstone, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Davis, second by C/Ziner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES: None presented.

LIAISON REPORTS

C/Zabrosky mentions the upcoming Open Space/Ag Council Clam Bake scheduled for June 1, 2025 at Wagner Farm Park. For further information, the flyer is posted on the Township website at www.millstonenj.gov.

C/Davis mentions that the Environmental Commission Annual Spring Stream Clean-Up is scheduled for April 12th and encourages everyone to come out to help keep our environment clean.

DM/Morris mentions that the Recreation Commission meeting will take place on April 7, 2025 and that he had an interview with a prospective candidate for a position on the Historic Preservation Commission.

M/Ferro discussed the monthly statistics for EMS and the Fire Division. For Feb 2025 there were a total of 91 responses, 62 medical, 14 motor vehicle accidents, and 21 fire calls. Of all the calls, 45 went to Centra State Hospital, 9 to Jersey Shore Hospital, 2 to Princeton Hospital and 1 to St. Peters Hospital. On the day shift there were 67 and the night shift 30. The Mayor thanked the emergency workers for their work.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township Administrator stated that tonight the Township Committee adopted a resolution hiring a part-time secretary for the Open Space Preservation/Agricultural Advisory Council. The Township is updating their website and has a new email system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buck Mining Update: William Stone representing Buck Mining appeared. He submitted a contract from Meco Paving and hopes to have the paving of a portion of Pine Drive completed by the end of May or June. Buck Mining is also meeting with Monmouth County next week and is planning to close the mine by June 30, 2025.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

M/Ferro made the following announcements:

Curbside Spring Clean Up is scheduled for the week of April 7th thru the 11th. Please check the Township website for further details and restrictions, including that mattresses need to be wrapped in plastic.

Brush Drop Off dates are as follows: April 19th, 26th, May 3rd, June 10th from 8am to 1pm at 15 Baird Rd, across from Wagner Farm Park.

Paper Shredding Event sponsored by Monmouth County for Millstone Township is scheduled for May 31, 2025 at _Millstone Park, located at 4 Red Vally Rd. from 9am to 1pm. Please visit the Township website for additional dates within the County.

The Millstone Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Spring Rummage Sale on April 5, 2025 from 8am to 2pm at the Community Center.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

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

Robert Schantz, 1028 Windsor Rd., discusses his concerns regarding tractor trailer trucks on Windsor Road and mentioned an incident that occurred on Windsor and Feldsher Road which involved a truck that moved over to let a school bus pass and went into a ditch. He mentioned that for the past two years he has been voicing his concerns about the dangers of tractor trailers on the roads. The Township Administrator mentioned that he will follow up with the State Police to possibly put an LPR on the road to capture the plates and to better enforce restrictions on tractor trailers. The Mayor mentioned that he will get in touch with the Mayor of East Windsor to discuss the traffic concerns. Mr. Schantz also mentioned that a pole was down on Windsor Road and his lawn was torn up by the traffic and he thanked DPW for restoring it.

M/Ferro thanked Michelle Detello for finding Jack, Mr. Rosen's dog at Millstone Lake which was returned to the Rosen Family.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn: Moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky with an all in Favor.

Time Out 8:38 p.m.

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

April 2, 2025 Township Committee Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on April 16, 2025.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk