

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR May 7, 2025

Deputy Mayor Morris calls the meeting to order at 7:03 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 – absent and Mayor Al Ferro – absent. Also, in attendance: Brian Chabarek, Esq. - Township Attorney, Kevin Abernethy – Township Administrator and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Resolution 25-109 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 25-109 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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Ziner, M/Ferro

Time In: 7:04 p.m.

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

Time Out: 7:53 p.m.

DM/Morris calls the meeting to order 8:00 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.

PROCLAMATION: DM/Morris read the 2025 Arbor Day proclamation.

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for building homes, fuel for fires and countless wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our Township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

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Whereas, trees greatly enhance the lives of our residents.

Now, Therefore, I, Chris Morris, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Millstone, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 25th as National Arbor Day for the year 2025.

Further, I encourage all of our residents to plant a tree and celebrate Arbor Day.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter received from Richard Dunk regarding support for hunting on township owned property.
2. Letter received from The Watershed Institute thanking Millstone Township for sponsoring the 2025 Stream Cleanup and the generous gift.
3. Letter received from Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Millstone Township on successfully achieving 2024 Tree City USA status.

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.

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| 25-110 | Payment of Vouchers – May 7, 2025 |
| 25-111 | Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estate Taxes Listed on Schedules A |
| 25-112 | Resolution Appointing Seasonal Clean Communities Employees |
| 25-113 | Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of an Alternative Individual to Perform Duties of a Violations Clerk When the Violations Clerk is Unavailable on Court Dates |
| 25-114 | Amending Resolution 25-106 Which appointed a Part-Time Electrical Subcode Official and Electrical Inspector |
| 25-115 | Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Block 57, Lot 16.03, Known as 27 Burnt Tavern Road to Affordable Housing Alliance for the Provision of Affordable Housing |
| 25-116 | Enabling Resolution for Barnegat Bay Preserve |
| 25-117 | Opposing Legislation that Would Preempt Local Planning and Permit Conversion of Certain Office Parks and Retail Centers to Mixed-Use Developments |
| 25-118 | Resolution in Support Submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Program |

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Ziner M/Ferro

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE MAYOR

Mayor’s Appointment to the Millstone Township Historic Preservation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the Township of Millstone that Diane Nurko-Hilker is hereby appointed an Alternate II member of the Millstone Township Historic Preservation Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Lauren Cummings, term expiring December 31, 2025.

Mayor’s Appointments to the Millstone Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Borgese is hereby appointed as an Alternate No. 1 member to the Millstone Township Zoning Board of Adjustment to fulfill the unexpired term of Leonard Datello, term expiring December 31, 2025.

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Mayor's Appointment to the Millstone Township Parks and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that Brian Perillo is hereby appointed to the Millstone Township Recreation Commission as a regular member to fulfill the unexpired term of Renee Randazzo, term ending December 31, 2029.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Davis; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Ziner M/Ferro

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Ziner M/Ferro

3. Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

Motion to adopt was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Ziner M/Ferro

APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE

1. Ladies of St. Joseph Church of Perrineville, Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle, RA #337, to be held on June 8, 2025 at St. Joseph Church, 91 Stillhouse Road.

Motion to approve was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Davis with an All in Favor.

2. Freehold Township High School Community Partners Inc., Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle, RA #338, to be held on July 28, 2025 at Charleston Springs Golf Course.

Motion to approve was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Davis with an All in Favor.

3. Freehold Township High School Community Partners Inc., On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, RA #339 to be held on July 28, 2025 at Charleston Springs Golf Course.

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

4. Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, RA #340, to be held on September 21, 2025 at Millstone Park.

Motion to approve was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Davis with an All in Favor.

5. Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, RA #341 to be held on September 21, 2025 at Millstone Park.

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Motion to approve was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky with an All in Favor.

LIAISON REPORTS

C/Zabrosky announces that the Clam Bake will be held on June 1, 2025 at Wagner Farm Park, 15 Baird Rd, Millstone, NJ 08510. For more information, the flyer is posted on the Township website.

C/Davis stated that for Arbor Day a tree was planted at Millstone Park. The tree was donated by Bruce Wolf and the Township would like to extend a thank you to Mr. Wolf, the Department of Public Works for planting the tree and Mark Mamrega, Shade Tree Commission chairperson. Millstone Township has also earned the 2024 Tree City USA recognition. The Environmental Commission held its 19th annual Stream Cleanup on April 12th. The volunteers collected 1,900 lbs. of trash. Thank you to all who volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS: NONE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

DM/Morris opens the meeting to the public _ at 8:13 p.m.

Ryan Walker, 11 Pine Hill Road asked about the Clambake and what the funds collected are used for.

C/Zabrosky stated that this is a fundraiser for the Open Space Preservation Council and Agricultural Advisory Council and asked if Mr. Walker would like to volunteer his time at the event and he agreed. He will attend the Open Space Preservation Council meeting on May 22nd.

DM/Morris closes the meeting to the public at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:17 p.m.

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

May 7, 2025 Township Committee Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk