

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
at 215 Millstone Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510**

Mayor Dorfman calls the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by a flag salute and a moment of silence.

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, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Al Ferro - present, Deputy Mayor Nancy Grbelja – present, Committeeman Michael McLaughlin – present, Committeeman Chris Morris – present and Mayor Gary Dorfman - present. Also, in attendance: Andrew Ball, Esq. - Township Attorney; Township Administrator – Kevin Abernethy and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 21-165 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-165 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Morris.
Committee Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/McLaughlin, C/Morris, M/Dorfman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Time In: 7:07 p.m.; Time Out: 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Dorfman calls the regular meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. followed by a flag salute and a moment of silence.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Township Committee Meeting of September 1, 2021 is also being held virtually, utilizing the Zoom platform.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81830909035?pwd=eGUwNUZySkN6MkQrb0Rmbk4vM0hTUT09>

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For public comment section you can also email askmillstone@millstonenj.gov with your questions or public comments along with your name and address. Your comments will be read into the record. This meeting will also be recorded and be replayed on the Millstone PEG Channel.

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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.

RESOLUTION:

21-166 Resolution of the Township of Millstone, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey
Opposing Executive Order 251 Announced August 6, 2021

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-166 was made by M/Dorfman; second by C/Ferro. M/Dorfman read into record Resolution 21-166.

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Jersey, Phillip Murphy, has enacted a new mask mandate (Executive Order 251) for New Jersey school children announced on August 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has decreed that all New Jersey school children will wear a mask upon the return to school in September 2021, unless specific exemption criteria is met; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone acknowledges potential risks to children from Covid 19, the Governing Body also acknowledges that it is the right and responsibility of individual parents and caregivers to make appropriate healthcare decisions for their own children including the right to assess both the costs and benefits of mask wearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone reaffirms the rights of parents and local school districts to determine operating procedures, curriculum, and matters of normal operations within their local school districts provided the school district meets fair and measurable statewide academic performance standards.

WHEREAS, this in no way detracts from the potential seriousness of Covid-19, but rather affirms parental and local school board autonomy and authority in making appropriate decisions for their own children and students; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee acknowledges that parents and guardians along with their healthcare providers are in the best position and authority to make this determination for their own children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township of Millstone reaffirms and urges Governor Murphy to reconsider the rights of parents and local school districts to determine operating procedures, curriculum, and matters of normal operations within their local school districts provided the school district meets fair and measurable statewide academic performance standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Morris, C/Ferro, C/McLaughlin, M/Dorfman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: DM/Grbelja
ABSENT: None

DM/Grbelja states the reasons why she abstained was that she did not receive any correspondence from the community on this issue, was never included on the emails and was not able to provide valuable input on this matter. DM/Grbelja believes that parents should have their rights over their child and make the final decision. The Township does not have jurisdiction over the Board of Education and this is an Executive Order from the Governor and to put pressure on the ones that can make change, in particular Governor Murphy.

M/Dorfman speaks about Home Rule and the importance of voting.

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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.

- 21-167 Resolution Appointing Full-Time Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Custodian
- 21-168 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes on Block 7.01, Lot 5
- 21-169 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes on Block 39.01, Lot 16.11
- 21-170 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estates Taxes on Block 17, Lot 15.10
- 21-171 Payment of Vouchers – September 1, 2021
- 21-172 Resolution Authorizing Entering Into a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Monmouth and the Township of Millstone for the Preservation of the Toms River Headwaters Project Area
- 21-173 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Re: Turf Fertilization & Chemical Program; Millstone Park, Weed Control

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 21-167 through 21-173 was made by C/Ferro; second by C/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/McLaughlin, C/Morris, M/Dorfman
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2021 was made by C/McLaughlin, second by C/Ferro.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: DM/Grbelja, C/McLaughlin, C/Morris, C/Ferro, M/Dorfman
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of August 18, 2021 was made by C/Morris, second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: C/McLaughlin, C/Morris, C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, M/Dorfman
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

APPLICATIONS FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

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1. Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on September 25, 2021 from 6pm – 10:30pm at Millstone Elks, 22 Burnt Tavern Rd.

Motion to adopt application for a raffle license was made by C/Ferro, second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Morris, C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/McLaughlin, M/Dorfman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

2. Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on September 25, 2021 from 6pm – 10:30pm at Millstone Elks, 22 Burnt Tavern Rd.

Motion to adopt application for a raffle license was made by C/Morris, second by M/Dorfman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Ferro, DM/Grbelja, C/McLaughlin, C/Morris, M/Dorfman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

APPLICATION FOR A TRAILER PERMIT:

1. Huen Electric Inc. - Application for a Sales/Construction Trailer Permit to be located at 505 State Highway 33, Block 23/Lot 8. Zoning Application approved by Zoning Officer.

Motion to approve was made by C/Ferro; second by C/Morris. All in Favor.

APPLICATION FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT:

1. Millstone Township Elks BPOE 2613 - Social Affair Permit for September 12, 2021 from 12pm – 5pm located at 4 Red Valley Road.

Motion to approve was made by C/Morris, second by C/Ferro. All in Favor.

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Ferro recaps the Fire/EMS Department for the month of August: 128 incidents with 114 of them were EMS calls; 85 medical calls, 17 motor vehicle accidents with 2 extractions and 12 fire calls. 71 calls were transported to various hospitals in the area. The Fire/EMS is doing very well.

C/Ferro states that the Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission will have a joint meeting on September 13, 2021 to go over the tree ordinance.

M/Dorfman states that the Shade Tree Commission helps to promote trees in their proper location for several purposes; prevents soil erosion and water run-off. A permit prior to removal of trees is required.

C/Morris states that Millstone Day is September 12th and will be held at Millstone Park starting at 12pm. A lot of the same activities in the past and also some new activities such as recreation sports clinic, inflatables, multiple food options and live bands. Please come out and celebrate the new Millstone Park.

C/Morris would like to recognize and thank Renee Randazzo, Anthony Italiano, Brian Lourenco, Andrew DeFelice. We have been working for the past six month on Millstone Day along with the Township Administrator, Finance and DPW.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour) Members of the public participating by remote internet access or telephonic access shall be allotted up to three (3) minutes.

Mayor Dorfman open the meeting to the public at 8:42 p.m.

Many residents were in attendance and voiced their concerns regarding the mask mandated by the Governor for New Jersey school children and thanks the Township Committee for their support for parental rights and adopting Resolution 21-166 Resolution of the Township of Millstone, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey Opposing Executive Order 251 Announced August 6, 2021.

Mayor Dorfman closes the meeting to the public at 9:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by C/Ferro; second by C/Morris. All in Favor.

Time Out: 9:34 p.m.

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

September 1, 2021 Township Committee Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on October 20, 2021.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk