

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2023

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Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:05 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 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Eric Davis – absent, 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.

Resolution 23-163 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-163 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded into the record.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Time In: 7:08 p.m.; Time Out: 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:04 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: None

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 23-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V (FEES); SECTION 5-13 (FIRE DISTRICTS); SECTION 5-13.1 (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends the fees to be charged by the Fire District for Special Duty Assignments for Emergency Medical Services.

Clerk Hart stated that the ordinance was not published correctly and will need to be tabled until the next scheduled Township Committee meeting of August 16, 2023 and readvertised.

Motion to table Ordinance 23-11 on second reading was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Motion carries to table Ordinance 23-11.

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on August 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE 23-12 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,025,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance provides funding for various capital improvements for the Township of Millstone and appropriating \$2,025,000 for such purpose.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Donald Marantz, 12 Patterson Lane voiced his concerns regarding the condition of his road. The development is over 37 years old and the road has never been repaved. There are many potholes and cracks in the road.

M/Ferro asked for the Engineer and DPW to go out and inspect the condition of the road. The Township Administrator stated that this capital improvement ordinance is from NJDOT grants received for Millstone Road and Backbone Hill Road plus additional funding to fix cracks on additional roads. Asphalt is at a very high rate. Hopefully, this road can be done in the next funding round.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-12 on second reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None **ABSTAIN:** None **ABSENT:** C/Davis

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 23-13 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-13 on first reading was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None **ABSTAIN:** None **ABSENT:** C/Davis

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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.

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- 23-164 Payment of Vouchers – July 19, 2023
- 23-165 Resolution Awarding Contract for Brookside Road Improvements and Replacement of County Culvert MS-38
- 23-166 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees for Central Jersey Storage, (Block 56, Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8.01), Application No. Z17-03
- 23-167 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 (2023 Sustainable Jersey Grant)
- 23-168 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 (2023 Clean Communities Grant)
- 23-169 Resolution Appointing Temporary Electrical Subcode Official and Electrical Inspector
- 23-170 Resolution Adjusting Full-Time DPW Laborer – Tiffany Turcotte
- 23-171 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone Authorizing Execution of a Developer’s Agreement with the Affordable Housing Alliance for Construction of a 67 Unit Project on Block 57, Lot 16.03
- 23-172 Resolution of Need of the Township Committee of the Township of Millstone
- 23-173 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of a One Time Grace Period for the Payment of Third Quarter Taxes - 2023

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 23-164 through 23-173 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2023

Motion to adopt the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2023 was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2023

Motion to adopt the Township Committee Executive Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2023 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3. Special Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023

Motion to adopt the Township Committee Special Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2023 was moved by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR JUNE 2023:

Tax Collector \$211,199.82

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Clerks Report	\$ 2,905.00
Dog License	\$ 200.40
Municipal Court	\$ 15,854.63
Recreation	\$ 25,175.03
Construction	\$ 48,303.00
COAH	\$ 8,828.00
2023 Interest Revenue	

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

APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

1. Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, RA #308, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on September 10, 2023 at 4 Red Valley Road.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation, RA #309, Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on September 30, 2023 at 22 Burnt Tavern Rd.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

DM/Morris stated that the Summer Camp Program enrollment is at 350 participants with 41 trips scheduled. This is up approximately 20% - 25% from prior years. The Tennis Program has sold out with 47 participants with a lot of positive feedback for the new instructor. The Adult Softball Program is new and has been a big hit with 90 participants. Flag football starts this week and is one of the largest programs; Flag Football and Soccer Registration are all programs open this week. Millstone Day is scheduled for September 10, 2023 from 12-5pm to be held at Millstone Park. The registration for the Summer Theater program is now open and will close on September 1, 2023; Stagecoach Production is hosted by the Recreation Department. This is for adults and children. More information can be found on the Millstone Recreation website.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township Administrator stated that there are many accidents still occurring in the Township and the State Police have increased their enforcement. There have been some issues with truck traffic throughout the Township and the Township has contracted to do a Traffic Study to hopefully find a solution. Unfortunately, a resident passed away due to a car accident with three people helicoptered to various hospitals. The Mayor and Township Committee send their condolences. The County is looking at possibly installing some round-about circles at various locations on County Route 524.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS: None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:26 p.m.

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Donald Marantz, 12 Patterson Lane discussed that the Lotus Flower opened up in town and is selling CBD products and he was surprised that they said that they will be selling marijuana. The person in charge stated that you can order at this location and pick it up at their other location in another town. The Township Committee stated that selling marijuana is not a permitted use and the Township will look into it. The Township Attorney stated that CBD products are the only products allowed to be sold. Mr. Marantz stated that the recycling yard was not open on Saturday at 8AM. The Township Administrator stated that, unfortunately, the employee filling in did not show up until 10AM. The Township has been advertising for a part-time Recycling Yard Attendant. Mr. Marantz would also like to invite the Township Committee to the Fishing Derby event held at Lake Julianna, 2 Beechwood Lane on August 26, 2023 for Disabled Children and Active-Duty Veterans only. Registration is required through Eventbrite.
M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.
Time Out 8:33 p.m.

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

July 19, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on August 16, 2023.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk