

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:06 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 – absent and Mayor Al Ferro - present. Also, in attendance: Brian Chabarek, Esq. - Township Attorney, Kevin Abernethy – Township Administrator and Kathleen Hart - Municipal Clerk.

Resolution 23-185 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 23-185 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, M/Ferro

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Davis, C/Zabrosky

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

Time In: 7:10 p.m.; Time Out: 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:11 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:

1. Resignation received from Robin Bucchi, Tax Assessor, effective August 31, 2023.
2. Resignation received from Brian Lourenco, Recreation Commission, effective July 24, 2023.

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 23-14

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 61 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANTORY STATEMENT: This ordinance repeals Chapter 2, Section 61 of the Township of Millstone’s Revised General Ordinances. The State of New Jersey enacted the Elections Transparency Act, P.L. 2023, c. 30, which made significant changes to New Jersey’s local pay-to-play laws. Subsequently, the New Jersey Local Finance Board recommended that municipalities repeal ordinances authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51. Chapter 2, Section 61 of the Township of Millstone’s Revised General Ordinances codifies the local pay-to-play law previously authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51. Pursuant to the changes to the law brought forth by P.L. 2023, c. 30, the Township of Millstone must repeal its current pay-to-play law.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-14 on first reading was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on September 20, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

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.

23-186 TABLED Resolution Awarding Contract for 2022/2023 Roadway Improvement Program
23-187 Resolution Appointing Part-Time Recycling Yard Operator
23-188 Resolution Appointing Electrical Subcode Official and Electrical Inspector
23-189 Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale In-Lieu of Costs
23-190 Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale
23-191 Payment of Vouchers – September 6, 2023

M/Ferro made a motion to remove Resolution 23-186 from the consent agenda to table until the September 20, 2023 Township Committee meeting; second by C/McLaughlin.

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

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 23-187 through 23-191 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by C/Zabrosky.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2023

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes of August 16, 2023 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2023

Motion to adopt executive meeting minutes of August 16, 2023 was moved by C/McLaughlin; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

1. Standardbred Retirement Foundation, RA #310, Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on December 26, 2023 at 353 Sweetsman Lane.

Motion to approve was moved by C/McLaughlin, second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.

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 October 7, 2023 from 7PM - 11PM at 27 Burnt Tavern Road.

Motion to approve was moved by C/McLaughlin, second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.

2. Millstone Township Elks BPOE #2613 filed for a Social Affairs Permit for an event to be held on October 23, 2023 from 7PM - 11PM at 27 Burnt Tavern Road.

Motion to approve was moved by C/McLaughlin, second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.

LIAISON REPORTS:

DM/Morris would like to thank Brian Lourenco for all his years of service volunteering his time to the Recreation Commission and as a coach for the Recreation Department. There are two alternate member positions open on the Recreation Commission. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Municipal Clerk for a Talent Bank Application. Millstone Day is this Sunday, September 10th at Millstone Park from 12pm – 5pm. There will be food trucks, inflatables, Elks Club Beer Truck and live music. A food drive for local pantries in Monmouth County will also be held. Please bring your donations to the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties booth. Township Administrator thanked Monmouth County who supplied the Township with flags to assist with parking and Jackson Township for allowing the Township to utilize their stage.

DM/Morris stated that the Historic Commission is seeking permission to submit a Historic Preservation Grant with the Monmouth County Historic Commission for continuous repairs to the Thomas Baird House, Phase II. This is a matching grant and the Township could receive up to \$10,000. The Historic Commission has applied for this grant in the past for Phase I and would like to apply for Phase II. DM/Morris made a motion to approve the grant submission to Monmouth County for the Thomas Baird House, Phase II; second by M/Ferro. All in Favor.

M/Ferro stated that the Fire/EMS responded to 127 calls for the month of August which included 88 medical calls, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 25 fire calls and 63 transports to various hospitals. The day shift had 83 calls and the night shift had 44 calls. Thank you for all you do.

The Township Administrator stated that there are too many vehicle accidents each month. School is back in session and the speed drone is currently on Red Valley Road. The State Troopers will issue tickets and fines are high. At the September 20, 2023 Township Committee meeting the Troopers will be in attendance. If you have any questions, please attend or send the Township Administrator an email with your questions or concerns. DM/Morris stated that Cars and Coffee held their event this past weekend and the State Police were in attendance and in force.

M/Ferro reminded everyone to come out to Millstone Day, this Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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 8:30 p.m.

No public comment.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:30 p.m.

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

September 6, 2023 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on September 20, 2023.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk