

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2024

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 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 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, 2023.

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

Resolution 24-117 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 24-117 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded into the record.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

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

Time In: 7:06 p.m.; Time Out: 8:01 p.m.

M/Ferro calls the regular meeting to order at 8:02 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.

PROCLAMATION: 2024 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

Whereas, trees greatly enhance the lives of our residents.

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Now, Therefore, I, Al Ferro, Mayor of the Township of Millstone, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 26th as National Arbor Day for the year 2024.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Letter received from Arbor Day Foundation congratulating Millstone Township on earning recognition as a 2023 Tree City USA. Millstone Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 16 years.

RESOLUTION:

24-118 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt and Review of Planning Board Consistency Report for Ordinance 24-05

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 24-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (FEES), DELETING CHAPTER 16 (TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 35 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends Chapter 5 (Fees), deletes Chapter 16 (Trailers and Mobile Homes) in its entirety, and amends Chapter 35 by amending standards for RV/Watercraft Storage, Trailer Storage, Outside Storage, and Mobile Home Provisions.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Biddle, 25 Halka Way, questioned why this ordinance is changing the current regulations as he is interested in putting in a 55+ senior trailer on his property as he has a disabled wife. He would live in the trailer with his wife and have his daughter live in his house. Mr. Biddle does not have a current license on file as this ordinance does have a provision that would have grandfathered him in. M/Ferro stated that if the Township Committee decides to table this ordinance to the May 15, 2024 Township Committee meeting, Mr. Biddle would be able to apply. However, he would need to meet all of the required conditions. If the ordinance gets adopted, Mr. Biddle would then need to apply for a variance.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Motion to table Ordinance 24-05 to the May 15, 2024 Township Committee meeting 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/Ziner

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THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 (Administration), Article 3 (Departments of the Municipal Government), Section 20 (Department of Public Works), by deleting Section 2-20.4 (Tenure, Removal) in its entirety and revising Section 2-20.5 (Non-Union Appointment), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-08 was made by C/Zabrosky; second by DM/Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on May 1, 2024 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.

- 24-119 Payment of Vouchers – April 17, 2024
- 24-120 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Spring Road Remediation Project
- 24-121 Resolution Authorizing Traffic Pre-Emption Agreement System at Route 33 and Iron Ore Road/Smithburg Road/Woodville Road (C.R. 527A)

A motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 24-119 thru 24-121 was made by DM/Morris; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR MARCH 2024:

Tax Collector	\$266,334.45
Clerks Report	\$ 2,813.00
Dog License	\$ 702.00
Municipal Court	\$ 5,738.93
Recreation	\$ 88,080.77
Construction	\$ 37,306.80
COAH	\$ 4,385.00
2024 Interest Revenue	

Motion to file was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES: None Presented

APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE BIN (RENEWAL)

1. World of Hope Recycling, LLC.: Bin located at Clarksburg General Store, (has received permission from owner).

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Motion to approve was moved by M/Ferro; second by DM/Morris. All in Favor.

2. World of Hope Recycling, LLC.: Bin located at 899 Perrineville Rd. (Parking Lot over by DPW)

Motion to approve was moved by DM/Morris; second by M/Ferro. All in Favor.

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Zabrosky discussed that the month of May is Older American Month, sponsored by Monmouth County. Last year we participated in the County program and nominated two seniors and would like to do the same this year. The Planning Board held their meeting via zoom for administrative items only; there were no applications. At the Board of Education meeting the Township Committee presented a Certificate of Achievement to Victoria Reese and the Millstone Township County Girl Scouts. It was a very nice ceremony.

C/Zabrosky read into the record the Certificate of Achievement for Victoria Reese:

This Certificate of Achievement Is Presented to Victoria Reese in recognition of her outstanding commitment as a fifth-grade student. After learning the New Jersey Elks was successful in fundraising over \$2 million to cover the expenses for all the children attending a special needs camp, Victoria launched a fundraiser to provide \$100 to 10 families to assist them in purchasing necessary supplies for the sleep-away camp.

The Mayor and the Township Committee congratulates your ability to demonstrate your commitment to help others, your compassionate spirit, being an inspiration to all, and becoming the best you can be.

C/Zabrosky read into the record the Certificate of Achievement for Millstone Girl Scouts:

This Certificate of Achievement is Presented to the Millstone Girl Scouts and its 15 troops, 174 girl members, and 111 adult members (including 34 troop leaders) are committed to community service.

Millstone's active troops have logged over 1,500 hours of community service over the life of their troops, and this school year alone they have completed 1,500 hours of community service to date. Annual town-wide community service projects include the stocking of the food pantry at the Millstone Senior Center, where each troop commits to supplying the pantry in a designated month; laying flags and wreaths at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery; and hosting an annual holiday party for our town's seniors, including food, gifts, and entertainment. Individual troops have performed many more community service, such as distributing blessing bags, installing a buddy bench at the Brandywine Soccer Fields, and collecting books and toys for the Mia Foundation for children who are cancer patients.

Older Girl Scouts in Millstone have also logged many hours completing their Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, the highest awards that a Girl Scout can earn.

Millstone Girl Scouts are a shining example of how building girls of Courage, Confidence and Character will truly make the world a better place.

M/Ferro and the Township Administrator met with the Veterans Council to discuss the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on May 27th to honor the Veterans. Please come out to support the Veterans.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: The Township Administrator stated that Millstone Road was paved from Baird Road to Route 33 along with Backbone Hill Road and Forman Road.

COMMENTS FROM THE DIAS:

M/Ferro made the following announcements:

The Primary Election is June 4th from 6am – 8pm. Early Voting for the Primary Election will be from May 29th through June 2nd with the two closest locations being Manalapan Township, Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive and Upper Freehold Township, Hope Fire Company #1, 82 Route 526, Allentown.

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Monmouth County Paper Shredding Events for 2024: The two closest locations are Upper Freehold Township, 314 Route 539, Cream Ridge on May 4th and Freehold Township, 1 Municipal Plaza, Freehold on September 7th. This is a free service for Monmouth County residents.

Millstone Township Clean Communities, the Environmental Commission and Monmouth County are sponsoring a Tire Disposal Event on April 20th from 8am – 1pm at the Department of Public Works, 899 Perrineville Road.

The Millstone Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse under the Mayor’s Wellness Program is having its 21st Annual “Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs” Fishing Derby on June 8, 2024. Pre-registration is required through the Recreation Department.

The Township Administrator stated that the Township finished their annual spring cleanup. However, some residents did put out debris that was not allowed and the contractor did not pick up. The residents will need to remove the debris.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Biddle, 25 Halka Way: He would like the Township Committee to consider moving the Spring Clean Up date to a later date as it is always around the Easter holiday and makes the town look messy. The Township will take this into consideration.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:36 p.m.

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

April 17, 2024 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on May 15, 2024.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk