

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2024

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, 2023.

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

Resolution 24-122 Authorizing the Holding of an Executive Session, at Which the Public Shall be Excluded was moved by C/Ziner; second by C/Davis.

Municipal Clerk read Resolution 24-122 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, C/Ziner, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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

Time In: 7:07 p.m.; Time Out: 7:56 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Resignation letter received, April 19, 2024, from James Maraday, DPW, effective May 3, 2024.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING

24-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE 3 (DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT) SECTION 2-20.4 (TENURE, REMOVAL) AND SECTION 2-20.5 (NON-UNION APPOINTMENT) OF 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.

Affidavit of Publication Presented

Mayor Ferro opens the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

No public comment.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

FIRST READING

24-09 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 24, LOT 6 LOCATED AT 455 HIGHWAY 33

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance accepts a Conservation Easement for a portion of Block 24, Lot 6 upon completion of improvements and release of performance guarantees.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-09 was made by C/Ziner; second by C/Zabrosky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Second reading and Public Hearing to be held on May 15, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. at the Millstone Township Meeting Room, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION:

24-123 Resolution to Adopt Temporary Emergency Appropriations #3

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-123 was made by DM/Morris; second by C/Ziner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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.

24-124 Payment of Vouchers – May 1, 2024

24-125 Resolution Millstone Park Phase II Improvements Municipal Open Space Grant No. 20-01 Project Completion – Closing Statement

24-126 Resolution Authorizing Payment No. 1 to the Contractor for Environmental Educational Trail at 28 Burnt Tavern Road

A motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 24-124 thru 24-126 was made by DM/Morris; second by C/Ziner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024

A motion to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 3, 2024 was made by C/Davis; second by C/Ziner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024

A motion to adopt the executive meeting minutes of April 3, 2024 was made by C/Ziner; second by C/Davis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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 July 13, 2024 from 12Pm – 8PM at 22 Burnt Tavern Road.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Davis stated that the Stream Cleanup was very successful and it was a great turnout. 1900 pounds of garbage was collected. The Shade Tree Commission sponsored two tree plantings for Arbor Day. One was at Millstone Park and the other was at the Middle School.

C/Ziner stated that the Open Space Clambake is scheduled for June 2, 2024.

M/Ferro stated that the Fire/EMS responded to 97 calls for the month of April which included 64 medical calls, 19 motor vehicle accidents, 14 fire calls and 64 transports to various hospitals. The day shift had 57 calls and the night shift had 42 calls. Please come out and support the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 27, 2024. The parade begins at 9:15am and the ceremony begins at 10am. If interested in participating in the parade, please complete the parade entry form that is on the Township website.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: The Township Administrator stated with regard to repairs, that the bridge on Brookside Road is now open.

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.

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.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:15 p.m.

No public comment.

M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:15 p.m.

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

May 1, 2024 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on May 15, 2024.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk