

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 7:09 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 24-191 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 24-188 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, M/Ferro
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Ziner

Time In: 7:11 p.m.

Motion to close Executive Session was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky at 7:27 p.m. All in Favor.

Motion to go back into Executive Session was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Ziner at 7:48 p.m. All in Favor.

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

Time Out: 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Ferro calls the meeting to order 8:06 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 Scott D’Amico, Construction Office/Building SubCode/Inspector, effective September 24, 2024.

ORDINACES:

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 24-16

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 23-20 AMENDING CHAPTER II (ADMINISTRATION) PAYROLL OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE BY FIXING SALARY RANGES OF THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance amends the salary range for the Certified Municipal Financial Officer.

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Affidavit of Publication Presented

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

Ryan Walker, 11 Pinehill Rd. questioned what the current salary is and what is the range. The Township Attorney stated that this ordinance increases the range for this position which allows for the salary to be anywhere between \$1,000 to \$95,000.

Mayor Ferro closes the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Ziner 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.

- 24-192 Payment of Vouchers – September 18, 2024
- 24-193 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Cancel Real Estate Taxes Listed on Schedule A
- 24-194 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement for Regional Animal Control Services 2025-2026
- 24-195 Resolution Approving Change Order and Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Clarksburg Cultural Center Building
- 24-196 Resolution Directing Tax Collector to Refund Real Estates Taxes Listed on Schedule A

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Ziner ABSENT: None

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR AUGUST 2024:

Tax Collector	\$10,496,245.32
Clerks Report	\$ 794.00
Dog License	\$ 126.20
Municipal Court	\$ 15,307.36
Recreation	\$ 20,359.56
Construction	\$ 97,149.00
COAH	\$ 64,323.00
2024 Interest Revenue	

Motion to file was moved by C/Davis; second by C/Zabrosky with an All in Favor.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Ziner ABSENT: None

2. Executive Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Ziner ABSENT: None

APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE:

1. Millstone Township PTO, RA #327, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on October 26, 2024 from 4pm – 7pm at 5 Dawson Court.

Motion to approve was moved by C/Zabrosky; second by C/Ziner with an All in Favor.

LIAISON REPORTS:

C/Davis stated that the Environmental Commission is hard at work doing the monthly testing of the stream waters. Anyone interested in helping, please contact the Environmental Commission.

DM/Morris stated that the Recreation Commission will be creating a new Senior Arts program. The Recreation Commission is trying to create more activities for seniors that are not related to sport activities. Millstone Day was a success, approximately 2,000 residents attended. The Recreation Commission will be discussing new ideas for Millstone Day. If anyone has any new ideas, please reach out to the Recreation Coordinator. Winter Wonderland is scheduled for December 6, 2024 with more information to follow.

M/Ferro stated he met with OEM to review the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Millstone Township. This plan is filed with the County OEM and enables the Township the ability to pull resources in a state of emergency.

The Township Administrator stated that a few events for Millstone Day could be Touch-a-Truck, bocce ball, volleyball, horseshoes or cornhole tournaments. Would also like to thank the Department of Public Works for all of their assistance for Millstone Day.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fall Brush Drop Off Dates – 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9 at 15 Baird Road, 8am – 1pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE DAIS:

C/Zabrosky reminded residents that you need to stop for school buses that have flashing red lights. We already have had several incidents with cars going around school buses. This is very dangerous. A procedure is in place and if you do not stop, you will be prosecuted.

C/Zabrosky said that she went for a walk at Millstone Park and would like to commend the DPW crew who were mowing the grass. They all stopped, were very cordial and waited until she passed to begin again. The Township Administrator stated that there have been some issues with coaches who are leaving the fields a mess after practices.

M/Ferro announced the passing of William “Bill” Nurko on September 12, 2024 after a courageous 14-year battle with dementia. Mr. Nurko was a former Mayor of Millstone and served on the Township Committee for

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two terms. The Township and the Veterans Council has lowered the American flags in honor of Mr. Nurko. The Mayor and Township Committee sends their condolences to the family.

M/Ferro announced that there was a fatal motorcycle accident in Millstone a few days ago involving a 23-year-old woman, Laura Wildner, from Monroe. The Mayor and Township Committee send their condolences to the family.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (Limited to ½ Hour)

M/Ferro opens the meeting to the public at 8:23 p.m.

Robert Schantz spoke about his concerns regarding vehicles speeding, passing with double yellow lines, passing school buses and tractor trailers on Windsor Road, which is part in East Windsor and Millstone. He questions why this street is not being enforced and would like to see enforcement by the State Police and East Windsor police. The Township Administrator will reach out to East Windsor.

Ryan Walker, 11 Pinehill Rd has questions about the Millstone Township Farmland Preservation Plan and would like to view the plan. He agrees with the preservation of farms and is interested in getting involved. Was surprised that a lot of the local farms and businesses in Millstone did not have stands at Millstone Day. M/Ferro stated that if you would like to volunteer on one of the boards, please complete a Talent Bank application. M/Ferro closes the meeting to the public at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out 8:37 p.m.

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

September 18, 2024 Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes approved at a Township Committee meeting held on October 2, 2024.

Kathleen Hart, RMC
Municipal Clerk