

Borough of Millstone

Planning Board
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2007

Official Minutes
Approved January 8, 2008

Chairman Dorschner called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Dorschner read the following statement:

"The regular meeting of the Millstone Borough Planning Board will please come to order. Adequate notice of this meeting has been noticed to the Hillsborough Beacon and Courier News and posted at Borough Hall. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your views at this time, stating the reason for which you feel the notice is improper. Hearing none, we will proceed to the next item on the agenda."

Roll Call:

Present:	Sal Ciurleo	Dan Devoti
	Keith Dorschner	Carol Halm
	Richard McDermott	Arthur Milgrom
	Rebecca Newman	Jessica Pyatt

Also present: Denise Piskowski, Board Secretary

Absent:	Ray Heck	Frank Maffie
	Gerald J. Muller, Esq – Planning Board Attorney	
	Carter Van Dyke – Planning Consultant	

There being no public the Board opened and closed the meeting to the public.

The Board reviewed the November 2007 invoices submitted by Mr. Van Dyke and Mr. Muller.

On a motion by Ms. Newman, seconded by Mr. Ciurleo, and with an aye vote by all the Board agreed to pay the November 2007 invoices submitted by Mr. Van Dyke and Mr. Muller.

On a motion by Mr. Devoti, seconded by Ms. Newman, the Board approved the November 27, 2007 regular and executive meeting minutes.

Reports

Dan Devoti, Zoning Officer

Mr. Devoti informed the Board that he had received an email from the Potts saying that they had contacted the Historic District Commission and had received some guidance regarding their plans for the Gardener to Gardener business and that they had met with their engineer and will have a plan to present to the Board in January

Mr. Devoti spoke with the Franklin Township court office and they informed him that they cannot find the executor of the Blackshear property. He will go to the Franklin Township court office to get a more formal report of the progress.

Mr. Devoti outlined the problem with the crumbling wall for Ms. Pyatt and the process that the Board has been taking to get this problem fixed. The Board discussed the history of the problem other options for getting it resolved.

Carol Halm

- The purchase orders have been cut for the park equipment that is to be installed at the Ann Street Park
- Council discussed the Yorktown Road drain installation. County engineers tried to change the plan but DEP said that the plan has to be as is. The construction should start in June and one lane will be closed for about 6 weeks. Ms. Halm further explained where the drain would be installed and how it would affect the surrounding areas.
- The 50,000 grant for repaving South River Street has been received this will begin in the spring. Jim DeMuro will be overseeing the project
- All officials need to be at the re-org meeting on January 3, 2008.
- COAH sent letter to DEP excluding the Rzem property from the affordable housing obligation, so they can continue the appraisals
- No new information has been received on the sewer issue with Hillsborough
- The 2008 budget is in good shape
- Mr. Sweeney, Millstone Liquor, had license transferred.
- Mr. Hewitt resigned from Council, three names have been proposed to complete his term. Scott Ross was appointed.

Mr. Ciurleo asked Ms. Halm about the Ann Street Park equipment. Ms. Halm informed the Board that the old swing would be removed, the jungle gym would be moved and safety mulch placed underneath, new swings will be installed near the big tree and a solar light installed in the back. The old wooden swinging bridge apparatus, which no longer meets safety standards, is being removed. The new equipment, which meets the current safety standards, is being purchased with grant money that was received to upgrade this park, Ms. Lucash was in charge, but Mr. Heck will take over this project.

- Cards were sent to the residents regarding leaf pickup. Council will introduce an Ordinance early next year. A discussion ensued on the violations by the residents.
- The County recommends that grass and leaves be mulched and composted. Council contacted surrounding towns regarding a possible shared services arrangement. Hillsborough and Franklin are not interested in shared services at this time. A discussion ensued on where the residents could dispose of their leaves and grass clippings.

Ms. Piskowski asked Ms. Halm to get an accounting from Mr. Della Pia for the JPP escrow account.

Mr. McDermott informed the Board about an article in the Courier newspaper regarding the Claremont Road, Hillsborough, residents and the sewer installation. He recommends that the Board read this article. He expressed his opinion that this article brought items out that the Board should be aware of. A discussion ensued on the costs involved to replace a sewer system versus a city hookup. Mr. McDermott feels that the Borough will be faced with a similar situation as the Claremont Road residents. A discussion ensued on sewer systems and the

different types of systems that are available. The discussion continued regarding sewers. Mr. Devoti explained 'peat' systems

Ms. Halm asked about the 2008 budget for the Board and the contracts for the professionals for 2008. A discussion ensued on the Boards expenses and how this was done in previous years.

There being no public, on a motion by Ms. Newman, seconded by Ms. Pyatt, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Piszkowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Piszkowski
Planning Board Secretary