

Borough of Millstone

Planning Board
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2012

Chairman Dorschner called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 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:	Christine Fung	Keith Dorschner
	Carl Kestner	Alan Kidd
	Richard McDermott	Don Roden

Also present: Gerald J. Muller, Esq – Planning Board Attorney
Carter Van Dyke – Planning Consultant
Lynn Reynolds – Planner Assistant
Denise Piskowski, Board Secretary

Absent:	Clint Bowers	Dan Devoti
	Dan Dixson	Pat Greico

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

Mr. Dorschner informed the Board that he would be stepping down as chairperson and nominated Ms. Fung. The nomination for Ms. Fung as Chairperson was seconded by Mr. Kestner. With an aye vote by all Ms. Fung was appointed as the Chairperson for 2012 by the Board.

Ms. Fung asked for nominations for the vice-chairperson.

Mr. Roden nominated Mr. Dorschner for vice chairperson. The nomination for Mr. Dorschner as vice-chairperson was seconded by Mr. Kidd. With an aye vote by all Mr. Dorschner was appointed as the Vice-Chairperson for 2012 by the Board.

Ms. Fung informed the Board that Mr. Greico resigned, and stated she would contact Mr. Dixson about attending meetings. Mr. Roden informed the Board that he could not attend the next few meetings.

On a motion by Mr. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Dorschner, the Board approved the 2012 contracts submitted by Mr. Muller, Mr. Van Dyke and Ms. Bishop.

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2012. The Board decided that there would be no meeting in July 2012 and that the November meeting would be held on November 13, 2012 due to the elections being on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

On a motion by Mr. Roden, seconded by Mr. Kidd the Board approved the 2012 Planning Board meeting schedule as discussed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Dorschner, seconded by Mr. Kidd, the Board approved the December 6, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Roden abstained.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROFESSIONALS' INVOICES

On a motion by Mr. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Roden, the Board approved the November 2011 invoices submitted by Mr. Muller and the October and November 2011 invoices submitted by Mr. Van Dyke.

REPORTS

Mr. Kidd, Council Representative

Mr. Kidd reported that:

- State officials attended the January 4, 2012 Council meeting.
- A reimbursement request was submitted to FEMA by the Mayor for supplies that were purchased by the Borough to help with the damage done by the storm 'IRENE'.
- A grant was submitted to the NJ OEM for the storm damage that was done by the storm that came on Halloween weekend 2011 and Council would be putting some of the money aside for other expenses due to these storms.
- Council is working on an ordinance regarding sidewalks that will put the responsibility for repair and maintenance on the residents. The Mayor will be applying for a grant to help with some of the repairs. Mr. McDermott stated that the sidewalks on Amwell Road were not the responsibility of the Borough that they are the County's responsibility. Mr. Kidd stated that sidewalks were responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Kidd stated he would check into who was actually responsible for these sidewalks.
- Three new Marshalls' were appointed by Council one is Clint Bowers.
- Council will meet again on February 20th and he stated that it is beneficial when a Board member attends.

The Board discussed the hazards of some of the sidewalks. Mr. Dorschner asked about the fencing outside of Borough Hall. Mr. Kidd stated that it was going to be put around Borough Hall in the spring.

Mr. Van Dyke, Planner

Plan Endorsement Update

Mr. Van Dyke and Ms. Reynolds updated the Board on the Plan Endorsement. They informed the Board that the Somerset County Planning Commission is currently reviewing the Borough's plan to give the Borough some guidance on what may not be appropriate for a Borough of this size. They are also review the Borough center boundary designation as shown on the maps provided and stated that a preliminary center designation should be ready by mid spring. This will help towards the Boroughs obligation for sewers and other items.

Somerset County Sustainable Somerset Plan

Mr. Van Dyke said that he had been contacted by Ms. Kratina of the County Planning Board and she informed him that the Borough had not responded to notifications from the County Planning Board regarding the Somerset County Sustainable Somerset Plan. She sent Mr. Van Dyke an application to get the Borough included in the Plan and informed him that it needed to be completed and submitted by January 15th. Mr. Van Dyke explained that the Borough's size makes it eligible in the Local Priority Area (LPA) part of the Plan. Mr. Van Dyke explained the benefits of this Plan for the Borough and

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reviewed the application and its requirements with the Board. The Board discussed the application and gave Mr. Van Dyke their input to complete the application.

Mr. Kidd expressed his concern that Council is not aware of this plan and the goals that are expressed in the application. Mr. Van Dyke stated that he would change the language in the letter to be submitted to Mr. Navatt to read '...at the request of the Planning Board to confirm their support ...' contingent on approval by Borough Council.

The Board continued to discuss the application and agreed that they were satisfied that the questionnaire was complete

On a motion by Mr. Roden, seconded by Mr. Dorschner and with an aye vote by all the Board directed that the Sustainable Somerset Plan Application be submitted by Mr. Van Dyke as discussed to the Somerset County Planning Board.

Mr. Kestner asked what would happen if the Borough did not complete this application. Mr. Van Dyke informed the Board that this was to tie the Borough in with the County's plan to facilitate the needs of the community. The Board discussed their options. The benefits for the Borough are to be included in the County's plans for economic development, sewers, etc.

On a motion by Mr. Roden, seconded by Mr. Kidd the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Submitted,
Denise Piskowski
Planning Board Secretary