

Borough of Millstone
Planning Board
Regular Meeting
November 23, 2010

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Chairman Dorschner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There was one member 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:	Dan Devoti	Keith Dorschner
	Christine Fung	Mayor Ray Heck arrived at 8:15
	Carl Kestner	Richard McDermott
	Don Roden	

Also present: Denise Piskowski, Board Secretary

Absent: Alan Kidd

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

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROFESSIONALS’ INVOICES

Ms. Fung asked the Board about the 'area in need' invoices presented and whether the costs are being paid from a grant or out of the Board budget. The Mayor may have information about this matter.

Ms. Fung also asked about Mr. Van Dyke's invoices for St. Joes. A discussion ensued on why Mr. Van Dyke billed additional visits to the site and if additional visits were discussed and planned during the October Planning Board meeting when she was absent. The Board discussed that that a Board member could visit the site to confirm that the applicant was complying with the application. The Board tabled the discussion until the Mayor arrives.

Mr. Devoti updated the Board about an application that is being submitted by S&G Enterprises. Mr. Devoti handed out copies of the application to the Board. He informed the Board that the application is for a combined Preliminary and Final Site Plan and a C Variance. The C Variance is for the undersized apartment and the Site Plan is for the entire property. The Board discussed the plans.

Mr. Devoti also informed the Board that the Hillsborough Reformed Church submitted an application for a Minor Subdivision, Site Plan, 3 C Variances and a D Variance. He handed out copies of the application and explained that they would be trying to save the historic house on the property and to use the rest of the property for parking. Mr. Devoti explained the application to the Board. The Board discussed whether members of the Board who were members of the church should recuse themselves from voting on this application and if this were necessary would there be enough remaining Board members for a quorum.

Mayor Heck arrived. Mr. Devoti gave him copies of the applications and updated him on them. The Board discussed if Mr. Devoti could vote because he had done work for the church in the past.

Mr. Devoti informed the Board that he filed a formal complaint for the Blackshear property on North River Street because the wall is still not fixed. Mr. Devoti spoke with the prosecutor and the property owner about the fines that are in excess of \$100,000. The owner stated she did not want to pay the fines and wanted to go to court and the date is set for December 15, 2010 at 5:00.

The Board asked Mr. Heck about some of the professional's invoices and about what account they were being paid from. Mr. Heck stated that the 'area in need' should be eventually be reimbursed from FEMA grants that should be received. The Board discussed how the professionals were billing.

On a motion by Mr. Dorschner, seconded by Mr. Rode, the Board approved the September 2010 and October 2010 invoices submitted by Mr. Muller and Mr. Van Dyke.

DISCUSSION

Christine Fung:

Asked that Board members be certain that they their correct phone number on file so that they can be contacted in urgent matters. Mr. Heck informed the Board that they should be saving all of their Borough related emails. Ms. Fung stated that anyone who needs Mr. Devoti should call him as he does not always have access to his email.

Ms. Fung asked that everyone please bring copies of the minutes that are emailed monthly.

Ms. Fung also asked about dumpsters in residential zones and asked that if there wasn't currently an ordinance that one be drafted and implemented. The property next to Borough Hall has had a dumpster in their yard for over two years and there is also a business sign on the property. Mr. Heck stated that Mr. Devoti should send a notice to remove the trash, bed mattress, large cardboard pieces and air-conditioning compressors and if these items are not removed, then to fine him. Ms. Fung also stated that it appears that a business is being run from the home as there is a trailer with an advertising banner for an air conditioning and heating business attached to it. A discussion ensued. Ms. Fung also stated that as the Borough Marshall Mr. Grimshaw should not have these violations on his property. Mr. Devoti stated he would call Mr. Grimshaw.

Ms. Fung asked that the Planning Board ordinances be codified. Mr. Heck stated that they could be put on the website. Ms. Piszowski will contact the webmaster to have the Ordinances put on the Borough website.

There being no public on a motion by Mr. Dorschner, seconded by Mr. Devoti, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Submitted,



Denise Piszowski
Planning Board Secretary