

Borough of Millstone

Planning Board
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2008

Co-Chairperson Newman called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. There were four 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
	Carol Halm	Richard McDermott
	Rebecca Newman	

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

Absent:	Keith Dorschner	Christine Fung
	Ray Heck	Jessica Pyatt

On a motion by Ms. Halm, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Board opened the meeting to the Public.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no comments, on a motion by Ms. Halm, seconded Mr. Devoti, the Board closed the meeting to the Public.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the resolutions for St. Joe's Church and JPP Properties.

On a motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Ciurleo, and with an aye vote by all the Board passed the Resolution for St. Joe's Church.

On a motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Ciurleo, and with an aye vote by all the Board passed the Resolution for JPP Properties.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROFESSIONALS' INVOICES

Dan asked if all of the professionals work was completed for St. Joe's Church and JPP Properties. Mr. Muller stated that all work had been completed but one more bill would be issued for the final work completed in April. Ms. Newman, at the request of Mr. Heck, asked about a charge by Mr. Van Dyke for Ms. Reynolds regarding an American Water line item. The Board discussed this item.

On a motion by Mr. Ciurleo, seconded by Mr. Devoti and with an aye vote by all the Board approved the March 2008 invoices for Mr. Muller and Mr. Van Dyke.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Newman read the resignation letter from Frank Maffie to the Board.

REPORTS

Dan Devoti, Zoning Officer

Mr. Devoti informed the Board that he had sent a letter to Mr. Grimshaw regarding the sign on his property and that the sign had been removed. Ms. Newman stated that the frame for the sign is still up and asked if this was permitted. A discussion ensued and Mr. Muller stated that this is not permitted. Mr. Devoti will send another letter. It was also discussed that the Building Inspector fined Mr. Grimshaw for violations on his property.

Mr. Devoti informed the Board that he had received a copy of the warrant that has been issued for the Blackshear Estate and it was issued in the daughter's name. He spoke with the Bound Brook Court and they do not seem in a hurry to issue the warrant. Mr. Muller recommended that Mr. Devoti contact the Somerset County Sheriff's office to see if they would help get this issue resolved. The Board discussed the best way to get this issued resolved.

Carol Halm, Council Person

- The Clerk had informed Council that the Board of Education elections went smoothly and the budget was passed.
- The Historic District Commission reported to Council that they applied for a \$77,192 grant to repair and restore the floor, ceiling, displays and outside brick at Borough Hall. They also requested a feasibility study for the basement and attic.
- The park equipment has been installed and shrub maintenance is currently being done.
- NJ American Water has waived the water connection fee for Borough Hall and Council is looking for a contractor to run the water line to the street and close the well.
- A meeting was held by the County regarding the culvert installation. The work will start the day after the school closes and there will be lane closures for traffic. Mr. DeMuro had asked Council if the Borough could add additional road work to the bid for the Borough and the County had stated that this was agreeable. Mr. DeMuro advised against raising Ann Street, but suggested that Belgian block be put flush with the road edge to help drainage. The county is agreeable to changing the direction of South River Street and would mark the road with hash marks. Mr. DeMuro had also informed Council that storm water decals to be placed on all storm drains.
- Mayor Heck is part of the Star Small Towns and Rural Organization which consists of 192 municipalities with a population of fewer than 5,000.

- NJ American Water will be submitting an application to the State Board of Utilities for an increase in water charges.
- Council is working on creating a vicious dog ordinance.

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On a motion by Ms. Halm, seconded by Mr. Ciurleo, the Board went into executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Ciurleo, seconded by Ms. Halm, the Board agreed to close executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:58.

Submitted,

Denise Piskowski
Planning Board Secretary