

OFFICIAL MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 5, 2019

Borough of Millstone Regular Meeting of the Planning Board February 5, 2019

Mr. Huber, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were no members of the public present.

Mr. Huber 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:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Vincent Biviano	X	
Clint Bowers		X
Dan Devoti	X	
Dan Dixon	X	
Christine Fung	X	
Zach Huber	X	
Derek Johnson	X	
Lawrence Tarantino	X	
<u>Also Present:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Denise Piskowski, Board Secretary	X	

The Board discussed nominations for vice chair and tabled the nomination until the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

The Board discussed the 2019 meeting schedule and approved the schedule as presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Fung, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board approved the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Devoti, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Tarantino abstained.

The Board discussed various properties in the Borough that are currently up for sale, vacant and/or in need of maintenance. Specifically:

- The property owner for the property on the corner of West Street and Amwell Road has a court date scheduled for February to address the lack of maintenance.
- 7 Ally Road has been vacant for the last 11+ years.
- Mr. Biviano stated he would ask Council for a current status on the Blackshear property.

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Mr. Tarantino offered to put together a list of the vacant properties in the Borough.

Ms. Fung, who is also a member of the Borough's Board of Health, informed the Board of the following:

- The Health Officer is offering free radon kits to the Borough residents.
- The property owner of 7 Ally Way had submitted a plan to DEP for approval.
- The Board of Health and Animal Control Office quickly contained the dog that bit another dog and they deemed the dog safe and are requiring obedience training. The dogs' owners were going to be putting in a 4 foot fence with an electric fence as backup.

Mr. Tarantino introduced himself he has lived in the Borough for 30 years. He was on the Board when he first moved in and helped to get the bypass done. He gave the Board a brief history. His background is in historic preservation and he believes that the historic elements should be preserved but with growth and expansion. He would like to see the Board accomplish some good things for the Borough and obtain some grants. Mr. Tarantino has a master's degree in architecture and city and regional planning and is currently semi-retired. He would like for the Borough be more pedestrian friendly.

Ms. Fung informed the Board that the village commercial plan was put on hold due to the lack of a sewer system in the Borough and that the County was currently working on a 'complete streets' plan for the entire County. Walter Lane is the County contact person for this project.

Ms. Fung explained some of the Boards projects and decisions over the years regarding COAH, sewers and development. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Devoti stated that there was a plan for a downtown rehabilitation plan however due to flooding the relocation and elevation of homes took precedence.

A discussion ensued on residents sump pumps being drained into the streets and neighboring properties.

Mr. Tarantino asked the Board to give some thought to what priorities the Board might look at going forward for the Borough. His thoughts were addressing the vacant properties, historical lighting and illuminating the sidewalks, streetscapes and connecting to other communities. Mr. Tarantino would also like to see the Borough maintain the historic nature of the Borough while bring in new life and revitalization. A discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and with an aye vote by all, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Submitted,



Denise Piskowski
Planning Board Secretary