

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Borough Common Council was held at Milford Firehouse located at 21 Water Street on September 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Henry Schepens, Mayor at 7:01PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Schepens.

SUNSHINE PROCLAMATION was read by Mayor Schepens.

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 11, 2024 in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times newspapers. Notices were also posted on the bulletin boards both inside and outside the Municipal Building and at the Milford Public Library.

ROLL CALL

Present: Noralie LaFevre, Helen Livingston, Douglas Sloyer,
Elisa Yager, Alex Peredjogin
Henry Schepens, Mayor
Absent: James Gallos

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman LeFevre commented that Borough Hall currently does not have a cleaning service. Council discussed possibly hiring an interim cleaning service.

Councilwoman Livingston commented that the American Flag at the Memorial is faded and in need of replacement. Councilwoman Yager has a contact to inquire about replacing the flag.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Milford Alive – Councilwoman Yager gave an update regarding last minute preparations for Milford Alive.

Milford River Cleanup – Cleanup of the creek will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 8:00am-10:00am.

CAG Meeting – September 24, 2024 @ 6:30pm, Mayor Schepens announced the meeting date and time.

Mayor Schepens announced a 2nd meeting with Viola Water to find a water operator and to discuss options for selling the water utility.

LEGAL AFFAIRS REPORT – TODD BOLIG, ESQ.

- Attorney Bolig reported they are waiting for sewer/water connection fees for the Barbieri tract. The Developer's Agreement needs to be updated from 2007 to account for the increase in cost of services.
- Attorney Bolig reported a chicken ordinance violation was rejected by the court. The court has asked for a legal opinion that the municipal ordinance neither conflicts with nor is preempted by common law or any statute. He will address the issue with the courts.
- Attorney Bolig reported on correspondence from the Mayor of Montvale opposing the

additional obligations of Affordable Housing on Municipalities. He recommends that the Council review the letter but to wait for the Affordable Housing numbers to come out in late October before taking any action.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Noralie LaFevre

- Councilwoman LaFevre reported she met with the Library Board Chair to discuss the colocation of the Borough Hall and the Library. She commented on the current status of the project.
- Councilwoman LaFevre reported she met with the president of the Merchant’s Association. Council reported that the Fargo Foundation has approved the grant for the purchase of American Flags.
- Councilwoman LaFevre reported on multiple Merchant’s Association events to be held for the remainder of the year.

WATER/SEWER – Doug Sloyer

- Councilman Sloyer reported that the Water/Sewer Department took the state required water samples for lead/copper, TTHM/HAA5, PFAS, and arsenic. All the samples are currently satisfactory. There will most likely be a requirement for additional treatment of PFAS when the new Federal rules take effect.
- Councilman Sloyer reported he spoke with the CFO regarding funds to contract out for water meter installations. He reported that he will need additional information to confirm funding for the project.
- Councilman Sloyer reported on the progress to install valves for the water system to isolate sections of town so a service leak can be capped.
- Councilman Sloyer announced he received the Fire Chief’s reports for July and August. He reported there were 22 calls in July and 18 calls in August.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – Alex Peredjogin

- Councilman Peredjogin reported that he inventoried street lights for complete and intermittent outages as well as dimming lights. There were a total of 44 lights which have been fixed.
- Councilman Peredjogin reported a leaning pole located on Frenchtown Road. He will contact the utility to address the issue.

ZONING/PLANNING BD. – Helen Livingston

Councilwoman Livingston reported there was no meeting of the Board in August. The next meeting is September 25, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. RE2024-088

Monday, September 16, 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILFORD AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (“I.T.”) SERVICES WITH MARMIC ASSOCIATES.

WHEREAS, Milford Borough is in need of I.T. Services to assist with the relocation and upgrade of the municipal I.T. infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received by the Borough’s Qualified Purchasing Agent from Marmic Associates to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that Milford Borough be authorized to enter into a contract with Marmic Associates for an hourly rate of \$125.00 in an

NOW, WHEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the MILFORD BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL that all aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

This being submitted at the Council meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
James Gallos						x
Noralie LaFevre		x	x			
Helen Livingston			x			
Alex Peredjogin			x			
Douglas Sloyer			x			
Elisa Yager	x		x			

**RESOLUTION No. RE2024-089
APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE
PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Henry Schepens as the Fund Commissioner and Leigh Gronau as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the

following:

1. Henry Schepens
(Fund Commissioner)
2. Leigh Gronau
(Alternate Fund Commissioner)
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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James Gallos						x
Noralie LaFevre	x		x			
Helen Livingston			x			
Alex Peredjogin			x			
Douglas Sloyer			x			
Elisa Yager		x	x			

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Noralie LaFevre made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

Seconded by Doug Sloyer.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: NO NAYS. Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion to close public comments was made by Noralie LeFevre.

Seconded by Elisa Yager.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: NO NAYS. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – August 2024

Comments: none

Motion to accept: Elisa Yager

Seconded: Alex Peredjogin

All in Favor – AYES: All NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: James Gallos

Tax Collector’s Report for August 2024 was approved.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL- August 5, 2024

Comments: none

Motion to accept: Douglas Sloyer

Seconded: Helen Livingston

All in Favor - AYES: All NAYS : None ABSTAIN: ABSENT: J. Gallos

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2024 are approved.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schepens advised there being no further business to discuss, the minutes of this meeting will be available as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn was made by: Councilwoman Yager

Seconded by: Councilman Peredjogin

All in Favor - AYES: All NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Gronau, RMC
Municipal Clerk