

**MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
May 7, 2020 (6:00 p.m.)
TELECONFERENCE RECORDING MALFUNCTIONED**

In attendance were Mayor Steve Maneri, Deputy Mayor Ronald Belinko, Treasurer Sharon Brienza, Secretary Barbara Ryer, Council Member Peter Michel, Town Solicitor Seth Thompson, and Town Manager Debbie Botchie. Town Clerk Matt Amerling was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maneri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Town Manager Debbie Botchie stated this open workshop meeting of the Millville Town Council is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Carney's Executive Order of March 13, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. Ms. Botchie stated in order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, the Town has been advised and directed by the Governor to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Ms. Botchie further stated all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. Ms. Botchie stated the Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting and hear the comments of the Councilmembers, who must in turn be able to hear the comments of all those participating. Ms. Botchie stated the other rules and procedures applicable to open meetings, including public hearings, remain in effect. Ms. Botchie stated ensuring public access does not mandate public participation unless the opportunity for such participation is otherwise required by law. Ms. Botchie stated this meeting will feature agenda items that do not require a public hearing and one item that does require a public hearing during which public comments will be received. Ms. Botchie stated for matters that are not listed on the agenda with public comment, the Town Council's Policies and Procedures give discretion to the Mayor whether to permit public comment before or during consideration of such matters. Ms. Botchie stated even if members of the public do not provide comment on any given agenda item, participants are advised that people may elect to still listen, and those persons are not required to identify themselves. Ms. Botchie stated for this meeting, the Millville Town Council is convening by teleconference, as posted on the Town's website identifying how the public may join, and to please note that this meeting is being recorded. Ms. Botchie stated all supporting materials of this body are available on the Town's website and the public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda.

2. ROLL CALL

All Council members were present.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and possible vote on Resolution 21-01 entitled “A Resolution to Establish a Six-week Moratorium on Enforcement on the Prohibition Under Town Code Section 155-43D for a Single “Feather” Sign for Properties Zoned and Used Commercially in the Town of Millville. *Synopsis:* If approved, the moratorium will be lifted June 18, 2020.

All of the Town Council were in favor and approved the Resolution 21-01.

- B. Discuss and possible vote on an amendment to the FY21 Organizational Chart. *Synopsis:* Town Manager added to Annexation Committee in error.

All of the Town Council were in favor of adding Sharon Brienza to the Annexation Committee and approved the FY21 Organizational Chart amendment.

- C. Discuss and possible vote on an amendment to the FY21 budget regarding expense related to Mayor’s cellular phone.

Mayor Maneri stated to the Council that since the COVID19 pandemic caused a State of Emergency in Delaware, his phone bill had risen to \$88.00 and he was requesting reimbursement of those monies. Councilmember Pete Michel motioned to approve the Mayor’s request to reimburse him the \$88.00. Treasurer Sharon Brienza seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CITIZENS’ PRIVILEGE

Mr. Ralph B. stated he wanted to thank the Town Council for their support on the heroes banner flag project.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Brienza motioned to adjourn at _:___ p.m. _____ seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Botchie, Town Manager