



MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. - Executive Session

Regular Meeting to convene at 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Joseph Parent, Treasurer Peter Michel, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, and Town Manager Deborah Botchie.

Motion to enter Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Brienza to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michel. The motion was carried 5-0.

Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

3. **Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Brienza to reconvene the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michel. The motion was carried 5-0.

Present: Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Joseph Parent, Treasurer Peter Michel, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Deborah Botchie and Town Clerk Wendy Mardini.

Mayor Belinko took a moment to acknowledge an article that appeared in U.S. News and World Report where the Town of Millville was voted 22 out of 25 of the most popular small towns to live in the United States.

2. **Citizens' Privilege:** None.

3. **New Business:**

Public Hearing Notice – Secretary Joseph Parent: Notice of the following public hearing was posted in the legal section of the May 12, 2023, issue of the Coastal Point, and on the Town bulletin board.

Discuss and possible vote on a Conditional Use Application submitted by Rauch, Inc, on behalf of Gander's Car Wash, LLC, for a full-service car wash, located at TMP 134-12.00-404.00 and 405.00, 35528 Atlantic Ave.

The Town's Planning & Zoning Commission voted 5-0 recommending the Town Council to approve the Conditional Use.

Introduced on behalf of the applicant is Ryan Showalter, Esq. of McAllister, DeTar, Showalter & Walker, Easton, MD; Mr. John Sovero, owner of Gander's Car Wash in Easton, MD; and Mr. Casey Rauch of Rauch, Inc., Easton, MD, the civil engineer for Gander's Car Wash project. Mr. Sovero explained they are interested in providing a service to the Town, the concept of the car wash and how it is going to operate. There will be a full-service car wash or flex service, depending on what the patron wants to do. There will be an interior bay to have a full service completed while the patron waits in the waiting room or there will be an express option where vacuums are available for people who want to do it themselves. Mr. Rauch explained the site plan layout, pointing out parking spaces, vacuum locations, and traffic directions. They are having discussions with DNREC and DelDOT for their guidelines and recommendations.

Mr. Parent asked about the car wash water filtration system and how it worked. Mr. Sovero explained how the filtration system worked and that once a year the tanks are cleaned out by a service. Mr. Wisgirda commented that he liked the concept and the look of the building. Mr. Sovero also commented that he will be open to any suggestions from the Council regarding the exterior of the building, wanting to keep it in line with a coastal look. He also explained the extras that will be available for an additional fee, in addition to a membership fee program.

Mayor Belinko closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Sharon Brienza made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by Rauch, Inc, on behalf of Gander's Car Wash, LLC, for a full-service car wash, located at TMP 134-12.00-404.00 and 405.00, 35528 Atlantic Ave. Pete Michel made a motion to second the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll call requested by the Mayor:

<i>Ron Belinko</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Sharon Brienza</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Joseph Parent</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Robert Wisgirda</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Pete Michel</i>	<i>yes</i>

4. **Citizens' Privilege:** None.

5. **Announcement of next meeting** – June 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Adjournment**

Ms. Sharon Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Pete Michel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini
Town Clerk