



MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

2. **Citizens' Privilege:** Mayor Ronald Belinko opened the floor for citizens' privilege.

Mr. George Leslie, 38062 Cross Gate Rd., Millville, DE. Mr. Leslie wanted clarification regarding the bond reduction for Beazer Homes in Bishops Landing. He was concerned if there was enough money left to complete all projects and warranties. Mr. Andrew Lyons explained the process of bond reduction.

Mr. Dave Holmes, 33701 Tudor Place, Millville, DE. Mr. Holmes read a prepared statement regarding budgeting practices in the Town of Millville. Mr. Holmes directed the following statement to the council and town staff: "You can delegate your authority, but you cannot advocate your responsibility."

3. **Financial Report:** Report was entered and received by Mayor Belinko.

4. **Administrative Matters:** Town Manager, Deborah Botchie. Report was entered and received by Deborah Botchie.

5. **New Business:**

Mr. Belinko and Mr. Parent have recused themselves from this discussion and have left the room.

A. Discuss, consider and possible vote on Resolution 24-4, Beazer Homes, LLC, has requested a bond reduction pertaining to Bishop's Landing North, PH 1A, 1B, 1C right of way. If approved, the bond would be reduced by 62.8% from \$2,043,435.80 to \$760,612.16.

Ms. Sharon Brienza took over the meeting in the temporary absence of Mr. Belinko. She asked Mr. Andrew Lyons to explain the reduction. He advised that he completed a bond reduction walk of Bishops Landing North with members from Beazer Homes. They advised that Beazer is 96.1% complete with the project. Mr. Lyons confirmed that the \$760,612.16 would be more than sufficient to complete any unfinished projects.

Mr. Wisgirda made a motion to approve Resolution 24-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brienza. Motion carried 2-1.

- B. Discuss, consider and possible vote on Resolution 24-5, Beazer Homes, LLC, has requested a bond reduction pertaining to Bishop's Landing North, PH 1A, 1B, 1C Amenities. If approved, the bond would be reduced by 70% from \$2,703,384.70 to \$811,015.41.***

Mr. Lyons advised that the amenity bond items have been completed.

Mr. Wisgirda made a motion to approve Resolution 24-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brienza. Motion carried 2-1-2.

Mr. Belinko and Mr. Parent re-entered the meeting. Mr. Belinko took back control of the meeting.

Mr. Lyons presented an updated video showing the building progress in Millville.

- C. Discuss, consider and possible vote on 2024 Primary & General Elections to be held at Millville Community Center. – Council Member, Robert Wisgirda***

Mr. Wisgirda commented on the importance of why the primary election and general election should be held again at the Millville Community Center, adding that the minimum rental income to the Town will be \$13,520.00. Ms. Brienza stated “I am a huge proponent of anything that helps people vote, whether it's early, whether it's the day of whether it's absentee, I don't care what it is, as long as they vote and to have it at our community center is just phenomenal. You know, it's a phenomenal resource for us that we can use and share it with, with more people.” Mr. Wisgirda agreed with Ms. Brienza who went on to say “I just love that we can offer that...I agree with you, it worked out well last year and I don't know why you would need to bring this up every year, I think we should just say it's going to be a voting location from here on. That's just my opinion.” Mr. Belinko added that the only concern he would have it that it would interfere with events being held at the Community Center. Eileen Scerra advised that the Easter celebration is March 23, 2024 (inside and outside event) which falls within that timeframe and the Trail of Treats which is held October 26, 2024 (outside event). Mr. Wisgirda said that they were there during the Trail of Treats and it worked out

“phenomenally well.” Ms. Scerra was concerned about the Easter celebration which uses both the inside of the Community Center for crafts and games and the outside for the Easter egg hunt. Mr. Wisgirda’s response was that it would be an “easter egg type of situation” and didn’t see why it would be a problem. He suggested that the crafts and games be held under the pavilion, however, Ms. Brienza told Mr. Wisgirda that the pavilion is not large enough for all the kids.

Ms. Brienza made a motion to approve the 2024 Primary & General Elections to be held at Millville Community Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wisgirda. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Discuss, consider and possible vote on Resolution 24-6, D.R. Horton has requested a bond reduction pertaining to Millville By The Sea Peninsula Village. If approved, the bond would be reduced by 62.5% from \$2,860,056.38 to \$ 1,073,720.71.*

Ms. Brienza and Mr. Wisgirda have recused themselves from this discussion and have left the room.

Mr. Andrew Lyons advised that a bond reduction walk was performed on August 8, 2023 and the work has been done that was on his list. He recommended the reduction.

Mr. Parent made a motion to approve Resolution 24-6 pertaining to Millville By The Sea Peninsula Village. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belinko. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Brienza and Mr. Wisgirda re-entered the meeting.

- E. Discuss, consider and possible vote on bid number 24-05 to fabricate and install a Double-Sided LED Message Board on the Town of Millville property. -Eric Evans Code & Building Official*

Mr. Evans explained the bid process for the signage. He said that the company that met the requirements was Sign-A-Rama. It will resemble the Town of Millville sign at the Town Hall but taller and will be \$38,550.00 (not including electric). He is working with Delmarva Power to get electric to the corner of Dukes Drive and Route 26.

Ms. Brienza made a motion to approve bid number 24-05 to fabricate and install a double-sided LED Message Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parent. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Announcement of next meeting** – September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Sharon Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Belinko seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini
Town Clerk