

MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING August 22, 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, Treasurer Peter Michel, Councilman Robert Wisgirda and Town Manager Deborah Botchie.

2. <u>Citizens' Privilege:</u> Mayor Ronald Belinko opened the floor for citizens' privilege. Mr. David Holmes, 33701 Tudor Place, Millville, DE. Mr. Holmes followed up on his comments from the August 8th meeting. He also confirmed his meeting for September 12th with the Town Manager, Financial Advisor, and Mayor. Mayor Belinko told Mr. Holmes that the Council members will not be in attendance.

Ms. Cindy Berger, 36156 Huntington Street, Millville, DE. Ms. Berger called for the removal of a Planning & Zoning member due to the direct conflict with the powers and duties section of the Town of Millville Code. She said that there is someone that is on the Board of Directors for Millville By the Sea working directly with the developer and the builder. Ms. Botchie responded by saying that the council members must abstain from any discussion when it involves their community, they must leave the room when the discussions are taking place.

Ms. Mary Graves, 23924 Pembroke Lane, Millville, DE. Ms. Graves had a question regarding Article 90 of the Town of Millville Code, regarding revocation of renter's license. Mr. Thompson confirmed that there is a provision for revoking a license and went on to explain same to Ms. Graves. Ms. Botchie explained that she could FOIA the information from the Town or she could sit down with Ms. Botchie and discuss the matter.

3. **Financial Report:** None.

4. <u>Administrative Matters:</u> Town Manager, Deborah Botchie. Report was entered and received by Deborah Botchie.

Ms. Brienza asked about the soundproof panels for the Community Center. Ms. Botchie said that there was miscommunication, and the panels are in production.

5. New Business:

A. Public Hearing Notice- Secretary Joseph Parent: Notice of the following public hearing was posted in the legal section of the August 4, 2023, issue of the Coastal Point and on the Town's Website.

Mayor Ronald Belinko opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. to discuss, consider and possible vote on Ordinance 24-03, an ordinance to amend the Town of Millville's Code Chapter 155 and entitled Zoning 155-13. The Mayor went on to read what the ordinance entailed. Ms. Botchie asked Mr. Thompson to further explain in more detail the particulars of the ordinance.

Mr. Jim Rickards, 63 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE, had a question regarding an apartment above a commercial business, could it be converted into commercial and then converted back to an apartment? Mr. Thompson responded to his question.

Ms. Ruihua Zeka (unintelligible)

Mayor Belinko closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Brienza made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-03. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parent.

Roll Call was requested by Mayor Belinko:

Bob Wisgirda Yes Sharon Brienza Yes Ronald Belinko Yes Barbara Ryer Yes Pete Michel Yes

The motion carried 5-0.

7. **Announcement of next meeting** – September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Sharon Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Peter Michel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini Town Clerk