



Minutes of the Millville Town Council Meeting

April 9, 2024

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**. ***Present:*** Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Deborah Sosnoski, Treasurer Joseph Parent, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Eileen Scerra.

2. Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:32p.m.

Discussion on potential litigation.

Deputy Mayor Brienza made a motion to discuss potential litigation, the motion was seconded by Council Member Wisgirda. Motion carried 5-0.

Council members moved to the conference room.

3. Motion to close Executive Session

Ms. Sosnoski made a motion to reconvene meeting at 7:00 PM, Deputy Mayor Brienza seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- 4. Citizens' Privilege:** Mr. Dave Moeller, 30431 Blue Heron Dr., Millville, DE 19967. Mr. Moeller shared a concern from a recent announcement from the Town of Smyrna doubling its property tax rate due to the town draining its reserves and transfer tax revenues drying up. He was concerned a similar situation could occur in Millville once the growth stops. He wanted reassurance that Millville when the day comes that we're not getting title transfers. Are you getting enough money in taxes to support the operating budget? In this case Smyrna, the worst thing you can do is turn around and double taxes at the drop of a hat, Moeller said. There needs to be a phase in or plan in place. To me it looks like they got caught off guard. I'm just hoping the Town of Millville has something in the works that they're looking into, to try and figure out what's going to happen when that day comes. Mayor Belinko responded; rest assured that our budget that we're working on has no tax increase. It's' all done on funds coming in, it's not touching any reserves. We learned from

our neighbors. We are operating within our framework. We have a new Town Manager and Finance Administrator and that's why the draft budget is not being presented tonight.

Ms. Barbara Radvony, 15 Mooring Ln., Millville, DE 19967. Ms. Radvony addressed the council about trash that has been accumulating behind Weis grocery store. She said she had contacted Code & building Official Eric Evans in March. He had assured her that it was being taken care of, but that's not really the case according to Radvony. Behind the Weis market, there is accumulation of trash. There are old shopping carts, one with China plates in it, a broken chair, and a lot of litter. There's also a drainage, culvert off of Doc's Place. In addition, build up and ponding of water in the area, from drainage from a tributary that runs along the edge of Creekside. Trash has been blowing from Beebe Healthcare facility to the backyards of Creekside homes. She noted that from her observations it's coming from pediatrics. Also, the trash from Rite Aid has been blowing into the west section of Creekside. It's very unsightly, she added. She also mentioned the culvert between Perucci's property and the Bay to Beach Builders property has an overgrowth of phragmites that has taken over. Mayor Belinko responded; we'll have Eric look at it.

4. New Business

Discuss and possible vote on Executive Session Items.

Ms. Brienza made a motion to approve item A in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Wisgirda. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Brienza made a motion to approve item B in Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Sosnoski. Motion carried 4-1.

5. Announcement of next meeting – April 19, 2024, Budget only at 3:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Parent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Scerra
Town Manager