

# TOWN OF MILLVILLE Town Council Meeting Minutes (Budget Only) April 19, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

# 1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**. <u>Present</u>: Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Debbie Sosnoski, Treasurer Joseph Parent, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Eileen Scerra, Consulting Manager Deborah Botchie, and Town Clerk Wendy Mardini.

**2.** <u>Citizens' Privilege:</u> Mr. Dave Holmes, 33701 Tudor Place, Millville, DE 19967. Mr. Holmes wanted to commend Mr. Parent on his conversation about the trees in the communities.

## 3. New Business:

A. Discuss, consider and possible vote on Resolution 24-14, which if approved, establishes the Town's fees for FY25.

Ms. Scerra advised the Council that the Fee Schedule for FY25 will remain the same as FY24. Mr. Wisgirda commented that he reviewed the schedule and was pleased. Ms. Brienza asked if the fees that the Town charges for the Community Center are covering all costs. Ms. Botchie advised that at present, the fees that we charge do not cover the expenses at the Community Center, however, if we raised them no one would rent it.

Ms. Brienza made a motion to approve the FY25 Fee Schedule. Mr. Wisgirda seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Roll Call:**

Ron Belinko Yes Sharon Brienza Yes Debbie Sosnosky Yes Joe Parent Yes Robert Wisgirda Yes

B. Discuss, consider, and possible vote on the FY25 Budget - Town Manager Eileen Scerra and Finance Administrator William Mumford.

Will Mumford advised that the FY24 revenue was \$1.5 million and the FY25 budget is \$2,010,007. He went on to talk about general expenses and that the Town went down 9% compared to last year. Ms. Brienza also discussed the renewal of Mediacom's franchise agreement, budgeting, and expenses. Also discussed is the need for maintenance and upgrades of the town's park, including aesthetics, parking lot construction, sidewalks, and multimodal infrastructure. Bob Wisgirda expressed concerns about the park's long-term sustainability.

Eric Evans suggested building a larger garage (40x60) to accommodate future growth and provide more storage space, proposing adding a second floor for storage in the larger garage.

There was discussion about the master plan for the park, including the size of the parking lot and the kitchen upgrade. Mr. Parent suggested a meeting of council in mid-May to discuss suggestions regarding the master plan for the park.

Mr. Wisgirda commented that when the Town bought all that equipment for the park, and all the land that cost multi millions of dollars in the past three years, he was sold upon the fact that this was going to be for a long term situation that all of these acreages were not going to become one big mega park. He said that he was under the impression that possibly a public safety facility or admin building would be built. Mr. Wisgirda felt that if the Town takes the 13 acres and makes it a megapark, which is not what he was expecting. He feels that there could be a few small additions, but that is all. If the park got any bigger, there will be major expenses. Mr. Belinko agreed that this park will also be maintained as open space and not just a park.

Mr. Belinko also pointed out that the Town needs to purchase two vehicles for maintenance and travel which is in the budget for FY25.

# **4. Announcement of next meeting** - April 23, 2024

**5.** <u>Adjournment:</u> Ms. Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sosnoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini Town Clerk