



TOWN OF MILLVILLE
Town Council Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2024 @ 7:00 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**. ***Present:*** Mayor Ronald Belinko, Treasurer Joseph Parent, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Eileen Scerra, Consulting Manager Deborah Botchie, Town Clerk Wendy Mardini. Town Solicitor Seth Thompson, Esq. appeared via webinar, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza and Secretary Debbie Sosnoski were absent.

2. Citizens' Privilege: None.

3. Approval of Town Council Minutes:

- A. March 12, 2024, Town Council Meeting
- B. March 26, 2024, Town Council Meeting
- C. April 2, 2024, Executive Session Meeting
- D. April 2, 2024, Town Council Meeting
- E. April 9, 2024, Executive Session Meeting
- F. April 9, 2024, Town Council Meeting

Mr. Wisgirda made a motion to approve all the above minutes. Mr. Parent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-2.

4. Administrative Matters

- A. Town Manager Report – Eileen Scerra – read and entered.
- B. Facility and Building Department – Eric Evans – read and entered.
- C. Financial Report – Will Mumford - read and entered.
- D. MVFD Activity Report – read and entered.
- E. DSP Activity Report – read and entered.

5. New Business

(order of New Business was intentionally switched)

- B. Discuss, consider, and possible vote on a request from Land Tech Land Planning, LLC, on behalf of Ardent Companies, to extend the Final Subdivision Site Plan approval for Millville by the Sea West Village A-1 for two years.**

Synopsis: The Town Council granted Final Subdivision Site Plan approval on June 14, 2022. Per Town Code, an approved plan shall be rendered null and void if substantial construction does not commence within two years of the approval and recording.

Mr. Wisgirda recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Jeff Clark appeared on behalf of Land Tech Land Planning, LLC representing Ardent Companies. Mr. Clark explained why the request for a two-year extension was necessary. According to Mr. Clark, Christopher Companies and Ardent Companies have been in negotiations to try and learn how they are going to split the cost of all the utilities, representing the delay. To Mr. Clark's knowledge, a conclusion has been reached and the project should start moving forward.

Mr. Parent made a motion to grant the requested 2-year extension. Mr. Belinko seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1-2.

- A. Public Hearing to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Secretary Deborah Sosnoski: Notice of this public hearing was posted on the Town's Website and CodeRED message sent on April 19, 2024.**

Mayor Ronald Belinko opens Public Hearing – 7:13 p.m.

Written and oral comments – Town Manager, Eileen Scerra - None.

Mayor Ronald Belinko Close Public Hearing – 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Parent proposed to the council to take advantage of this builder's windfall we are experiencing and give a gift back to the community. He asked that the council consider paying the ambulance fee for all homes within Millville for the year 2025. Mr. Belinko directed the council to draft a Resolution for same. Ms. Botchie advised that it would add up to approximately \$110,000.00 and each and every home would be covered.

6. **Announcement of next meeting** - April 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. (Budget only)

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Wisgirda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parent seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-2.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDY MARDINI
Town Clerk