



TOWN OF MILLVILLE
Town Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

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

Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**. ***Present:*** Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Deborah Sosnoski, Treasurer Joseph Parent, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Eileen Scerra, Finance William Mumford, Code & Building Officer Eric Evans, and Town Clerk Wendy Mardini; ***Absent:*** Mayor Ronald Belinko (Emergency)

2. **Citizens' Privilege**

Jean Hanley – 32305 Peregrine Way, Parkside, raised concerns about the town's responsibility for maintaining Dukes Drive especially after a snowstorm. She highlighted safety concerns for an elderly neighbor due to inadequate snow removal. Deputy Mayor Brienza acknowledged concerns.

George Leslie – 38062 Cross Gate Road, Bishop's Landing, questioned the town's policy on inspecting rental properties following complaints. Deputy Mayor Brienza confirmed that inspections would be conducted if complaints are received.

3. **Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes**

A. **December 10, 2024**

Two changes and one addition for the minutes to be made.

A motion was made by Ms. Sosnoski to approve the above meeting minutes, Mr. Wisgirda seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3-0, with Joe Parent abstained.

4. **Administrative Matters**

- A. **Town Manager Report – Eileen Scerra – read and entered.**
- B. **Code & Building Department – Eric Evans – read and entered.**
- C. **Financial Report – William Mumford – read and entered.**
- D. **AD Hoc Park Plan Committee Report – Mayor Belinko – Absent/will review next month’s agenda.**
- E. **Delaware State Police Report – read and entered.**
- F. **Millville Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC) – read and entered.**

5. **New Business**

- A. **Discuss, consider and possible vote on eliminating filing fee in the amount of \$100 for Town Council elections.**

It was discussed the potential impact on candidates and the need to offset costs with background checks that are now needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Sosnoski to eliminate the \$100 filing fee. Bob Wisgirda second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Discuss, consider, and possible vote on FY’25 Budget Amendments.**

William Mumford proposed budget amendments, including reallocating funds from the operating reserve to specific line items. Mr. Wisgirda questioned increase in copier lease and maintenance expenses. Mr. Mumford explained the need for new computers due to the fact that Windows 10 is not supported.

Ms. Sosnoski inquired about the significant increase in the audit. Mr. Mumford mentioned the audit is for billable hours. He can provide a more accurate explanation after speaking with the auditor.

Mr. Wisgirda asked about sewage fee increase for Evans Park. Mr. Mumford explained the fee is per quarter and explained increase. Ms. Brienza expressed surprise at the cost of running the electric sign.

A motion was made by Ms. Sosnoski to approve FY’25 Budget Amendments. Joseph Parent seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. **Announcement of next meetings** – January 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- D. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. Deputy Mayor Brienza reminded everyone of the public hearings for the next meeting, and advertising was done on Coastal Point if they wish to see what will be discussed.

Ms. Sosnoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Wisgirda second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Marcules
Admin. Asst to the Town Manager