

Millburn Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, in Essex County, New Jersey, held in Town Hall and remotely starting at 7:00PM on the above date.

Mayor Prupis opened the meeting and read the following statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, are advised that notice of this meeting was made by posting on the Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and serving the officially designated newspapers, a notice stating that this meeting would take place at the Town Hall and remotely at 7:00PM on March 23, 2021.

Mayor Prupis asked all those present to stand for the Salute to the Flag.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Maggee Miggins, Tara B. Prupis, Dianne Thall Eglow, Richard J. Wasserman and Sanjeev Vinayak.

Also present were Business Administrator Alexander McDonald, Township Clerk Christine Gatti (remotely, via Zoom), Township Attorney Joanne Vos and Assistant Business Administrator Jesse Moehlman

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Prupis advised changes were made to the agenda, Resolution 21-092 was removed from the consent agenda. Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve the agenda as revised. The motion was offered by Mrs. Miggins and seconded by Mr. Wasserman

Vote: All Aye

Resident Maria Wu provided a brief speech about how to stop Asian hate crimes and informed the Governing Body and community that a Stop Asian Hate Rally and March would be held on March 27th from 2:00PM to 3:30PM in Taylor Park.

Reports

Mayor Prupis advised that the Environmental Commission met and was currently working on the consideration of banning leaf blowers and noted that a discussion would be held at an upcoming Environmental Commission meeting on April 13th. She stated that the Parking Ad-Hoc Committee met and discussed ordering mobile 15 minute parking spots to place around town. Mr. McDonald advised that 10 mobile spots have been ordered.

Mayor Prupis stated that both she and Mr. McDonald met with JCP&L and discussed the removal of old poles on Main Street and said additional meetings have been set up to continue the discussion. She advised that on March 15th Congressman Malinowski had a discussion with Mayors on Covid-19 relief packages. She reported that the Downtown Steering Committee and traffic engineers met and discussed police circulation in the downtown area. She provided an update and announced activities planned by the Art Advisory Committee. She reported that the Rahway River Mayor's Council received a letter of support for further investigation of the concession plan and the Governing Body is hopeful that the Governor will join in the next meeting to offer his support urging a bypass that would lower the water levels and prevent flooding. She provided an update on the sign ordinance subcommittee. She provided various township upcoming activities and events.

Ms. Thall Eglow had no reports.

Ms. Miggins reported on the recent Library Board meeting wherein they have reactivated some of the public computers as things started to get back to normal. She announced various upcoming library events and activities. She provided an overview of the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting and noted that they would be providing a report on the Chatham and Woodland Road project at the upcoming Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Deputy Mayor Wasserman thanked Ms. Maria Wu for her speech and acknowledged the Chinese Association and their community support during the current pandemic with mask distributions. He

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further acknowledged that Millburn stands united with the Chinese community against hate crimes. He reported that the Art sculptures from Michael Cooper would be presented at Taylor Park in May or June. He further reported that Explore Millburn Short Hills, SID, had been working very hard on a plan for Mother's Day for community members to shop and dine at local restaurants. He advised that, finally, Millburn was developing a welcome package for businesses that would provide the rules and regulations to make it easier for businesses to function in Millburn Township.

Mr. Vinayak thanked Ms. Maria Wu for her work in the community and acknowledged the Millburn community as very versatile. He reported that he finally had KPI's for public-facing measure performance for the various departments and briefly reviewed the efforts pertaining to each department.

Mr. McDonald reported on the speed bumps in Lot 14. He advised that the parklet guidelines were available to those who were interested in putting some outdoor dining in the streets at no cost and briefly reviewed the requirements. He announced that the angle parking was expected to be implemented on April 1st, on a trial basis. He noted that additional information would be posted on the township website under "Resident Services".

Ms. Vos reported on the remediation of the former Exxon station at the intersection of Main and Essex parking area. She stated that the remediation site underwent an enhanced anaerobic bio radiation which was a pilot program several years ago. The pilot program had demonstrated success but due to certain updated DEP regulations, additional delineation had to be conducted. CRC has done that recently and the results had been favorable. The goal was to get the ground water to a place where it can continue to attenuate naturally. She advised that the School House Plaza remediation is a private remediation. However, she reported that the contamination on the property had migrated on the property that belonged to the township and access had been given but the access for remediation has expired and the township was currently negotiating with the remediating party to submit a proposed access agreement to enter into with School House.

Minutes

Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 regular Township Committee meeting minutes. The motion was made by Ms. Miggins and seconded by Mr. Wasserman.

Vote: All Ayes

Presentation

Perkins Eastman: Downtown Vision Plan Presentation and Questions

Mayor Prupis introduced Beth Zall, Planning Board Chair and member of the Downtown Area Vision Plan Steering Committee, who spoke on the Downtown Vision Plan process. Eric Fang, Perkins Eastman, presented an overview of the study and recommendations for Millburn's Downtown Vision Plan areas which included Paper Mill Playhouse, South Mountain Reservation and Taylor Park. He shared the results of their extensive study of what residents want to see in a downtown renovation and the key areas of improvement, such as Essex Street and Millburn Avenue, Taylor Park gateway, Essex Triangle, and New Town Green on Main Street and Essex.

A detailed overview was provided and some proposed noted ideas included:

- The change of Millburn Avenue and Essex Street to two-way roads to slow down traffic, which allowed patrons to visit the shops and restaurants
- Redevelopment of the Department of Public Works building
- The use of underground utilities and replacement of poles with trees to create tree-lined streets
- Widened sidewalks in order for the downtown to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly
- Connections of destinations such as Taylor Park and Paper Mill Playhouse to downtown areas
- Beautifying area of the farmers' market location.
- Renovation of the triangle behind town hall and the former Charlie Brown's Restaurant area

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- Connection of the three schools to the downtown area
- Option of rooftop dining at some restaurants
- Linkage of Taylor Park to South Orange Reservation
- Enhancement of the functionality of the parking garage
- Adjustment of permit parking hours
- Improvement of the online parking maps
- Create downtown branding strategy
- Identification of locations for outdoor and public art

Ms. Zall reviewed some of the proposed ideas.

Mr. Fang further reviewed the recommendations and noted that it would be helpful to the downtown to amend the townships regulatory processes so they are more streamlined and predictable. He added that it would also allow for design guidelines that would help to formalize approach and maintain design quality.

Mayor Prupis opened the matter to the public.

Jacqueline Ross, of 28 Willow Street, inquired about submerging utility poles.

Mr. Fang advised that Essex Street and Millburn would be the priority for submerging utility poles for the redevelopment project.

Mark Lincer, of 24 Woodland Drive, asked if ADA tracks or walkways would be improved with the redevelopment at the train station.

Mr. Fang advised that ADA tracks had not been reviewed.

Richard Futter, of 333 Millburn Avenue, asked if a town-wide presentation forum pertaining to the redevelopment would be possible before any implementation and acceptance of the plans. He asked the Committee to do its due diligence to make sure that the majority of the community is on board with the plan. He further asked if the underground utilities were the best idea for an area where there are flooding issues.

Jean Pasternak, of 342 Hobart Ave, asked Mr. Fang if a cost benefit analysis would be available for residents. She asked if the planners had a plan to obtain a widespread acknowledgement from the community that this redevelopment project is approved by the residents. Ms. Pasternak recommended the utilization of a venue in town to gather people and have a profound discussion about the proposal of the transformation of the downtown in Millburn.

Carey Heller, of 56 Byron Road, questioned what the plans were for office space under the redevelopment project. He asked about the possibilities of creating a better environment with new developments for office spaces and new businesses as well as increasing rentals for Millburn.

Mr. Fang advised that the township had been provided with a flexible framework for land use to promote more business in the downtown district while following the regulatory framework guidelines for zoning. It would make the downtown environment more attractive to people who wanted to open their business in Millburn. He noted that in his experience better amenities would attract people. He stated that different scenarios may be considered.

Tracy Hatch, of 528 Millburn Avenue, questioned if the redevelopment would disrupt the current downtown business owners and questioned how much impact it would have on them especially since businesses had been severely impacted by the pandemic.

Perri Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, asked how many property owners the planner spoke to and if any part of the redevelopment includes Business District 3. She further inquired if a redevelopment project from Morris Avenue from Walgreens to the Sunoco at Short Hills Avenue would be primarily responsible for revitalizing upper Millburn Avenue. She echoed the need for the community to have in person gatherings where the community could voice their concerns with the proposed redevelopment project.

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Mr. Fang advised that District 3 was not included in the Downtown Vision Project and that the project focused on the B4 District as tasked by the Governing Body. He further advised that he was unable to provide any input on other areas in need of redevelopment. He stated that additional meetings would have to be approved by the Township Committee as they have to budget for additional funds for study and research.

Mayor Prupis thanked Perkins Eastman and the Downtown Area Vision Plan Steering Committee for their hard work and detailed presentation of the Downtown Vision Plan.

Public Comment – Consent Agenda

Mayor Prupis asked if there were any comments or questions from the Committee regarding items on the Consent Agenda Resolutions. No comments or questions were presented by the Committee.

Mayor Prupis opened public comment.

Jeffrey Feld, of 11 Alexander Lane, questioned Resolution 21-087 and asked for details on various items included on the bills list. He asked why Resolution 21-090 was put on the agenda for a restoration of Short Hills Garden Apartments. In regard to Resolution 21-091, he questions who created the criteria for the parklet application when there was only limited spaces in front of the restaurants. In regards to Resolution 21-094 he asked for the executive sessions meeting minutes to be posted on the website.

Jean Pasternak, of 342 Hobart Avenue, questioned the spending and bills list procedures and asked that the bill list include additional information for the public so they have a better understanding of the spending. She questioned Resolution 21-094 and echoed Mr. Feld's comments.

Jackie Carlucci, of 24 Taylor Road, advised her question was in regard to the Downtown Vision Plan and she would email Mayor Prupis.

Dominique Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, asked questions in regard to Resolution 21-096. Mayor Prupis advised it was not part of the consent agenda and would come back to Ms. Urso during public comment.

Perri Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, inquired about Resolution 21-090 in regards to the hiring of Montana Construction Company. She asked for project details. In regard to Resolutions 21-091 and 21-093 she asked if the policy added further financial burden to the already suffering establishments and asked if the policy provide advantages to establish businesses on Main Street over other nearby businesses. She questioned if patrons of businesses would filtrate nearby neighborhoods due to the lack of parking. She asked if there were any reports from the Fire Department, Police Department or First Aid Squad that pertained to the safety and wellbeing of patrons who walked around Millburn.

No other comments or questions were presented.

Mr. McDonald reviewed details of the project by Resolution 21-090 and pointed out that it is the responsibility of the township because of the outflow of water. He reported that the township met several times with Garden Apartments owners to discuss the matter and did its due diligence prior to the decision. He noted that the project was open for public bid and Montana Construction Company was the lowest responsible bidder.

Ms. Thall Eglow advised many of the items of business had been ongoing and under discussion since 2020. She expressed that items of business did not occur quickly and it took time to have things come to fruition. She advised that the more residents involved themselves in the Committee meetings, on a regular basis, the more informed they would be and would see how hard the Committee and employees work.

No other comments or questions were presented.

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Consent Agenda

Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda for Resolutions 21-087 – 21-095, with the removal of Resolutions 21-092 from the consent agenda. Ms. Thall Eglow made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Ms. Mr. Wasserman.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 21-087
APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE

RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to accept for payment and pay bills or items as they appear on Schedule dated March 23rd, 2021, in the following accounts:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Rows include General Fund (\$596,923.24), Capital Fund (10,741.00), Parking Utility - Operating Fund (4,018.15), Dog Trust Fund (899.70), and Escrow Trust Fund (1,919.09).

RESOLUTION 21-088
AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Township of Millburn be and he is hereby authorized and directed to the draw warrants to pay the payees listed below in the specified amounts;

Table with 3 columns: Make check payable to, Type, Amount. Row for Charles & Sharon Cohen (5 Keats Road, Short Hills, NJ 07078, Block 3604 Lot 14, 5 Keats Road) with Duplicate pymt (2021 taxes Overcollection) for \$7,340.00.

RESOLUTION 21-089
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER CHARGE

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Millburn Township Committee authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 2021 sewer charges listed below.

Table with 6 columns: Block, Lot, Location, No. of Units, Reason, Amount. Rows for 4802 5 468 Long Hill Dr. (vacant land, \$176.00) and 306 1 460 Wyoming Ave (office removed, \$176.00).

RESOLUTION 21-090
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR
"CHANNEL RECONSTRUCTION – SHORT HILLS GARDEN APARTMENTS" PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn (the "Township") received twelve sealed bids on January 28, 2021 in response to its advertisement for the receipt of bids for the "Channel Reconstruction – Short Hills Garden Apartments" project; and

WHEREAS, the bid prices for the bids received on January 28, 2021 for the "Channel Reconstruction – Short Hills Garden Apartments" project are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Total Bid Amount. Lists 6 bidders: Montana Construction Corp. Inc. (\$521,775.00), Zenith Construction Services, Inc. (\$548,500.00), CMS Construction, Inc. (\$636,400.00), KDP Developers, Inc. (\$653,920.00), Black Rock Enterprises, LLC (\$687,000.00), and Berto Construction, Inc. (\$746,161.00).

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7. Robbie Lane Enterprises	\$775,002.62
8. T.R. Weniger, Inc.	\$784,000.00
9. John Garcia Construction Co.	\$869,625.00
10. Colonnelli Brothers, Inc.	\$994,700.00
11. Landtek Construction, LLC	\$999,999.00
12. Earthworks, Inc.	\$1,050,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Millburn Township Committee, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, Montana Construction Corp. Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder as determined by the Millburn Township Engineer and is in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available for the award of the aforementioned contract to Montana Construction Corp. Inc. in the bid amount of \$521,775.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee in the Township of Millburn, County of Essex and the State of New Jersey on this 6th day of October, 2020 as follows:

1. The Township hereby awards the Contract for Channel Reconstruction – Short Hills Garden Apartments to Montana Construction Corp. Inc., having a business address of 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey 07644, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not-to-exceed \$521,775.00 and the Mayor is authorized to execute said Contract in a form acceptable by the Municipal Attorney.
2. The Business Administrator and staff are authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
3. With the exception of the bid security for the lowest three bidders, the Municipal Clerk is authorized to release the bid security submitted by the other bidders. Within three days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and full execution of the Contract and the approval of the required bonds for Montana Construction Corp. Inc., the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file at the offices of the Township.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION 21-091
AUTHORIZING POLICY AND PROCEDURE OF USE OF PARKLETS**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to have a significant negative impact on Millburn Township’s restaurants, eateries and other businesses; and

WHEREAS, restaurants are currently restricted to a capacity of fifty percent (50%) of their indoor dining space; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn has taken action under Resolution 21-078 to ease restrictions on operating businesses from private or public parking lots and other spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Millburn Township Committee agrees to allow for the temporary use of on street parking spaces by restaurants for expanded capacity due to these current restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn has developed guidelines and responsibilities for the implementation and use of any approved parklets by creating a Parket Application which shall be completed by all interested parties and be formally approved or denied after review by the Business Administrator and their designees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator and their designees to permit an existing brick and mortar restaurant or food establishment to expand outdoor dining by use of

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a parklet through November 30, 2021, under the direction of the Business Administrator and with a properly completed and approved Parklet Application and Sidewalk Café License Application, and strict adherence to the rules, guidelines and responsibilities set forth by the Township of Millburn for the use of on street parallel parking spaces as follows:

- 1.) A Parklet Application must be filed in addition to a Sidewalk Café License Application and include applicable insurance and hold harmless agreements with the township and parklet requests shall formally be approved or denied after review by the Business Administrator.
- 2.) Parklet locations will be permitted, upon application and approval, in any business district where a parallel, on street parking space can be utilized and must be in compliance with Township of Millburn Parklet Guide.
- 3.) Parking spaces used for this purpose must be adjacent to the business that is applying for the use.
- 4.) No more than two (2) parking spaces may be utilized for the purpose of a single restaurant's use.
- 5.) The township and its Business Administrator has the discretion to limit the number of approved parklet locations based on health, safety, and parking in the area and other factors as determined by the township.
- 6.) No payment shall be made for the use of said parking spaces for 2021, although restaurants will be responsible for building and maintaining parklets in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Township of Millburn Parklet Guide and under full discretion of the Business Administrator and their designees.
- 7.) It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the Township and all outdoor music and loud noise is prohibited between the hours of 10PM and 7AM or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or any persons in the vicinity.
- 8.) Established parklets may be removed at any time for the health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and visitors of Millburn Township, but shall not be done capriciously.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the restaurant must submit a Parklet Application in addition to their Sidewalk Cafe Application with a map detailing all locations inclusive of parking areas, a weather plan, the number of tables and seating capacity of the outdoor dining space included in the parklet and any other requested information from the township as deemed appropriate and shall comply with all applicable state laws and Executive Orders, the township's regulations and New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator with the advice and consent of the Township Attorney and other appropriate township departments and officials may require alternative arrangements as appropriate to maintain order, enhance public safety and to assist township restaurants, eateries or other businesses that are economically impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any violation of this resolution or guidelines detailed in the Parklet Application or Parklet Guide, may result in the use of said parklet to be revoked.

RESOLUTION 21-093

REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY OF ESSEX FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARKING LANES ON ESSEX STREET AND MILLBURN AVENUE TO ACCOMMODATE OUTDOOR DINING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

WHEREAS, Executive Order 150 issued by Governor Murphy permits outdoor dining with various restrictions related to the COVID-19 health crisis; and

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WHEREAS, indoor capacity restrictions on restaurant operations still exist and the Township wants to support all restaurants of the Township to best of its ability; and

WHEREAS, a vast majority of restaurants in the Township of Millburn front on county controlled roadways; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn to provide temporary safe closure of various parking spaces without cost along Essex Street and Millburn Avenue to accommodate additional seating and the safe and socially distant flow of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, those restaurants interested in utilizing such additional space will be required to fill out a sidewalk café license and provide any necessary insurance to the Township which may include a hold harmless to Essex County and naming Essex County as additional insured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex, that it hereby requests permission from the County of Essex to close parking along Millburn Avenue and Essex Street to accommodate additional sidewalk café seating for the township’s food establishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Township of Millburn will accept the responsibility for installation and maintenance of any closure of and will hold Essex County harmless from any claims and litigation from any types of incidences related to this equipment installed within the county right-of-way for the length of time that such closures exist. The County reserves the right to remove the parking closures if hazardous situations are observed or such closures interfere with any scheduled or emergent work to be done by Essex County.

**RESOLUTION 21-094
APPROVE AND RELEASE CERTAIN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Closed Session Minutes of the Millburn Township Committee are hereby approved and may be released to the public or shall be held as detailed below.

Meeting Date	Hold, Release or Paragraph Number to Hold or Release	Closed Session – Held Matter
7/18/2017	Release	
10/17/2017 (Reso. 17-221)	Release 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th paragraph, hold remaining	Attorney – Client Privilege – Chatham Road Development Proposal Legal Update
3/12/2018	Release	
5/15/2018	Hold 3 rd and 4 th and 6 th sentences and release remaining	87 Woodland Road, LLC, 54 Chatham Road, LLC and SL58 Chatham Road, LLC V. Township of Millburn and the Declaratory Judgement Action filed by Millburn Township
9/20/2018	Release 1 st and last 4 sentences and hold remaining	Pending Litigation – 85 Woodland Road LLC mediation
3/5/2019 (Reso. 19-071)	Release	
6/16/2020	Hold 2 nd sentence and portion of 3 rd sentence, release remaining	Current Litigation – 85 Woodland Road, LLC & Declaratory Judgement Action and Concerned Residents

**RESOLUTION 21-095
APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the following have submitted application to the Township Clerk to conduct a raffle, providing all required identification and the appropriate fees; and

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WHEREAS, the Police Department is in receipt of a copy of the application per the regulation of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following be approved:

Paper Mill Play House

Resolution

Resolution 21-092

Mayor Prupis brought forth Resolution 21-092 regarding authorizing the Execution of Revocable License Agreement. Mayor Prupis provided an explanatory statement and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Receiving none, Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-092. Mr. Wasserman made a motion to approve Resolution 21-092 which was seconded by Ms. Thall Eglow.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes, except Miggins, who abstained.

RESOLUTION 21-092
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED, that the Millburn Township Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the Township of Millburn and the property owners for the purpose of granting permission to erect a fence over an easement/right-of-way located on 251 Parsonage Hill Road, Block: 4903, Lot: 35 and the form and content of the agreement is subject to approval by the Township Attorney and Township Engineer.

Resolution 21-096

Mr. Wasserman brought forth Resolution 21-096- Authorizing Participation in the Main Street New Jersey Program and Designating a Municipal Official to Represent the City/Town on the Local Non-Profit Main Street Governing Board of Directors. Mr. Wasserman provided an explanatory statement.

Mayor Prupis asked if there were any comments or questions regarding Resolution 21-096.

Jeffrey Field, of 11 Alexander Lane, questioned why the application was not provided with the resolution for the public to view and questioned what kind of designation was the township applying for.

Dominque Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, advised the Committee was limiting the public's freedom of speech and asked why Resolution 21-096, SID budget was taken off for consideration this evening.

Ms. Vos advised the Township Committee was not required to allow public comment on the resolution.

Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-096. Mr. Vinayak made a motion to approve Resolution 20-096 which was seconded by Mr. Wasserman.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 21-096
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MAIN STREET NEW JERSEY PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT THE CITY/TOWN ON THE LOCAL NON-PROFIT MAIN STREET GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Main Street New Jersey Program has been established to assist cities and towns in developing a public/private effort to revitalize urban neighborhood and traditional central business district areas, and

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WHEREAS, the Main Street New Jersey Program will accept new cities or towns to participate in its ongoing program and receive intensive technical assistance from the Main Street New Jersey Program,

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn desires to participate in the Main Street New Jersey Program,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN;

SECTION 1. That the Township of Millburn endorses the submission of this application, and agrees to participate in the development and financial support of the local Main Street Program for the duration of its existence.

SECTION 2. Endorses the goal of economic development of the designated Main Street district within the context of the preservation and rehabilitation of its historic commercial buildings, recognizing that the Main Street Program is one of many economic and community development tools utilized by a locale and that it is location specific.

SECTION 3. That the Township of Millburn endorses the hiring of a Main Street Executive Director or Program Manager.

SECTION 4. Recognizes that a commitment to commercial district revitalization is an ongoing process requiring long-term attention, community support and involvement, and a full public/ private partnership that is expected to last indefinitely.

Ordinance/ Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

Ordinance 2570-21

Mayor Prupis brought forth Ordinance 2570-21 for second reading and consideration of adoption. A brief explanatory statement about the ordinance was made. Mayor Prupis asked if any members of the Committee had any comments.

Ms. Miggins voiced her support of the ordinance and expressed it was a win-win for the township and residents.

Mr. McDonald advised the permit would be available on April 1st and hoped to have it available online as well. He noted that the permit sticker would be placed on the back window.

Mayor Prupis declared the public hearing open

No comments or questions were presented, Mayor Prupis declared the public hearing closed. Mayor Prupis made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading, which was seconded by Ms. Miggins.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE NO. 2570-21
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII "TRAFFIC"
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The proposed amendment to the Chapter VII "Traffic" code of Millburn's general ordinances is to establish rules, regulations and fees with regard to a new residential shopper parking permit. This permit would be made available to Millburn Township residents to provide enhanced convenience to patronizing any of the Township's business districts where a fee may be charged for on-street or lot parking. This permit will also incentivize residents to shop local and support Township businesses. By purchasing an annual residential shopper parking permit, holders would be permitted to park in designated shopper spaces for the allotted time without paying by meter or paystation. Time limits will still be enforced under this permit. Rules for use will be established by ordinance to avoid use by businesses or any abuse of the program that would detract from its goal and purpose.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter VII entitled "Traffic" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Millburn, Part II, "Traffic Regulations on Property Under Municipal or Board of Education Control," Section 7-35.13, "Permits-Issuance; Schedule of Fees," is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows with those areas underlined indicating changes or insertions to the code:

§ 7-35.13 Permits-Issuance; Schedule of Fees.

Any Township employee designated by the Business Administrator shall be authorized to issue the permits prescribed by this section and to accept the fees herein prescribed. The following types of permits and schedule of fees are hereby established:

- a. Resident's commuter permit.
 - 1. Annual permit fee:
 - (a) First car in a household: \$620
 - (b) Each additional car in household: \$680 each.
 - 2. Semiannual permit fee:
 - (a) First car in a household: \$455.
 - (b) Each additional car in household: \$505 each.
- b. Business whose full-time business or employment is in this Township.
 - 1. Annual permit fee: \$230 to \$450.
 - 2. Semiannual: \$215 to \$415.
 - 3. Annual transferable permit fees: \$300 to \$500.
 - 4. Annual remote restricted business permit (use restricted to Lot 16 and Lot 19): \$150.
 - 5. Part-time business permits where designated: \$3 to \$5 per day.
- c. Resident's twenty-four-hour permit.
 - 1. Annual permit fee:
 - (a) First car in a household: \$620.
 - (b) Additional car in household: \$680.
 - 2. Semiannual permit fee:
 - (a) First car in a household: \$455.
 - (b) Additional car in household: \$505.
 - 3. Twenty-four-hour permits will be issued only to tenants that reside in the B-4 Commercial District as zoned or those residents that reside in the B-3 Commercial District as zoned along Millburn Avenue between Short Hills Avenue and Morris Turnpike.
 - 4. Permits will be limited to two per apartment unit.
 - 5. A copy of a current rental lease must be provided with the application in order for a twenty-four-hour permit to be issued.
 - 6. All other rules and requirements established by the permit application shall be adhered to by the permit holder.
- d. Overnight parking permits for designated lots.
 - 1. Annual permit fee: \$225.
 - 2. Use of the permit will be permitted in designated shopper parking spaces in Lot 2 and Lot 14 Monday-Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and Sunday all day.
 - 3. Overnight parking permits will be issued only to tenants that reside in the B-4 Commercial District as zoned or to those residents that reside in the B-3 Commercial District as zoned along Millburn Avenue between Short Hills Avenue and Morris Turnpike.
 - 4. A copy of a current rental lease must be provided with the application in order for an overnight parking permit to be issued.
 - 5. All other rules and requirements established by the permit application shall be adhered to by the permit holder.

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e. Resident shopper parking permit

1. Annual permit fee:

(a) \$60 to \$90 for the first two (2) vehicles of a household, as established by resolution.

(b) \$70 to \$100 for any additional vehicle beyond two (2) of a household, as established by resolution.

2. Use will be permitted in all business districts where there is paid shopper parking for both on-street and in designated shopper parking lots where a fee is charged and collected through a meter or paystation.

3. Time limits and all parking rules and regulations will apply to the use of this permit.

4. Shopper permits will be restricted to Township residents where proof of residency is provided as required by the permit application.

5. No business, business owners or employees of businesses will be permitted to apply or receive a resident shopper permit.

6. No residents located in a business district and otherwise eligible for a 24-hour or overnight parking permit will be permitted to purchase a resident shopper permit

7. All other rules and requirements established by the permit application shall be adhered to by the permit holder

f. Transfer fee.

1. Transfer of a permit to another vehicle: \$5.

2. Transfer penalty (failure to return original sticker upon transfer): \$20.

g. Resident's summer intern permit (May 1 - September 1).

1. Summer intern permit (use restricted to Lots 14, 16 and 19): \$75.

h. For categories where ranges are established herewith, the fee shall be set by resolution of the Township Committee.

Section 2. Except for as provided above, the remainder of Chapter VII, "Traffic" shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Resolution

Resolution 21-097

Mayor Prupis brought forth Resolution 21-097 - Approval of Parking Permit Fees Pursuant to the Provisions to the Provisions of Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Millburn. Mr. Wasserman provided an explanatory statement. Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-097. Ms. Miggins made a motion to approve Resolution 20-097 which was seconded by Ms. Thall Eglow.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 21-097

APPROVAL OF PARKING PERMIT FEES

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

WHEREAS, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Millburn ("the Code") provide for the establishment of parking permit fees pursuant to Subsection 7-35.13 entitled: "Permits – Issuance; Schedule of Fees."; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has adopted Ordinance 2570-21 providing that in the case of fee categories which state a range of fees, the Township Committee shall adopt a Resolution to establish the applicable fee within each range; and

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WHEREAS, the Parking Ad Hoc Committee has recommended the new Resident Shopper Parking Permit have an initial fee of \$60.00 per year for the first two (2) vehicles of a household and \$70.00 for any vehicles beyond two (2) vehicles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee in the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex and the State of New Jersey on this 23rd Day of March, 2021 as follows:

1. The following fees are hereby established with respect to the types of permits enumerated in Section 7-35.13 (e):
 - e. Resident shopper parking permit
 1. Annual permit fee:
 - (a.) \$60 for the first two (2) vehicles of a household
 - (b.) \$70 for any additional vehicle beyond two (2) of a household
2. The fees established in this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. All Resident Shopper Parking Permit fees will be prorated for 2021 as follows:
 - (a.) \$45 for the first two (2) vehicles of a household
 - (b.) \$52 for any additional vehicle beyond two (2) of a household
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ordinance/Introduction

Ordinance 2571-21

Ms. Miggins brought forth Ordinance 2571-21 for introduction. A brief explanatory statement about the ordinance was made. Ms. Miggins moved that the ordinance be taken up and passed on first reading noting that the public hearing would take place on April 20, 2021, Mr. Vinayak seconded the motion. Mayor Prupis requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Prupis, Ms. Miggins, Mr. Vinayak and Mr. Wasserman

Nays: Ms. Thall Eglow

ORDINANCE 2571-21

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING SECTION 604 OF THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND ZONING ORDINANCE

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the provisions of the newly adopted New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana and which permits municipalities to prohibit the operation of marijuana establishments which would otherwise be permitted to operate within those municipalities, provided that they act to do so within 180 days of the effective date of the Act.

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

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- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from on licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchases items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that, due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on Millburn Township, it is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of Millburn’s residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the Township, to amend the Township’s zoning regulations to prohibit all manner of marijuana-related land use and development within the geographic boundaries of the Township; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity and novelty of the Act; the many areas of municipal law that are or may be implicated in decisions as to whether cannabis or medical cannabis should be permitted for land use purposes or otherwise regulated; and the relatively short duration in which the Act would allow such decisions to be made before imposing an automatic authorization of such uses in specified zoning districts subject to unspecified conditions, the most prudent course of action would be to prohibit all such uses within the Act’s 180-day period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. Pursuant to section 31b of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (P.L. 2021, c. 16), all cannabis establishments, cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services are hereby prohibited from operating anywhere in the Township of Millburn, except for the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service.

2. Article 6-“Zoning Provisions”, and Section 604 thereof - “Prohibited Uses” is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

604 Prohibited Uses

- a) All classes of cannabis establishments or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in Section 3 of P.L. 2021, c 16, but not the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service, are prohibited.
- b) All uses not expressly permitted in this Ordinance are prohibited.

3. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Millburn inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and filing with the Essex County Planning Board, and as otherwise provided for by law.

Ordinance 2572-21

Mr. Wasserman brought forth Ordinance 2572-21 for introduction. A brief explanatory statement about the ordinance was made. Mr. Wasserman moved that the ordinance be taken up and passed on first reading noting that the public hearing would take place on April 20, 2021, Ms. Miggins seconded the motion. Mayor Prupis requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE NO. 2572-21

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-29 “SPEED LIMITS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *Ordinance revision to reduce the speed limit on Millburn Avenue between Wyoming Avenue and the Maplewood Township Border from thirty-five (35) miles per hour to twenty-five (25) miles per hour for improved safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists while traveling in the Township. This revision will bring consistency to the entire length of Millburn Avenue in the Township of Millburn to have a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter VII “Traffic” Section 7-29 “Speed Limits” is hereby amended supplemented by deleting existing text as per the ~~strike through~~ and adding new text as underlined below;

Name of Street	Direction	Speed Limit and Location
Essex Street [Ord. No. 2484-17 § 1]	West	Twenty-five miles per hour from Millburn Avenue to Douglas Street (entire length)
Highland Avenue [Ord. No. 2523-19]	Both	Twenty-five miles per hour for its entire length
Millburn Avenue	Both	Zone 1. Twenty five miles per hour from Route 124 to Short Hills Avenue

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[Ord. No. 2484-17 § 2]	Both	Zone 2. Twenty-five miles per hour from Short Hills Avenue to Douglas Street
	Both	Zone 3. Twenty-five miles per hour from Douglas Street to Essex Street
	Both	Zone 4. Twenty-five miles per hour from Essex Street to Wyoming Avenue
	Both	Zone 5. Thirty-five <u>Twenty-five</u> miles per hour from Wyoming Avenue to Maplewood Township Border
River Road (JFK Parkway)	Both	40 m.p.h. beginning at Station 10 + 00 to Station 21 + 00, as shown on the State Department of Transportation jurisdictional limit map.

Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect after passage of a form of approval or corresponding ordinance from Essex County.

Old Business

Downtown Vision Plan Next Steps

Mayor Prupis advised that the Committee will continue discussion on the Downtown Vision Plan and next steps. She informed everyone that this is the beginning phase of the process.

Mayor Prupis asked each of the Committee Member to assist in specific areas that were recommended by residents which included looking for a venue for public engagements and to further discuss the Vision Plan for the Downtown via communication. She asked the community to express any recommendations or ideas to her via email. She noted that the Committee would continue to focus on the four things represented on the Downtown Vision Plan which included Taylor Park, Entrance Gateway, Circulation of the DPW Redevelopment area and all the policy planning and marketing recommendations. She further appointed specific areas of interest to each Committee member to take the lead; Taylor Park – Ms. Thall-Eglow, Entrance Gateway – Mr. Vinayak, Circulation of the DPW Redevelopment area – Ms. Miggins and Policy & Marketing – Mr. Wasserman.

Mayor Prupis reiterated that discussions will continue and this is only the beginning.

Flex Parking

Mayor Prupis and the Committee agreed to continue to work on the best way to remove flex parking while not disrupting businesses on Millburn Avenue. Mayor Prupis advised that the discussion and decision for flex parking removal was important because the only time to remove it was in August at night which required planning to evaluate all matters involved in the removal.

Ms. Thall Eglow voiced her support of the removal of the flex parking. She pointed out that some of the evaluations to remove flex parking started a few years ago which may help to facilitate the process. She reiterated that the removal of flex parking is a necessity.

Ms. Wasserman stated that the removal of flex parking needed to be done with precision, careful preparation and with the business community in mind.

Ms. Miggins agreed that flex parking needed to be removed but agreed that being mindful of merchants and having the removal during the night in August would be ideal.

Mr. Vinayak asked if the removal was going to take place at Millburn Avenue not to Main. Mayor Prupis clarified that the removal would be on Millburn Avenue. Mr. Vinayak voiced his support of the removal.

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Business Advocacy Zoning Regulations Update

Mr. McDonald reviewed the proposed zoning revisions in regards to uses in all the business districts and the permitting of restaurants in all of the business districts. He noted the proposed revisions would not eliminate the 125-foot application requirements and instead would establish some additional conditions to those in the business district. He reviewed the new procedures if the zoning revisions were adopted.

The Township Committee and Mr. McDonald reviewed the proposed language revisions and the importance of meeting the needs of merchants and nearby residents.

Mr. McDonald advised that the ordinance would address noise concerns of residents who lived near business districts as the Committee worked toward the goal of making things function better for the businesses and nearby residents.

Mr. McDonald advised that the proposed zoning revisions were still being worked on and will continue to be discussed by the Committee.

New Business

Policy on Meeting with Township Officials

Mayor Prupis provided an update on meeting with township officials and creating a meeting policy for the Committee's consideration. She advised that the policy would accomplish two things; it addressed discussions with Committee members about confidential matters and also established the Committee members' rights to consent to the location for a business meeting. She indicated that a resolution or ordinance was not required and the township would post this information on the website.

Mr. Wasserman stated that a discussion of such policy would be great for Committee Members and noted that it was on one should come to a Committee members place of work to discuss township business. The Committee agreed to have a policy established.

Mayor Prupis announced that the Special Improvement District budget was scheduled for introduction at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. McDonald congratulated Jesse Moehlman on his promotion to Assistant Administrator.

Public Comment

Mayor Prupis made the following statement: "When invited to speak, please come to the microphone, clearly state your name and address, and speak loudly so that your comments may be understood by all and properly recorded. There was a properly noticed remote option for those who could not attend the meeting in person. If you called in and would like to comment please press *6 now. If you are attending by computer or electronic device please click raise hand button. All members of the public wishing to speak will be put into the queue to address the Committee. Whenever an audience or Committee member reads from a prepared statement, please email a copy to the Township Clerk's Office at townclerk@millburntwp.org. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to one 3 minute session. You will be prompted when there is 30 seconds remaining. This is a business meeting and please do not address professionals or staff directly and please direct all comments to me. Each individual will be given one opportunity to make their public comment. Please be patient and we will address each member of the public that wishes to speak."

Mayor Prupis opened the public comment period.

Jeffrey Feld, of 11 Alexander Lane, wished the Committee a happy holiday and for more transparency. He asked that the Downtown Vision Plan be posted as soon as possible. He asked if a traffic report had been completed and if yes, to provide it. He further asked for executive session minutes to be posted on the website for the public to view.

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Dominique Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, read and provided the following statement: “In Dec 2019 there was a 100% increase to the 24 hour permits fee...with no additional amenities or lighting. I would request that the township not approve these fees but consider a decrease for increase was at such a outrageous increase our residential tenants have requested assistance from us. Also how many commercial property owners without parking on their property tenants actually utilize the parking permits or do the filtrate the meter parking. In 2018before being a committee member Tara was an average resident who pleaded to the old previous Mayor Cheryl Burstein, asking her to create a month to month parking fee plan as a quarterly or etc. was too high of a fee to pay and or not feasible for many people to pay. The fees are too expensive and are a deterrent for many people to buy and cannot afford. I would appreciate the consideration of lowering the 24 hour parking fee. Thank you.”

Richard Futter, of 333 Millburn Avenue, advised that the drainage storm sewers on Millburn Avenue were not going to be easily removed and asked they do their due diligence before they stated a project that could affect business owners. He further asked to review the plans for restoring two-way traffic since the presentation did not provide information on increasing parking.

Sara Sherman, of 42 Greenwood Drive, asked who spoke about the remediation of the groundwater. She asked Mr. McDonald for timeline of work to be done on Millburn Avenue and Vauxhall and if the township would share the rescue plan and budget.

Nancy Stone, of 266 Essex Street, asked to please consider how construction affects the downtown businesses. She suggested more public buy in before any continuation on the Downtown Vision Plan.

Perri Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, questioned meeting broadcastings. She noted that she didn't see any Committee members representing the township at the groundbreaking of the nearly 28 year old property known as the Old Saks Fifth Avenue building. She thanked Ms. Eglow for being a true town member and supporting her township.

Joe Esposito, of 80 Meadowbrook Road, recommended a zoom meeting to discuss with the community the direction that this town would go. He asked if the Vision Plan was to change the entrance into town which is currently where the Wells Fargo Bank was. He asked if there was an architectural Vision Plan for the town to view changes.

Jean Pasternak, of 342 Hobart Avenue, questioned whether the Downtown Vision Plan presentation was properly explained to the residents. She asked Mayor Prupis to include more on her message distribution so people could show up to meetings. She asked that the Committee provide the downtown business people a cost benefit report for the SID in order to gain the trust from the community.

Carey Heller, of 343 Millburn Avenue, reminded the Committee that they had a great opportunity to do something great for downtown and as the Township Committee the community looked to them to hold the business community together.

Mayor Prupis asked if any members of the Committee had any comments.

Mr. Vinayak advised that he values all residents. Here reviewed various payments on the bills list. He noted that the township was very transparent. He asked the community to be mindful of the good things the Committee had done for the township.

Mr. Wasserman invited everyone to view the portable solar tree panels when they exit the building. He noted that Historic Preservation Chair, Alison Canfield, had worked on this as a way of enhancing the township.

Ms. Miggins and Mr. McDonald reviewed KPI's available to the public.

Ms. Vos advised that the executive session minutes were released after a specific time had passed and the matters had been resolved.

Ms. Thall-Eglow and Mr. McDonald reviewed the update on the White Oak Ridge/Hobart matter.

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Mayor Prupis ended the meeting reflecting on gun violence and the Colorado shooting that occurred during the week.

Adjournment

Mayor Prupis asked if anyone had any remaining comments or questions. Receiving none, she asked for a motion to close the public session of the meeting, which was offered by Mr. Wasserman and seconded by Ms. Miggins. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55PM. Vote: All Ayes

Christine A. Gatti, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: June 15, 2021