

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 7:00 PM 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 and in person at 7:00 PM on April 20, 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 (remotely, via Zoom), Richard J. Wasserman and Sanjeev Vinayak.

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

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Prupis advised that the New Business Item Zoning Accessories was removed as a discussion item this evening. Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve the agenda as revised. The motion was offered by Mr. Wasserman and seconded by Mr. Vinayak.

Vote: All Ayes

Reports

Mayor Prupis reported that the Environmental Commission met and where continuing their discussion on powered gar leaf blowers. She added that they also discussed moving ahead with advocating for an Open Space Fund in Millburn Township. She thanked Mr. Moehlman and the Department of Public Works staff for collecting recycling and diverted almost 2 tons of food waste from the municipal solid waste garbage since February 2021. She announced that Bike Week would be held from April 17, 2021 to April 24, 2021 and thanked the organizers for their hard work and dedication. Additional information on Bike Week and other activities would be available on the township website. She reported that on April 12th, the two-way traffic investigations subcommittee met with Essex County Engineering and Traffic Officials and approved to continue planning the two-way traffic on Millburn Avenue and Essex. The Traffic consultant would conduct a traffic study and the report and would be presented to the public at an upcoming meeting. She advised that on April 9th the DPW Development Subcommittee met with Mr. Maraziti to discuss the Redevelopment path. She reported that the Sign Ordinance Subcommittee met. A survey would be distributed to the business owners to obtain feedback on any concerns or issues. She advised that the Taylor Park Entrance Revitalization Subcommittee was scheduled to meet at the Gazebo on April 21st at 11:30 a.m. The managing director of the Paper Mill Theater would be present. She announced that the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board next meeting would meet on April 28th at 7 p.m. She asked for donations to the food pantry.

Ms. Thall Eglow had no reports.

Ms. Miggins reported that the Township Library would be closed from July to October 2021 for building renovations. She noted that ideas of using a vacant business as a temporary library was proposed for further discussion with the Township Administrator. She reported that the Historic Preservation Commission informed her that additional grants for various projects were still available and reviewed the details.

Mr. Wasserman reported that the new Special Improvement District Executive Director would start on May 3, 2021. He advised that the Mother's Day celebration would be hosted by Explore Millburn Short Hills between Milton Avenue and Millburn-Short Hills on Saturday, May 8, 2021 starting at 9 a.m. The

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theme will be FAME and it would have Fitness events, music, and entertainment. He reported that a proposal for moving a bus stop currently on the corner of Main Street and Millburn Avenue to the end of the block is being reviewed to see the feasibility of the move which would create 4 to 5 parking spaces.

Mr. Vinayak reported that the Finance Subcommittee was currently looking for an Animal Control service bid proposal to continue offering good quality services to residents at the same cost or lower under a resolution to be approved by the Township Committee.

Mr. McDonald provided an update on the proposed removal of flex parking on Millburn Avenue. He stated that a survey regarding flex parking was sent to the business owners and it was also on the township's website for residents to provide input on the matter. He provided clarification on several aspects of the project and reminded residents that discussions to remove flex parking began in 2018. He further explained that the project would require the township to obtain bids and would accept the lowest responsible bidder for the project. He added that the township wants to make sure that the process is competitive. He reviewed the proposed project details. He advised that the Township would continue to accept survey submissions and any revisions to the survey would be communicated to residents.

Mr. McDonald advised residents that information was available on the township website in regard to subcommittees, subgroups involved in specific areas, and various projects around the township. He pointed out that should anyone be interested in obtaining additional information they were welcome to contact him via email or telephone. He encouraged people to follow the township on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and to sign up for Swift911.

Presentations

Recycling Program Update

Julia Nieman presented on the Millburn Township Recycling Program and reported that the Plastic Film Recycling Program started on March 17, 2021 with a goal to collect 500lbs of plastic waste and as of April 20, 2021, the Township had surpassed the goal with 746lbs of plastic waste and had earned one bench. Ms. Nieman reminded everyone that the program would run until September 15, 2021 and the plastic-film collection bins previously located around the township had been moved to the Town Yard. The plastic for the recycling program must be clean, dry and free of any residue. She stated that the following items are not accepted for the program:

- Styrofoam
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic food/take-out containers

Residents may access the Yard by using the Main Street/Old Short Hills Road entrance.

Right of Way Permit, Verizon Wireless Project - Presented by Brian Cline

Bryan Cline, Verizon Representative, provided a presentation on the six right-of-way permit applications for small cell poles which was submitted to the township. He advised that the request was for small cell poles and the purpose was to provide additional coverage for better cell phone service in the area. He reviewed details on the poles.

Mr. Cline stated that the township currently had low signal in some areas and advised the signal would improve greatly if the 6 additional poles would be added.

Mr. Vinayak asked if the request was just for Verizon services. Mr. Cline informed Mr. Vinayak that the request for poles was only for Verizon.

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Ms. Miggins asked if the telephone poles needed to be on opposite streets. Mr. Cline informed Ms. Miggins that the position of the poles depends on the various aspects of the pole lines.

Ms. Miggins asked if nearby residents have been informed of the pole request and if the poles are going to be the same as the ones presented. Mr. Cline informed Ms. Miggins that residents have not been informed and that the poles would be like the ones presented. Ms. Miggins advised that she wants the nearby homeowners to be notified.

Mr. Wasserman asked if the poles could also be used with other carriers in the township so that other carriers did not feel the need to submit a request for additional poles. Mr. Cline informed Mr. Wasserman that carriers could submit an application to share a pole with Verizon.

Mr. Vinayak asked if the request from Verizon had previously been submitted and advised that the poles would be beneficial if other carriers could share the service. Ms. Thall Eglow asked if other carriers would have to apply to Verizon to share services. Mr. Cline informed Ms. Thall Eglow that other carriers would have to submit an application to Verizon to use/ share the pole. Ms. Thall stated there is poor reception and this would benefit our residents in the area. She noted that it is fair to notice the surrounding residents of the pole location sites.

Mayor Prupis asked Mr. Cline to inform the nearby residents of their application request.

Public Comment – Consent Agenda

Mayor Prupis asked if there were any comments or questions from the Committee regarding items on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

Ms. Miggins asked if Resolution 21- 117, privatization of Crossing Guards, was necessary for the Township of Millburn being that most of the crossing guards were residents and senior citizens. She asked why the Board of Education was not covering the cost of Crossing Guards.

Mr. McDonald advised that privatization of crossing guards is not necessarily due to cost and more so to ensure the township had enough crossing guards when needed. He added that the cost-saving would be in worker's compensations and allocating hours for Police Officers that were required to cover the areas when crossing guards are not available.

Mayor Prupis provided background information and the challenges they were having with the crossing guards not being present for their shifts. She advised this was a solution that was agreed upon.

Mr. Wasserman asked if the contract would state that any current crossing guard would not lose hours or positions currently held by residents. Mr. McDonald advised that would be in the contract.

Mr. Vinayak agreed with Mr. McDonald on privatizing this service.

Ms. Thall Eglow confirmed that the resolution was just approving the authorization of the bid for the privatization of crossing guards and the township is not awarding any contracts tonight.

Mayor Prupis opened public comment in regards to the consent agenda items.

Jeffery Feld, of 11 Alexander Lane, asked that Resolution 21-111 in regard to the bills list provide more clarity for residents to have a better understanding of what was being paid and why. He voiced concerns regarding awarding contracts. He thanked Ms. Miggins for asking the necessary questions pertaining to Resolution 21-117 and asked if the CFO prepared an emergency temporary spending appropriation to cover costs noted on Resolution 21-121.

Mr. McDonald provided an overview of the payments on the bills list and advised that the township was working on having the bills list adjusted to provide a breakdown to provide more detail.

Jean Pasternak, of 342 Hobart Avenue, agreed with Ms. Miggins' questions and asked the Committee to reconsider Resolution 21-117. She asked for more clarity on the bills list and asked if the proposed memorial on the bills list was expanding the current memorial or creating a new one. She asked who

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decided how money received from donations was used and asked in regard to Resolution 21-119, why was a bid required.

Mr. McDonald advised that the memorial was dedicated to a worker that donated two pieces of steel from the towers and it would no township funds were being used. He pointed out that the township had various trust funds for donations.

Nancy Stone, of 10 Fielding Road, asked the Committee to reconsider Resolution 21-117 as kids become close and comfortable with crossing guards. She stated that outsourcing has made services impersonal.

Sara Sherman, of 42 Greenwood Drive, asked the Committee to consider Resolution 21-117 and hire crossing guards that were fingerprinted and had continuity in the company.

Dominique Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, asked the Township Committee to reconsider Resolution 21-117 and hoped that the resolution did not pass.

No other comments or questions were presented.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda for Resolutions 21-111 – 21-121, with the removal of Resolution 21-117 from the consent agenda and noted that it would be considered and voted on separately. Mr. Wasserman made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Mr. Vinayak.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 21-111
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 April 20th, 2021, in the following accounts:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Rows include General Fund (\$643,424.77), Capital Fund (38,164.83), Parking Utility - Operating Fund (27,801.18), Dog Trust Fund (554.70), Escrow Trust Fund (5,392.25), Police Off Duty Trust Fund (40,148.00).

RESOLUTION 21-112
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. Rows include Wolf Vespasiano LLC (\$7,442.08), Attorney Trust Account and 135 Parsonage Hill Road LLC (2019 taxes \$3,724.90), 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928 (2020 taxes \$3,717.18), Block 2901 Lot 19 135 Parsonage Hill Rd.

RESOLUTION 21-113
AUTHORIZE DEDICATION-BY-RIDER FOR 9/11 MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

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WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn will receive donations for the installation of a 9/11 Memorial for the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 events; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Millburn would like to set up a dedicated trust fund, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:50-29, to account for these donations for the 9/11 Memorial project; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-39 provides that the director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider;

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

1. The Governing Body hereby requests permission of the Director of Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for a 9/11 Memorial Trust Fund for the Township of Millburn as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Millburn is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION 21-114
AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2021 BASEBALL CAMP
(One year contract with two (2) one (1) year renewal options)**

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, the Township Clerk received one (1) bid proposal for the 2021 Baseball Camp, as follows:

The Sports Academy
10 Delano Court
Morristown, NJ 07960
Bid Amounts: 2021 Camp Session #1 - \$395.00, Camp Session #2 - \$395.00
(Option #1) 2022 Camp Session #1 - \$395.00, Camp Session #2 - \$395.00
(Option #2) 2023 Camp Session #1 - \$395.00, Camp Session #2 - \$395.00

WHEREAS, the bidder, The Sports Academy, complied with the camp specifications and the Assistant Superintendent of Recreation has recommended that a contract be awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn that the proper Township officials are authorized and directed to execute a contract with The Sports Academy on a form approved by the Township Attorney. Pursuant to the proposal, the amount of the fees set forth in the contract shall be as detailed above.

**RESOLUTION 21-115
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES -
CONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR REHABILITATION OF SLAYTON PUMP STATION [MOTT MACDONALD]**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Engineering Consultant Services for the Construction Phase for Rehabilitation of Slayton Pump Station for the township; and

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, NJ 07960 can provide such specialized services; and

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald has provided the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and completed Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the payment of such professional fees, without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services agreement in a form subject to the approval of the Township Attorney with Mott MacDonald, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, NJ 07960 for this professional service.
2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the qualitative nature of the service provided.
3. Fees for services are authorized as per proposal dated January 5, 2021 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds in the estimated maximum amount of \$96,000.00.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Item of Millburn Short Hills as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage.

**RESOLUTION 21-116
SUPPORTING S-3522 CREATING LOCAL PART OF
THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)**

WHEREAS, county, municipal, and other local governments have met their pension obligations as employers for more than a decade while the State of New Jersey has continued to underfund the pension systems in varying degrees since 1996 and thus created one of the worst publicly funded retirement systems in the entire nation; and,

WHEREAS, despite fulfilling their fiduciary duties in meeting their pension obligations, local governments across the State will experience double digit percentage increases in total employer pension contributions in 2021 as determined in figures recently published by the Division of Pension and Benefits in the State Department of Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, even more alarming for local government employers is the fact that the unfunded accrued liability once again increased in 2021 to a staggering \$26.6 billion for the Public Employee’s Retirement System (“PERS”) alone, causing in part, a decrease in the funded ratio for the Local Part of PERS to 65.4%, the State Part to 31.2%, and the combined rate to a disconcerting 52.2% far below the target funded ratio of 75.0%; and,

WHEREAS, S-3522 would divide PERS into two parts; A State Part for state employees, and a Local Part for all other employees; and

WHEREAS, the legislation creates a seven-member board consisting of; three labor employee representatives, three management representatives, and one determined by the Board, tasked with operating the retirement system and directing policies and investments to achieve and maintain full funding; and

WHEREAS, S-3522 would protect local governing bodies from the State of New Jersey further directing property taxpayer dollars to subsidize its long mismanagement and underfunding of the pension systems as it would provide the new balanced board of trustees of PERS with the ability to determine or modify member benefits, direct policies and investments to achieve full funding, and serve as fiduciary of the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Millburn does in fact hereby support S-3522, which would establish a new board of trustees for the Local Part of PERS to preserve the structure and integrity of the more solvent Local Part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Millburn Township’s Senator and Assembly Representatives, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

**RESOLUTION 21-118
AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Millburn in the County of Essex, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise, as required by law, in the ITEM, a

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newspaper published in said Township, a request for proposals to be received by the Township Administrator’s Office of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex, New Jersey, for Animal Control Services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request for proposals will be received at Town Hall, Millburn, New Jersey at a date and time to be determined in the request for proposal and in the event no proposals are received at that time, then authorization to re-advertise is hereby directed.

**RESOLUTION 21-119
AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Millburn in the County of Essex, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise, as required by law, in the ITEM, a newspaper published in said Township, a request for proposals to be received by the Township Administrator’s Office of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex, New Jersey, for Downtown Flood Modeling;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request for proposals will be received at Town Hall, Millburn, New Jersey at a date and time to be determined in the request for proposal and in the event no proposals are received at that time, then authorization to re-advertise is hereby directed.

**RESOLUTION 21-120
APPROVE 2021-2022 TAXI/LIVERY LICENSE**

WHEREAS, the following applicant(s) has submitted an application for a Taxicab/Livery License; providing all required documentation and the appropriate fees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a 2021 – 2022 Taxi/Livery License be issued to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Short Hills Taxi & Livery/Hamza Ahmed	Livery Owner

**RESOLUTION 21-121
ADOPTION OF 2021 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the inability of the Township of Millburn to introduce and adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget by April 20, 2021, and no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total 2021 emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$ \$25,219,732.06;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Millburn Township Committee that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

- Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for and in the amounts as follows:

Account Description	Temp Budget	Temp. Additions	Total Adjusted
ADMIN Salary & Wage	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 67,800.00	\$ 207,800.00
ADMIN o	\$ 47,118.75	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 62,118.75
GOV BODY Salary & Wage	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
MUNIC CLERK Salary & Wage	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
MUNIC CLERK OE	\$ 24,281.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 34,281.25
COMPTROLLER Salary & Wage	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 145,000.00

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COMPTROLLER OE	\$ 15,093.75	\$ -	\$ 15,093.75
EDP OE	\$ 59,946.60	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 74,946.60
COLLECTOR Salary & Wage	\$ 54,656.25	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 85,656.25
COLLECTOR 0e	\$ 14,452.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 19,452.50
ASSESSMENT Salary & Wage	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 81,500.00
ASSESSMENT OE	\$ 24,136.88		\$ 24,136.88
DOWNTOWN MILLBURN ALLIANCE OE	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
LEGAL OE	\$ 258,649.04	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 408,649.04
ENGINEERING Salary & Wage	\$ 80,850.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 125,850.00
ENGINEERING OE	\$ 32,445.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 37,445.00
HIST PRES. Salary & Wage	\$ 1,312.50		\$ 1,312.50
HIST PRESV OE	\$ 288.75		\$ 288.75
ZONING Salary & Wage	\$ 14,306.25	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 22,306.25
ZONING OE	\$ 12,048.75		\$ 12,048.75
PLANNING Salary & Wage	\$ 18,506.25	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 26,506.25
PLANNING OE	\$ 12,337.50		\$ 12,337.50
CONST CODE Salary & Wage	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 202,500.00
CONST CODE OE	\$ 105,984.39	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 110,984.39
OTHER INSURANCE	\$ 234,125.00		\$ 234,125.00
WORKER COMP	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00
GROUP INSURANC	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 510,000.00	\$ 2,510,000.00
POLICE Salary & Wage	\$ 2,675,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 3,775,000.00
POLICE OE	\$ 180,652.50		\$ 180,652.50
EMERG MGMT Salay and Wae	\$ 3,937.50		\$ 3,937.50
FIRE Salary & Wage	\$ 2,425,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,925,000.00
FIRE OE	\$ 83,719.92	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 113,719.92
ROADS Salary & Wage	\$ 967,027.02	\$ 555,000.00	\$ 1,522,027.02
ROADS OE	\$ 199,562.50		\$ 199,562.50
SHADE TREE Salary & Wage	\$ 290,625.00		\$ 290,625.00
SHADE TREE OE	\$ 199,562.50	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 252,562.50
SANITATION OE	\$ 48,326.25		\$ 48,326.25
PUBLIC B&G OE	\$ 116,313.75	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 139,313.75
VEH MAINT Salary & Wage	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
VEH MAINT OE	\$ 62,737.50		\$ 62,737.50
HEALTH Salary & Wage	\$ 5,250.00		\$ 5,250.00
HEALTHOE	\$ 3,693.66		\$ 3,693.66
ENVIR COMM OE	\$ 656.25	\$ 656.25	\$ 1,312.50
PARKS Salary & Wage	\$ 190,312.50	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 240,312.50
PARKS OE	\$ 81,060.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 91,060.00
CUST SERVE Salary & Wage	\$ 52,500.00		\$ 52,500.00
CUST SEOERVE	\$ 918.75		\$ 918.75
SENIORS Salary & Wage	\$ 40,687.50	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 65,687.50
SENIOR CITIZEN OE	\$ 4,068.75		\$ 4,068.75
LIBRARY	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00
ELECTRICITY Utilities	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
STREET LIGHTS Utilities	\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00
NATURAL GAS Utilities	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
TELEPHONE Utilities	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
REYCLING & LANDFILLS	\$ 587,598.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 787,598.00
Joint Truck Sewer MT O/S	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
GASOLINE Utilities	\$ 91,875.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 121,875.00
PERS		\$ 1,308,925.00	\$ 1,308,925.00
Social Security	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
PFRS Retire System	\$ -	\$ 3,569,235.00	\$ 3,569,235.00
INTERLOCAL Plumbing-Maplewood		\$ 17,219.00	\$ 17,219.00

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INTERLOCAL Electric-Maplewood		\$ 14,994.00	\$ 14,994.00
INTERLOCAL Livingston Twp.		\$ 38,882.81	\$ 38,882.81
INTERLOCAL - DISPATCH	\$ 302,272.43	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 602,272.43
MUNIC CT Salary & Wage	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 129,500.00
MUNIC CT oe	\$ 33,118.01		\$ 33,118.01
PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary & Wage	\$ 3,543.75		\$ 3,543.75
	\$ 14,712,520.00	\$ 10,507,212.06	\$25,219,732.06

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget under the titles aforesaid.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution 21-117

Mayor Prupis asked for a motion to approve Resolution 21-117. Ms. Thall Eglow made a motion to approve Resolution 21-117 which was seconded by Mr. Vinayak.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ms. Thall Eglow, Mr. Vinayak, Mr. Wasserman, Mayor Prupis

Nays: Ms. Miggins

**RESOLUTION 21-117
AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS -
PRIVATIZATION OF CROSSING GUARDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Millburn in the County of Essex, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise, as required by law, in the ITEM, a newspaper published in said Township, an Invitation to Bidders for sealed proposals to be received by the Township Clerk of the Township of Millburn in the County of Essex, New Jersey, for:

Privatization of Crossing Guards

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sealed proposals will be opened and read in public at Town Hall, Millburn, New Jersey at a date and time to be determined and in the event no bids are received at that time, then authorization to re-advertise is hereby directed.

ORDINANCE / SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Ordinance 2571-21

Ms. Miggins brought forth and reviewed Ordinance 2571-21 for consideration of adoption. Mayor Prupis declared the public hearing open.

Michael Priddy, of 465 Wyoming Avenue, voiced his opposition to marijuana within the Township.

Jacqueline Lieberberg, of 36 Kilmer Drive, voiced her support for the privatization of crossing guards.

David Cosgrove, 99 Oakview Terrace, thanked the Committee for the ordinance.

Oladimeji Owolabi, 46 Maple Street, thanked the Committee for the ordinance.

Ms. Miggins declared the public hearing closed. Ms. Miggins made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading, which was seconded by Mr. Vinayak.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**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**

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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:

- 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

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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:

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 and reviewed Ordinance 2572-21 for consideration of adoption. Mayor Prupis declared the public hearing open. Since comments and questions were not presented, Mayor Prupis declared the public hearing closed. Mr. Wasserman made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading, which was seconded by Ms. Miggins.

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

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(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 [Ord. No. 2484-17 § 2]	Both	Zone 1. Twenty five_miles per hour from Route 124 to Short Hills Avenue
	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.

ORDINANCE/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2574-21

Mr. Wasserman brought forth Ordinance 2574-21 for introduction. A brief explanatory statement about the ordinance was made. Mr. Wasserman moved the ordinance to be taken up and passed on first reading noting that the public hearing would take place on May 18, 2021 Mr. Vinayak seconded the motion. Mayor Prupis requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE NO. 2574-21

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,624,700 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP

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

Section 1. The Township of Millburn, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make the following public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Township, including all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor:

(A) Fire Department

(i) Acquisition of new fire apparatus and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (a) a tower ladder truck (partial funding) and (b) an SUV and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of turnout gear.

Estimated Cost: \$341,000

(B) Department of Public Works ("DPW")

Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of dump trucks with plows and spreaders.

Estimated Cost: \$320,000

(C) Police Department

(i) Undertaking of communication system upgrades, (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of body cameras and related equipment, (iii) acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a computer server and (iv) acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of an SUV.

Estimated Cost: \$210,000

(D) Recreation

Replacement of an awning and pool chairs at the Millburn Township Municipal Pool.

Estimated Cost: \$17,200

(E) General Improvements

Undertaking of streetscape improvements in the business districts, including, but not limited to, installation of planters (with trees) and decorative lighting.

Estimated Cost: \$100,000

(F) Engineering

Resurfacing, reconstruction, seal coating and/or micro-paving of various roads, as set forth on a list hereby approved and placed on file with the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours. Additions to or deletions from said list may be made by resolutions adopted by the Township Committee and placed on file with the Township Clerk.

Estimated Cost: \$406,500

(G) Engineering

Undertaking of drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations.

Estimated Cost: \$230,000

Section 2. The sum of \$1,624,700 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements and acquisitions authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township,

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as hereinafter provided. The sum of \$1,624,700 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvements and acquisitions are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

OLD BUSINESS

Business Advocacy Zoning Regulations Update

Mr. McDonald reported that the township is continuing to work on considering zoning changes in order to assist in being a business-friendly community. He reviewed the proposed revisions which would impact the uses in the B4, B2, and B3 Districts and making restaurants a permitted use in the B2 and B3, B4 Districts. He announced that a public information session to discuss the ordinances with an open dialogue was held where concerns were voiced. He advised that the changes being recommended would allow restaurants to obtain a permitted use permit under specific requirements. He stated that the proposed zoning ordinance offered the protection that was necessary to residents but also created a path for businesses that wish to come into Millburn Township for restaurant use. He announced that the introduction of the ordinance would be at the June 4th Township Committee meeting. He noted that the ordinance would require an introduction, a notice to the Planning Board for review a review of the master plan consistency and then a final reading with a public hearing before the Township Committee.

Mr. Wasserman agreed that the proposed ordinances will help Millburn Township bring in more businesses while protecting the nearby residents.

General Code Updates

Mr. McDonald reported that a noise ordinance was being drafted to establish noise level. He added that they were using the DEP model noise ordinance that established noises by decibel levels to provide additional restrictions or additional safeguards on noise. He reported that the health code and other codes were being reviewed to provide the necessary restrictions for residents from businesses. He announced that a business registration requirement process was being worked on to eliminate the specific parking requirement in the central business district.

Ms. Miggins asked if the garbage containers can be opened without a lid and if there was a way to mask the garbage cans in the back of businesses.

Mr. Wasserman asked if businesses being rented can be held liable to maintain the outside of businesses clean.

Mr. McDonald stated that he will look further into the matter and would provide the information once available.

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Ms. Thall Eglow advised that when homeowners purchase a property close to a business district they are aware of these situations and we all should be open minded.

Development Review Committee Update

Ms. Miggins reported that the township and the review committee had been reviewing the process that different towns currently had in place to prepare applications that may require approval from the Planning Board. She advised that the new process would allow for the review of site plan applications and the applicants could appear on their own behalf as an informal review. The review committee would provide recommendations, technical reviews and the structure would allow for meeting with the necessary members. She stated that having a package put together prior to going before the board would alleviate errors and would speed up the process of approvals.

Mr. Falcon advised Ms. Miggins that an Ordinance amendment would be necessary to make the changes she was recommending.

Mr. Wasserman recommended that the individuals assisting and representing the township be available at various times or days to make sure people were able to communicate and obtain the necessary information for their application.

Mayor Prupis advised that there appears to be support and Ms. Miggins stated that she would keep on it.

Redevelopment Process

Joseph Maraziti, Attorney, provided a presentation and an overview of Redevelopment and Housing Law. He noted that there was a difference between redevelopment and housing law and the municipal and land use law and the first steps of redevelopment was to have an area in need of redevelopment. He reviewed the meaning of an area in need of redevelopment. He provided an overview of the process which begins with the township authorizing the preparation of the development plan and submitting it to the Planning Board. He advised that the Planning Board had 45 days to review the submitted request and plans from the Township Committee to approve or deny the request. He advised that the last step would be the adoption of the plan by ordinance.

Mayor Prupis advised that Mr. Maraziti was making a presentation due to the need for the areas in need of redevelopment which came from the vision plan. She reviewed the township initiatives and advised it is important to keep everyone advised of what is being considered.

Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Maraziti reviewed housing.

Mayor Prupis stated that in the near future he township may go out for proposals for a redevelopment plan. Once a planner was chosen, the planner would have to provide a brief presentation during the Township Committee meeting as well as to the Planning Board. She noted that she wants to keep everyone informed and engaged.

JFK Parkway Cell Tower

Mr. McDonald stated that at the end of 2020, a presentation to the township was made by Verizon proposing the placement of a cell tower in the township. He asked where the Township Committee stood on the proposal. He advised that the location where the tower would be placed was an empty field located on JFK Parkway. The property was 11 acres of empty field and 5 ½ was buildable property. He added that the tower would take about 300 square feet in terms of space and would be 120ft tall. The tower would be accessible to multiple carriers at a charge and would provide additional revenue to the Township.

Mr. Vinayak asked if the open space could be allocated to the recreation department instead. Mr. McDonald stated that Mr. Vinayak's request would require additional discussions.

Ms. Miggins asked to put this request on hold for the near future.

Ms. Thall Eglow stated the antenna would be beneficial for the township and would like to continue to explore the addition of the antenna as it would also provide a revenue stream of \$40,000.00 a year.

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Mr. Vinayak asked to put the antenna request on hold for the near future.

Mr. Wasserman asked if the Committee decided to move forward with the antenna and later on decide that they did not want it could it be dissolved.

Mr. McDonald stated that if the township went out to bid, the township was stating that they were ready and committing to move forward.

Mayor Prupis stated that the antenna request will be put on hold and it would be further discussed in the near future and asked for information to be provided for residents.

No other old business was presented.

New Business

Hunterdon Area Energy Aggregation

Mr. McDonald stated that the township had an opportunity for a community energy aggregation program located in Hunterdon County. He stated that if the Township Committee agreed to participate in the aggregation program an ordinance would have to be adopted to participate in the program. On May 4th the ordinance would be presented and on May 18, 2021, a presentation about the program would be held to provide more information. On June 1st the Township would have the second reading, public hearing and final passage of the ordinance and it would also look to enter into an agreement. He stated that the home community energy aggregation program would offer residents the choice to participate in a third-party energy supplier or not. The aggregation program would provide rate savings to the community and would also provide a green component to the supply of energy.

Mayor Prupis advised the Environmental Commission Chair was working on the topic as well.

Public Comment

Mayor Prupis made the following statement: "When invited to speak, please come to the lectern, 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@millburntp.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.

Jeffery Feld, of 11 Alexander Lane, inquired about the SID and asked the Township Committee about the mediation decision. He asked why the current Executive Director was hired at a higher salary than the previous director and questioned if the increase would impact the budget for the project. He questioned why his various OPRA requests pertaining to the SID were asked for an extension of time and advised that the public needed the information requested to make an informative decision. He asked for more transparency with the public and asked for information and facts to make an informative determination.

Oladimeji Owolabi, 46 Maple Street, asked the Committee to consider Mr. Vinayak's statement regarding the fields as the township was in desperate need of more fields.

Dominique Urso, of 514 Millburn Avenue, thanked the Committee for the speedbumps on Jarvis Lane. She asked why one of the three speed bumps was not placed back. She asked the Township Committee to reconsider putting on hold the removal of flex parking.

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Perri Urso, 514 Millburn Avenue, read and submitted the following statement: "On Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the TC meeting I presented a statement regarding franchise fees in the township budget. Raised awareness that the local government channel was not publicizing any township information. In fact January the channel went dark, suddenly with much concern and possibly debate within 48 hours a township employee was given a one hour training course, an antiquated bulletin board appeared, the Millburn Township aired the township committee meeting from Tuesday, March 19 at 9:00pm on a Friday night. For the people within the community that are either not computer savvy even technically challenged or in the event Internet should be interrupted will the township be providing a program schedule on the township website. Does the Township have an obligation to post the meetings for public governmental education? Will this station also be airing all important township information and all boards? How much of the collected franchise fees amounting \$250-300k annually, coincidentally is received from cable & internet subscribers within the community, previously the Township showed that they have paid something like \$15k a year to HTTV, how much of the collected amount does Millburn spend on broadcasting? 2nd. On January 20th 2021 I sent a request Millburn seeking notice submitted by the township attorneys firm that they have reached 80% of the retention For the calendar year 2020 on January 27 I received an answer that no record was found additionally there are no resolutions listed within the minutes from the calendar year 2020 approving any increase of the retention To the municipal attorney however the minutes to reflect approval of bill list payments. My question to the committee 1. who is responsible for making payments over the retention cap approved by Resolution at the January 2020 re-org meeting to Falcone and Maraziti firm 2. What are the repercussions to the Township Committee member's business administration and CFO?"

Richard Futter, 333 Millburn Avenue, reviewed his suggestions for parking permits. He stated that the move of the bus stop may not provide additional parking spaces and asked the Committee to reconsider. He asked the Township Committee to reconsider not removing the flex parking.

Lisa Reppert, represented the interests of Ann Andreaggi, resident at 10 Glenwood Drive, who asked Ms. Reppert to speak on her behalf. Ms. Reppert stated the Squirrel and the Bee conditional use application was approved after it stated it would use a microwave to warm food with limited hours and would close by 5 p.m. each day. However, pictures of the area now show large grease containers, cardboard boxes, scattered equipment and furniture everywhere and the property also has an unapproved storage shed. She advised that there is no permit and an OPRA request shows the business had never applied for a conditional use application for the current new business to operate. She stated that it continues to service illegally with absolutely no sanctions by the town. She demanded an apology and asked that it be shut down.

Jean Pasternak, of 342 Hobart Avenue, asked that a public forum for the redevelopment plan be held. She asked that survivors of 9/11, families, people in the tragedy of 9/11 who lost loved ones be included in the memorial. She thanked Mr. Feld for providing information and echoed his comments.

Nancy Stone, 10 Fielding Road, thanked Mr. Feld and Ms. Pasternak for providing information to residents and also thanked Ms. Reppert for her comments and noted that it was important to be able to make your voice count. She asked for additional information on businesses operating illegally in the township and asked the Township Committee to reconsider not having a Police Officer in the chambers and utilizing them to assist during the morning hours when crossing guards are not available.

Mayor Prupis closed public comment.

Mr. McDonald informed Mayor Prupis that he will speak to the Department of Public Works in regards to the speed bump to verify if the speed bump was missed or if the area is private property.

Mr. McDonald stated that all meetings were streamed via YouTube and Zoom and he would look into the technical issues to ensure they were working properly. He informed Mayor Prupis that the township was streaming in multiple different ways which are all available to our community.

Mr. McDonald stated that there were a lot of accusations made in Ms. Reppert statement in regards to what was going on at the property and asked for additional time to respond. He stated that he would report back.

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Mayor Prupis stated the sandwich cardboard was approved by the township in 2019. She asked the public for patience and support for the vision plan and the DPW Site Redevelopment Plan as the redevelopment plan was in the beginning phase.

Mr. Wasserman stated that the starting salary for the executive director is more than what the previous director made; however, the committee had a budget of \$215,000 and would not go over the allocated budget. He stated that three OPRA requests had been submitted pertaining to the SID and an extension was requested as the necessary staff was not available to provide an adequate response.

Mr. McDonald clarified comments regarding the business registration and stated there was no discussion about eliminating business parking permits or reducing the cost. The discussion and proposed plan was to provide a permit and purchasing process that was fair and equitable. He further stated that the bus stop move was being analyzed by New Jersey Transit and, if the change was approved, an ordinance would be required and established. He clarified that the township received revenue based on a cable franchise agreement with Comcast and when that agreement was put in place the township did receive grant funding through that agreement at which time it was used to purchase TV equipment which allowed the township to broadcast on TV Channel 35.

Mayor Prupis reminded everyone that Earth Day will be on Thursday, April 22nd, and read a quote from American Cultural Anthropologist, Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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 10:20pm. Vote: All Ayes

Christine A. Gatti, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: August 17, 2021