

**MILLSTONE BOROUGH
PLANNING BOARD
REORG/REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matt Denne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by a salute to the flag and reading of the open public meetings act statement below.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News on June 5, 2023. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the State Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. If any member of this body believes this meeting is being held in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your views at this time, stating the reason for which you feel the notice is improper. Hearing none, we proceed to the next item on the agenda.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Heck swore in the following board members:

- Mike Kester, Class 4 Board Member (Term 1/1/2024-12/31/2027)
- Christine Fung, Class 4 Board Member (Term 1/1/2024-12/31/2027)
- Dan Devoti, Class 3 Board Member (Term 1/1/2024-12/31/2024)

ROLL CALL

Secretary Newman called the roll.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dan Devoti	x	
Matthew Denne	x	
Jan Feger	x	
Christine Fung	x	

Robert Galli	x	
Mike Kester	x	
<u>Also Present:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rebecca Newman, Board Secretary	x	
Mayor Ray Heck	x	
Jerry Muller, Board Attorney	n/a	
Lucinda Bartley, Board Planner	n/a	

Reorganization

- **Nomination of Chairperson**
Fung nominated Matt Denne to be the chairperson. Devoti seconded this nomination.
Nomination passed- all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

- **Nomination of Vice Chairperson**
Denne nominated Christine Fung as Vice Chairperson. Feger seconded the nomination.
Nomination passed- all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

- **Nomination of Secretary**
Denne nominated Rebecca Newman as Board Secretary. Devoti seconded the nomination.
Nomination passed – all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
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	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

Hiring of professionals for 2024

- Resolution 2024-01 Carter Van Dyke, Planning Board Planner

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Fung.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

- Resolution 2024-02 Gerald Muller, Esq. Planning Board Attorney

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Fung.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

Adoption of 2024 meeting schedule:

- Resolution 2024-03 Adoption of the 2024 Meeting Dates and the 2025 Reorg Meeting

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Feger.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

Designating the Official Newspaper

- Resolution 2024-04 – Designation of the Courier News as the Official Newspaper for the Planning Board

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Fung. Motion carried, all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Denne opened the meeting to the public at 7:08 PM. Hearing None, the public portion was immediately closed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes 10/3/2023

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Fung. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	Kester

- Regular Meeting Minutes 12/3/2023

Motion was made by Denne to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by Fung. Motion carried.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	Kester

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- Invoice # 19538 Carter Van Dyke and Associates -General Planning \$116.00
- Invoice # 19539 Carter Van Dyke and Associates- Van Cleef Escrow \$137.50

Motion was made by Denne to approve Carter Van Dykes invoice as presented. Motion was seconded by Feger. Motion carried on all ayes.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Devoti, Fung, Feger, Galli, Kester, Mayor Heck
	Nays:	
	Abstain:	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Denne opened the meeting to the public at 7:15 PM. Hearing None, the public portion was immediately closed.

REPORTS/OPEN TO BOARD MEMBERS AND PROFESSIONALS

- Board Chair-None
- Dan Devoti-Devoti updated the board that Mr. Wierzbowski, 1444 Main street has made progress on abating the vegetation issues that are blocking the sight triangle from the corner of Amwell Road. Devoti stated the fence may need to come down or the property owner would need to obtain a variance. Devoti instructed Secretary Newman to send a letter to the property owner.
- Board Members- None
- Mayor Heck informed the board the deadlines for the MS-4 permitting ordinances has been pushed off until May of 2024. Mayor Heck stated all of the ordinances would be introduced at one time in the early part of 2024. Mayor Heck also stated he will be working on the budget and urged the planning board to let him know what their budgetary needs are.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Denne opened the meeting to the public at 7:20 PM. Hearing None, the public portion was immediately closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Devoti to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Motion seconded by Fung. Motion carried all-eyes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Newman
Planning Board Secretary