Minutes

Millsboro Town Council

**Regular Council Meeting** 

May 2, 2011

7:00 P.M. meeting called to order in the Council Chambers at 322 Wilson Highway, Millsboro, Mayor Larry Gum presiding. Present were Vice-Mayor Robert Bryan, Secretary Greg Hastings, Treasurer Michelle Truitt, Council Persons, John Thoroughgood, Tim Hodges, Irene Keenan, Town Manager Faye Lingo, Assistant Town Manager Matt Schifano, Town Solicitor Mary Schrider-Fox, Development Coordinator Linda Johnson, and Town Clerk Tammy Phillips. Guest- see attached list.

PUBLIC HEARING – To hear tax appeals. Any appeals that have been submitted have been resolved. Is there anyone here for the purpose of appealing their tax assessment they need to stand give their name and address. You can then pick up an appeal form from the clerk, fill it in tonight and it will be given to the town tax assessors for review. Faye stated all tax appeals have been reviewed and solved before council meeting. Public Hearing was left open until later in the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Secretary Hastings presented the minutes from the April 4, 2011 council meeting for Council's approval. Thoroughgood moved Bryan seconded to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2011 council meeting as written. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Truitt presented the bills and bank balances to Council for approval. Bryan moved Hodges seconded to pay the bills from the designated accounts as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

MILLSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT – Ron O'Neal President stated Chief Matt Warrington and Assistant State Fire Marshall Dick Ward and Ron O'Neal attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute annual dinner in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, April 7, 2011. This year's event brought approximately 1500 firefighters from the country, including just over 200 participants from Delaware alone. At the reception prior to dinner, our members met with Representative John Carney and Senator Chris Coons. Members Sussex County volunteer fire companies met with local government representatives at Station 80 on Thursday, April 28 for the annual Meet & Greet night. This event is designed to gather our elected officials and members of the fire service, and to discuss the services provided by local volunteer fire companies as well as emphasize operational objectives, training requirements and funding issues. A total of 47 participants were in attendance. Organizers of the event are in the process of scheduling a night at the Delaware State Fire School in Georgetown, where elected officials would be allowed to

participate in fire training activities. Members of our organization as well as our Ladies Auxiliary traveled to Pocomoke City this past weekend to participate in the 2 day Annual Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firefighter's Association convention. This was the 82nd annual convention for the men and the 77th annual convention for the Ladies Association. Millsboro came away with the 2nd Best Appearing Apparatus from Delaware trophy. This year's 31 cent scoop night sponsored by Baskin Robbins this past Wednesday was a great success. The fire company had an ambulance and its 1935 Reo on display, as well as an engine that provided fire truck rides for the kids. Also available were free smoke detectors and fire prevention information giveaways. We had a great turnout by the public as our members worked tirelessly behind the counter dipping ice cream and exceeded our goal of 1000 scoops during the 5 hour period. Thanks to all who came out and supported this worthwhile event.

GREATER MILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Amy Simmons Chamber Coordinator, stated that the Easter Egg Hunt, we had 130 kids and was a success. She wanted to thank the ladies auxiliary for donating the homemade Easter Eggs. Board of Director Luncheon will be held at May 12, at Millsboro Civic Center. Membership Luncheon will be held May 19, at Country Kitchen. Chamber of Commerce Yard Sale will be May 21st tables \$10 and Millsboro Student Council will have a car wash.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Murphy stated training for the month of April 5th Sgt. Le-gates, Det. Wheatley, Pfc. Lowe, Pfc. Lyons and Pfc. Moyer attended in house training at our station. April 12th Chief Murphy, Lt. Calloway, Pfc. Forester, Pfc. Morris and Ptlm, Rogers attended in house training at our station. April 21st Lt. Calloway, Pfc. Forester, Pfc. Morris, Ptm Rogers attended firearms at the range. Homeland Security threat level remains at yellow. CALEA update no issues to report. Chief Murphy withdrew the personnel committees' recommendation to hire Tyler Bare. Mr. Bare reported to the academy on April 18 and resigned on April 25th.

PARKS AND RECREATION - No report

STREET REPORT – No report

WATER AND SEWER REPORT - Sewer Adjustment for 226 Laurel Road, Faye has adjusted the sewer as ordinance allows due to a water leak. No council action needed.

Beneficial Reuse- The state has advised that to qualify for additional funding the project will have to be rebid. Thoroughgood moved Bryan second to rebid the beneficial reuse project. Motion approved unanimously. Thoroughgood comment to see if they can add the front school yard.

MAYOR'S REPORT — Conditional use renewal 216 Ellis Street-James Schreppler is requesting a renewal to a conditional use for 216 Ellis Street. The property is zoned Urban Business and 216 Ellis is a residential use behind a business. Hodges moved Truitt seconded to approve the one year renewal May 2, 2012 of a conditional use for James R. Schreppler for the use of a second structure, 216 Ellis St., as an accessory use adjacent to an existing commercial building located at 213 Washington St., Town of Millsboro, Sussex County tax map number 1-33-17.13-132, subject to conditions stated in the approved resolution. Motion approved unanimously.

Close tax appeal public hearing and accept the assessments as presented. Bryan moved Thoroughgood second to close the tax appeal public hearing and accept the assessments as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Peninsula Crossing – development agreement, Lingo stated to review the development agreement as it will be back on a future agenda.

Building Code Amendment – Hodges stated that National Residential Housing Code requires automatic fire sprinkler system may be, but is not required to be, installed in residential dwellings, including, but not limited to, single family homes and town homes. Where an automatic fire sprinkler system is not installed, the building components in garages, ceilings, and roof assemblies must be constructed with at least a one-hour fire resistance rating and must be installed so as to prevent the passage of smoke and fire between rooms within the dwelling and/or other buildings or structures. Hodges moved Bryan second to impose its own regulation regarding the installation of sprinkler systems in residential dwellings, including, but not limited to, single family homes and town homes. Motion approved unanimously.

Election – reminder that the slate is posted and will come down on May 23rd at 4:30 p.m. The seats "At Large', "District 2" and "District 3".

Bryan moved Keenan seconded to recess the Regular Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. and to enter into an Executive Session at 7:30 pm to discuss legal and personnel issues. Motion approved unanimously.

**Regular Session** 

Reconvene @ 8:00 pm

No discussion or action taken.

Bryan moved, Keenan second to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hastings

Secretary