

APPROVED

5/10/2021

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
7:00 PM PUBLIC SESSION MEETING
CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
Monday, April 26, 2021**

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Putrino called the meeting to order, asked for a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection and led the flag salute. Mayor Putrino read the Open Public Meeting Law and Mission Statement. The meeting was held by electronic means, in accordance with law. The Mayor read an announcement regarding public comments during remote meetings.

Councilwoman Thea Sirocchi-Hurley	Present
Councilman Matthew Seymour	Present
Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Present
Councilman Ira Grotsky	Present
Councilwoman Lisa Sandhusen	Present
Council President Hedy Grant	Present
Mayor Michael Putrino	Present

Also Present: K. Kelly – Borough Attorney; S. Wielkottz – Borough Auditor;
C. Demiris – Administrator/Borough Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 Work Session meeting. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

ADOPT ORDINANCE 2021:04

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Councilman Seymour made a motion to open the meeting for public comment on this ordinance. Councilman Grotsky seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to comment on this ordinance.

Councilwoman Duffie made a motion to close to the public. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second and final reading. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

2021:128 Waive the Reading in Full of 2021 Municipal Budget

Councilman Grotsky made a motion to approve resolution 2021:28. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council President Grant made a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget. Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to comment on the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to close to the public. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Wielkottz said the public hearing was for the budget that was introduced four weeks ago. He said the budget, as introduced, has been reviewed by the State. He said spending is up .82 of 1%, with increases in pension, insurance and from the BCUA. He said all other expenses were down \$33,000, as the borough continues to hold the line on controllable expenses. He said the impact to the average residential assessment, which is just under \$330,000, is \$69 for the year.

Mr. Wielkottz recommended the governing body holds off on adopting the budget in anticipation of some state and federal guidance on the use of funds the Borough will be receiving as part of the American Rescue Plan. He said it may be possible to use the funds to replace lost revenue, which could further reduce the tax increase to residents. He said there would be no negative impact to holding off on the adoption.

Council President Grant asked if there is an absolute deadline by which the budget must be adopted. Mr. Wielkottz said there is a statutory deadline but there would be no harm in letting it pass because the borough is dependent upon the County budget for its tax rate and the County is waiting for guidance as well. He said if there is no guidance by the end of May the governing body may wish to consider adoption without further amendment.

Mr. Kelly suggested adjourning the matter. Council President Grant made a motion to adjourn the matter. Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Upon further consideration, Mr. Kelly said the matter should be adjourned to a specific date and could continue to be adjourned as necessary. He suggested amending the motion to adjourn the matter to the next meeting. Council President Grant amended her motion to adjourn the matter to the next meeting, scheduled for May 10, 2021. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Kelly said in fact, it should be a motion to postpone, not to adjourn. Council President Grant made a motion to amend her motion to postpone the matter to the next meeting. Councilman Grotsky seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

ADOPT ORDINANCE 2021:06

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$164,750 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BENCH COVERS AT KENNEDY FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to open to the public for comment on this ordinance. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to comment on this ordinance.

Councilwoman Duffie made a motion to close to the public. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second and final reading. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2021:07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXX, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 30-20.6 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "PROHIBITED USES" TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

Mr. Kelly said we are reintroducing this ordinance, on his recommendation, as it requires referral to the Planning Board prior to adoption.

Councilman Seymour made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

The ordinance will be advertised, referred to the Planning Board and a public hearing will be held on June 14, 2021.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2021:08

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA WALKWAY AT PROSPECT PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A FEDERAL GRANT AND FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

The ordinance will be advertised, and a public hearing will be held on May 10, 2021.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2021:09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" THEREBY AMENDING SUBSECTION 13-1.8 ENTITLED "ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES"

Councilwoman Duffie made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

The ordinance will be advertised, and a public hearing will be held on May 10, 2021.

**PROCLAMATIONS: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
 MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

1. Parking of Commercial Vehicles/Boats in Residential Zones

The Administrator referenced the memo from Lt. DiGenio, in which he requested a revision to the existing ordinance. As written, the ordinance does not restrict the parking of commercial vehicles in all residential zones. He asked to add the two missing residential zones. In addition, it was noted that the section on boats had never been properly adopted. Lt. DiGenio suggested limiting the number of boats permitted to one and limiting the size to twenty-one feet, which he said could be trailered. After considerable discussion, the consensus was to permit one trailered boat, not larger than eighteen feet, to be parked on a gravel or a paved surface.

The ordinance will be prepared for introduction to address both the addition of the residential zones and the clarification on the parking of boats.

2. Restrict Parking on Main Street

The Administrator referenced the memo from Lt. DiGenio, regarding a request to limit parking to two hours on a portion of Main Street. Lt. DiGenio said the request is in response to complaints from businesses in the area and he provided letters of support from local businesses. He suggested a two-hour limit for the North side of Main Street between River

Road and Summit Avenue. There was no objection from the governing body. The ordinance will be prepared for introduction.

3. Community Project Funding Submission

Mayor Putrino said the recent listing of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church property for sale coincided with the announcement of the congressional Community Project Funding of up to \$250,000. He said an application was submitted, in the event the Borough wished to make an offer to acquire the property. He said there have since been three offers on the property, all more than the Borough could offer, even with a grant. The application has been withdrawn.

4. 5th Grade Car Wash

The Administrator referenced the request, received in February, for the use of the borough hall parking lot for a car wash event. She said at the time the attorney suggested we reserve the date and review the COVID restrictions in place in April.

In an email dated April 19th, Mr. Kelly advised there is no specific prohibition in the Governor's Executive Order and that an outdoor gathering is permitted if it is under fifty people and all other safety protocols are followed. He said the Borough has relaxed its Emergency Declaration to allow some outdoor Borough programs to proceed. He said he and the Risk Manager agree it can be permitted if the COVID waiver is completed by all participants and there is written confirmation on how they plan to comply with the guidelines.

Mr. Kelly went on to say that this determination is not a bright line test or "green light" for all activity; each request should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

All agreed to permit the car wash. The Administrator will advise the requester of the required waivers and compliance plan.

5. Schedule Updates

- Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday, May 31st - 10:00 AM

6. COVID-19 Task Force Report

The Covid-19 Task Force met on April 15th, with reports from the NMPD, NMFD, OEM, Ambulance Corps, Health Department, Administration, DPW, Recreation, the Board of Education and the Mayor and Council. The topics discussed included the status of the vaccination site, and upcoming spring and summer events. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29th.

Mayor Putrino commented on the success of the vaccination site, which is scheduled to administer 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine on Wednesday. He said the J&J vaccine has been cleared and the 100 doses we have on hand will be scheduled for a future date. Council President Grant said there are now vaccination sites that do not require appointments. Mayor

Putrino said to keep all options open and to get vaccinated wherever the opportunity presents itself.

7. Administrator's Report

- The Declaration of Intent for the Sutton Place Tennis Courts lighting project has been approved by Bergen County Open Space. The application is being prepared for submission by the 5/14 deadline. The project must be advertised, and a public hearing must be held prior to submission. The hearing is scheduled for the May 10th meeting.
- The engineer advised that we have received feedback from the DEP on the pre-application meeting for the Madison Avenue Sidewalk project. The DEP said we can submit the application with safety as the justification of the benefits vs. the negative impact. The engineer said there is a risk that we could file the application and not be granted a permit, but they will attempt to design it in such a way to address the DEP's concerns. We are proceeding with the application for the DEP permit.
- Referencing the email sent earlier in the day, the Administrator asked for a motion to add resolution 2021:135, to request the denial of parole to Christopher Righetti, to the consent agenda. Councilman Grotsky made the motion. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.
- Next meeting – Monday, 5/10

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2021:129 Closed Session
- 2021:130 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 2021:131 Introduce Capital Ordinance 2021:08 – ADA Walkway at Prospect Park
- 2021:132 Authorize Solicitor's Permit Refund – Jordan Richter - \$50.00
- 2021:133 Memorialize, Ratify and Adopt Amended COVID-19 Travel Advisory Policy Dated April 15, 2021
- 2021:134 Approve Refund of 2107 Homestead Credit Benefit – Block 1101, Lot 3
- 2021:135 Request Denial of Parole for Christopher Righetti

Councilwoman Sandhusen asked to have resolution 2021:133 pulled from the consent agenda.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Grant made a motion to file the Committee Reports with the Borough Clerk to be spread in full upon the minutes. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Council President Grant reported that the first two standalone sculptures had been installed at the Library and the others will be installed in the next few weeks.

Councilwoman Sandhusen reported on the Environmental Commission's celebration of Earth Day, which corresponded with the dedication of the New Milford Woods on the 20th anniversary of the Green Acres Open Space program. She said the event was well attended and the Environmental Commission was recognized for the conservation of woods and wetlands with commendations from Congressman Josh Gottheimer, the Ramapo Muncipal Lenape Nation, the NJ Legislative Assembly, and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners.

Councilwoman Duffie congratulated the Environmental Commission. She said the Beautification Committee would be meeting on Sunday at Holland Avenue for their spring clean-up. She congratulated the Borough on its efforts to plant trees, referencing the recent plantings on the Blue Acres properties, and the seedling giveaway with the Girl Scouts.

Councilman Seymour echoed comments from Councilwoman Sandhusen and Councilwoman Duffie, congratulating the Environmental Commission on their efforts. He also gave thanks and credit to the DPW for their hard work in moving these efforts forward. Councilman Seymour reported that all schools have combined cohorts for Monday through Friday, in-person instruction. He thanked the BOE for their hard work and residents for the patience. He said the New Milford Municipal Alliance is working on a wellness event, tentatively scheduled for May 23rd.

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley said the Memorial Day observance is scheduled for Monday, May 31st at 10:00 AM. She said the historic cemetery would be open at 7:00 PM on May 28th and she thanked the DPW for their assistance in keeping the cemetery clean. Regarding the Sr. Center, she said the Director has been busy with both online and outdoor programming.

Councilman Grotsky said he had nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to open the meeting for public comment. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Jeff DelVecchio – 794 Mabie Street. Mr. DelVecchio introduced himself as the Vice-Chair of the Environmental Commission. Mr. DelVecchio thanked the governing body, and in particular Councilwoman Sandhusen, for organizing the dedication of the New Milford Woods. He additionally thanked DPW Director, Vince Cahill and the DPW for all their work and said the Environmental Commission is looking forward to working with the governing body and the DPW to do great things.

Being no other member of the public who wished to comment, Councilwoman Duffie made a motion to close to the public. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

Council President Grant made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of resolutions 2021:129 through 2021:132 and resolutions 2021:134 and 2021:135. Councilman Grotsky seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Council President Grant made a motion to approve resolution 2021:133. Councilman Grotsky seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Sirocchi-Hurley, Seymour, Duffie, Grotsky, Grant

Against the motion: Sandhusen

Abstain: None

Mayor Putrino said the governing body would be going into closed session. He said no further action would be taken and the meeting would be adjourned immediately upon returning to open session.

Councilman Seymour made a motion to go into closed session. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 8:19 PM.

CLOSED SESSION


1. Personnel – DPW

Upon conclusion of the closed session, Council President Grant made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 8:37 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the governing body, Councilman Grotsky made a motion to adjourn. Council President Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris, RMC, CMC MMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:128

Offered by: Grant

Seconded by: Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SEYMOUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DUFFIE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GROTSKY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SANDHUSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GRANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MAYOR (Ile)				

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

- a) be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and
- b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year ending December 31, 2021.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL

Cristine Peruch

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:129

Offered by: Grant

Seconded by: Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SEYMOUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DUFFIE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GROTSKY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SANDHUSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GRANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

1. Personnel – DPW

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL

Christine Demichis

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:130

Grant
Offered by:.....

Grotsky
Seconded by:.....

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SEYMOUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DUFFIE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GROTSKY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SANDHUSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GRANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
MAYOR (de)				

WHEREAS, the claims and accounts listed in the attached, have been authorized by the CFO, and found correct.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the payment of these claims, and that warrants be drawn therefore when funds are available in the aggregate amount of \$753,778.43.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL

Christine Demaris

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**Bill list****APRIL 26, 2021**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
CIGNA HEALTHCARE	117623.29	APRIL, 2021 INSURANCE PREMIUM	INSURANCE	21639
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT	2000.00	APRIL/MAY 2021 BORO SHARE DCRP	DCRP	21640
DIANE GRIMALDI	178.06	REIMB. MAYORS' OFFICE FRAME	MUNICIPAL	21641
LYNN SULLIVAN	50.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR BINGO PRIZES	SENIOR	21642
SCOTT G. SPROVIERO, ESQ.	100.00	4/13/21 ZB ATTORNEY ATTENDANCE OF	ZONING	21643
ROSS E SWEETLAND	55.00	APRIL 2021 POSITIVITY CONFERENCE	SENIOR	21644
SENIORS TECH ACADEMY	200.00	APRIL 2021 SMARTPHONE AND TECH	SENIOR	21645
JOANNE VAN DIEN	330.00	MARCH & APRIL 2021 ZOOM EXERCISE	SENIOR	21646
KEISA PARRISH	220.00	APRIL 2021 VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES	SENIOR	21647
STEPHEN SINISI	495.00	APRIL 2021 WEIGHT TRAINING/CHAIR	SENIOR	21648
HASMIG MEKJIAN	440.00	APRIL 2021 25 1 HR VIRTUAL/IN	RECREATION	21649
N.J. STATE LEAGUE OF	115.00	INV.DB14809 AD FOR HEALTH DEPT.	BOARD OF	21650
SIG'S PRINTING & PROMOTIONS	2258.25	INV.8711 REC SOCCER T SHIRTS	RECREATION	21651
WB MASON CO., INC.	147.13	INV.218987147 CUST.2365727 2	UNIFORM	21652
SCOTT GRAPHICS PRINTING	85.00	INV.15776 50 11/8.5 RED LIFE	UNIFORM	21653
EVS EMERGENCY PRODUCTS LLC	288.00	INV.21-002 4 BATTERIES FOR BULLARD	FIRE 0/E	21654
PALISADES SALES CORPORATION	1063.00	INV.956748 PINEAPP EMAIL SPAM	POLICE	21655
H & H WEB MANAGEMENT LLC	300.00	INV.NMPD031521 WEBSITE MAINT.MAY	POLICE	21656
CHOR FENCE CONTRACTORS	2475.00	INV.20364 PISTOL RANGE FENCING	POLICE	21657
CHOR FENCE CONTRACTORS	2475.00	INV.20364 PISTOL RANGE FENCING	POLICE	21658
HARRIS UNIFORMS	3640.00	INV.30926 REPLACEMENT BULLET PROOF	POLICE	21659
JEFFREY COMPESE	115.80	REIMB. TRIP TO PICK UP ITEMS 1033	POLICE	21660
INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC	400.00	INV.15297 CRITICAL INCIDENT	POLICE	21661
P & A AUTO PARTS	177.72	INV.15041-*197691, CM197845, 199323	VEHICLE	21662
P & G AUTO, INC.	188.55	INV.001-209807, 209538	VEHICLE	21663
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY CO.	391.30	INV.J1265996 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	PUBLIC	21664
FOSTER & COMPANY	474.09	INV.909282 SHOP SUPPLIES	VEHICLE	21665
50 STATES ENGINEERING CORP.	150.00	INV. 6038 4/13/21 ZB ENGINEER -	ZONING	21666
WB MASON CO., INC.	245.72	INV.219342042 C2365727 OFFICE	BOARD OF	21667
HARRIS UNIFORMS	910.00	INV.30927 REPLACE BULLET PROOF	BODY ARMOR	21668
P & A AUTO PARTS	1415.60	13 INVOICES	VEHICLE	21669
JORDAN RICHTER	50.00	REFUND SOLICITOR'S PERMIT	BORO CLERK	21670
P & A AUTO PARTS	817.25	8 INVOICES 2 CREDITS VEHICLE PARTS	VEHICLE	21671
FRANCES TOZZI	402.60	BL. 1101 LOT 3 HOMESTEAD CR REFUND	TAX	21672
JP MORGAN CHASE	475000.00	WIRE TRANSFER MATURITY 5/1/21	PAYMENT	21673
JP MORGAN CHASE	0.00	WIRE TRANSFER MATURITY 5/1/21	INTEREST ON	21673
JP MORGAN CHASE	8312.50	WIRE TRANSFER MATURITY 5/1/21	INTEREST ON	21673
MID-BERGEN REGIONAL	14466.50	2ND QTR 2021 PUBLIC HEALTH	BOARD OF	21674
PALISADES SALES CORPORATION	49.00	INV.#956841 APC BACKUP ASSESSORS'	ASSESSMENT	21675
BEACON OFFSET PRINTING CO.	2402.34	INV.17225 OFFICIAL STATEMENT	LEGAL	21676
HOLY NAME HOSPITAL	1276.54	INV.21021-NM-00004 MARCH, 2021	FIRST AID	21677
TERBURY VILLAGE	858.05	1ST QTR HYDRANT REIMBURSEMENT	O/E WATER	21678
RICOH USA INC.	218.68	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	MUNICIPAL	21679
RICOH USA INC.	16.84	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	COLLECTION	21679
RICOH USA INC.	16.84	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	ASSESSMENT	21679
RICOH USA INC.	33.69	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	CODE	21679
RICOH USA INC.	149.52	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	POLICE	21679

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RICOH USA INC.	16.84	INV.11567230321 APRIL, 2021 LEASE	MUNICIPAL	21679
NELSON-PATTERSON AGENCY,	872.11	US LIFE INSTALLMENT APRIL 2021	INSURANCE	21680
VERIZON	144.99	4/5-5/5/21	O/E	21681
VERIZON	89.99	FIOS - 3/5-4/3/21 ACCT	O/E	21682
VERIZON	155.64	FIOS CHARGES 4/11-5/10/21	O/E	21683
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	485.40	ACCT.410677 MARCH LEGAL	MUNICIPAL	21684
BAUER SPORT SHOP	1290.00	INV.3792 SOFTBALL EQUIP SHIRTS	RECREATION	21685
UNITED SITE SERVICES	330.00	INV.6161777 APRIL PORTABLE TOILET	RECREATION	21686
TRUGREEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	920.00	4 APRIL INVOICES BOROUGH FIELDS	RECREATION	21687
STONE HOUSE NURSERY, LLC	300.00	INV.1178903 SPRING/FALL GRASS SEED	RECREATION	21688
GEESE CHASERS, NORTH JERSEY	1295.66	INV.524104 GEESE CLEARING JAN -	RECREATION	21689
LIFESAVERS, INC.	347.20	INV.194819 AED ADULT DEFIB PAD	POLICE	21690
GALL'S INC.	338.00	INV.BC1319730,1320798 OFFICER'S	POLICE	21691
NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION	5000.00	INV.IN-9453 ACCREDITATION FEE	ACCRED	21692
STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	225.00	INV.13121 5 RANDOM 2 NEW HIRE DRUG	POLICE	21693
PALMERS ACE HARDWARE	13.33	INV.709406	POLICE	21694
JOSEPH SMENTKOWSKI, INC.	32633.77	INV.107335 APRIL GARBAGE	GARBAGE &	21695
KNOWBE4, INC.	896.28	INV..#127886 SECURITY AWARENESS	MUNICIPAL	21696
WB MASON CO., INC.	61.88	INV.219312559 CUST.2365727 INK	UNIFORM	21697
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	845.00	INV.649865 NMB013 2021 GENERAL	ENGINEERING	21698
WB MASON CO., INC.	119.40	INV.219234000 C2365727 OFFICE	CODE	21699
FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	87.11	INV.134139 DENTAL PREMIUM, MAY	INSURANCE	21700
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY	1701.84	APRIL, 2021 CURRENT WATER CHARGES	O/E WATER	21701
HARRIS UNIFORMS	1820.00	INV.30939 NEW HIRE BULLET PROOF	BULLET	21702
P & A AUTO PARTS	302.24	INV.200109, 200323	VEHICLE	21703
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	186.91	4/16-5/15/21 450306722000151 RADIO	O/E	21704

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	218.75	INV.649871 MADISON AVE SIDEWALK	2020	2323
ROGUT MC CARTHY PC	22482.74	BOND COUNCIL SERVICES JAN-APRIL,	2017	2324
WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC	8531.33	INV.2112201300 - GENERAL	2017	2325
WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC	0.00	INV.2112201300 - GENERAL	2017	2325
WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC	16468.67	INV.2112201300 - GENERAL	2017	2325
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	402.10	AD 4616953 ACCT.410677 MARCH, 2021	2017	2326
ARIZENT	2331.00	INV.#ADV0307398 NOTICE OF BOND	2017	2327

Total fund: 04 CAPITAL 50434.59

Total Bill List: 50434.59

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Bill list

APRIL 26, 2021

Combined TRUST FUND 12

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL	1025.00	INV.32913 MARCH 2021 COAH	AFFORDABLE	1041
Total fund: 2809 AFFORDABLE HSG DEV TRUST				1025.00
Total Bill List:				1025.00

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD

Bill list

APRIL 26, 2021

Combined BUILDING DEV TRUST 14

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	397.50	INV.649901 548 WINDSOR CT -	RESERVE FOR	2031
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	320.00	INV.649879 ESCROW-1101	RESERVE FOR	2032
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	620.00	INV.649893 ESCROW-367 ROSE PL-367	RESERVE FOR	2033
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	175.00	INV.649868 ESCROW-360 SHERIDAN	RESERVE FOR	2034
SCOTT G. SPROVIERO, ESQ.	500.00	ESCROW-265 MAIN ST- KOUSHAGJIAN	RESERVE FOR	2035
COLLIERS ENGINEERING &	320.00	ESCROW-1140 ROOSEVELT AVE- RODANI	RESERVE FOR	2036
SCOTT G. SPROVIERO, ESQ.	140.00	ESCROW- 729 STOCKTON-SWOPE	RESERVE FOR	2037
SCOTT G. SPROVIERO, ESQ.	400.00	ESCROW-358 SHERIDAN CT-WALLACH	RESERVE FOR	2038
Total fund: 2940 RESERVE FOR BUILDING/DEV ESCRO				2872.50
Total Bill List:	2872.50			

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD

Bill list

APRIL 26, 2021

Combined TRUST OTHER 12

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #</u>
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD	3853.75	L. PALMA 3/24-4/6/21 COVID-19	RESERVE	1204
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD	552.25	2/19-2/26/21 J. BRUNNER COVID-19	RESERVE	1205
MCKESSON	168.65	INV.18079326,18079688 COVID-19	RESERVE	1206
ZOOM VIDEO	1299.40	INV.#79093299 ZOOM MTG RENEWAL	RESERVE	1207
Total fund: 2705 RESERVE STORM EMERGENCY				5874.05
Total Bill List:		5874.05		

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:131

Offered by: Grant

Seconded by: Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SEYMOUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUFFIE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GROTSKY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SANDHUSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MAYOR (lie)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA WALKWAY AT PROSPECT PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A FEDERAL GRANT AND FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH."

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 10th day of May, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

Christine Demaris

SEAL

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:132

Offered by:..... Grant

Seconded by:..... Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
DUFFIE	✓			
GROTSKY	✓			
SANDHUSEN	✓			
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, Jordan Richter, 1000 West Fort Lee Road, Bogota paid a \$50.00 fee for a Solicitor's Permit application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richter, withdrew his application prior to it being processed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richter has requested a refund of the \$50.00 fee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a refund of \$50.00 be issued to Jordan Richter, 1000 West Fort Lee Road, Bogota, NJ 07603 as a refund of the fee for the Solicitor's Permit application.

CLERK FEE – SOLICITOR'S PERMIT
01-1920-08-1040-022 \$50.00

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SEAL

Cynthia D'Amico

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:133

Offered by:..... Grant

Seconded by:..... Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	✓			
SEYMOUR	✓			
DUFFIE	✓			
GROTSKY	✓			
SANDHUSEN		✓		
GRANT	✓			
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the State of New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate and international travel at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford believes it is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of Borough employees to follow New Jersey's revised travel advisory to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Borough Administrator, in consultation with the Borough Attorney and the Borough's Labor Attorney has updated the Borough's COVID-19 Travel Advisory Policy, dated April 15, 2021, copy attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby memorialize, ratify and adopt the COVID-19 Travel Advisory Policy dated April 15, 2021.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL

Christine Hernandez

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD

Travel Policy

Updated: April 15, 2021

I. Purpose

Due to COVID-19, the State of New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate travel at this time.

The Borough of New Milford (the "Borough") believes it is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of Borough employees to follow New Jersey's revised travel advisory to prevent the spread of COVID-19, updated as of April 5, 2021.

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey#direct-link>

The Borough's Travel Policy is consistent with all CDC guidelines and the Borough will make all efforts to update this Policy as often as possible. This Policy is subject to change based on any changes within the CDC guidelines. In the event, however, that there is any difference between this Policy as written and the current CDC guidelines, the current CDC travel guidelines will control.

II. Guidelines

Domestic Travel

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

Unvaccinated Employees

- Unvaccinated employees returning to New Jersey from any U.S. state or territory beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware), including international travel, should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodging, following recommendations from the CDC.
- If travel is unavoidable, the employee should get tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip.
- If a positive test result is received, the employee shall self-isolate for at least 10 days and postpone travel during that time.
- Upon return from travel, the employee shall quarantine for a full 7 days. Between days 3- 5, the employee should get tested with a viral test (not an antibody test).

- If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), the employee shall quarantine for 10 days after travel before returning to work. Consult with your department head on return-to-work status.

Vaccinated Employees

- Employees who are fully vaccinated with an FDA- authorized vaccine can travel safely within the United States.
- Fully vaccinated employees do not need to get tested before and after travel, unless their destination requires it.
- Fully vaccinated employees do not need to self-quarantine.

Domestic Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS		Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before travel		✓	
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.		✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms		✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel		✓	✓

International Travel

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

- The CDC recommends delaying international travel until you are fully vaccinated.
- All employees, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, coming to the United States by air, are required to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.

Unvaccinated Employees

- Unvaccinated employees who are returning to the U.S. after international travel should get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.

- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you are unvaccinated and do not get tested after international travel, you should stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

Vaccinated Employees

- If you are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine you should continue to follow the CDC's recommendations for traveling safely and get tested 3-5 days after travel.
- You do NOT need to get tested before leaving the United States unless your destination requires it.
- You do NOT need to self-quarantine after arriving in the United States.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)		
International Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	☑	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	☑	☑
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	☑	☑
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	☑	
Self-monitor for symptoms	☑	☑
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	☑	☑



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

COVID-19-2020-03-11

III. Recovered Employees

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html#Testing,-Isolation,-and-Quarantine-for-Persons-Who-Have-Recovered-from-Previous-SARS-CoV-2-Infection>

Employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 3 months and recovered do not need to quarantine or get tested again during that three-month period as long as they do not develop new symptoms. If new symptoms develop after travel, employees should follow instructions for what to do if you're sick.

IV. Policy on Work During Quarantine

Borough employees will be required to work from home during their quarantine period. If

the nature and requirements of the employee's job will not allow him or her to work from home during the quarantine period, then he or she will be required to use accumulated sick, vacation or other accumulated time. If the employee has no such time available, the quarantine period will be treated as unpaid leave.

V. Policy on Quarantine Requirement of Vaccinated Employees

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (more than 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or more than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine);
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series; and
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

VI. Oversight

The Borough reserves the right to request any documentation and/or records to effectively administer this Policy. The Borough reserves the right to take any necessary actions to verify that Borough employees who quarantine are following all CDC and NJDOH recommendations and guidelines for effective quarantine, including administrative telephone calls to the employee on quarantine.

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:134

Offered by: Grant

Seconded by: Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	/			
SEYMOUR	/			
DUFFIE	/			
GROTSKY	/			
SANDHUSEN	/			
GRANT	/			
MAYOR (tie)				

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection acquired property known as Block 1101 Lot 3, 556 Columbia Street; and

WHEREAS, the State of NJ released 2017 Homestead Benefit Credit in the amount of \$402.60 be applied to the 2021 2nd quarter taxes for the former owner: Frances Tozzi; and

WHEREAS, the State of NJ requires former owner to receive Homestead Benefit Credit as a refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford refund 2017 Homestead Credit Benefit to Frances Tozzi, 213 Paddock Circle, Eaglesville, PA 19403

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL

Christine Demaris

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2021:135

Offered by: Grant

Seconded by: Grotsky

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
SIROCCHI-HURLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MAYOR (lie)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SUPPORT TO DENY PAROLE FOR CHRISTOPHER RIGHETTI,
PRISONER #59431**

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally raped and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner #59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release has been denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

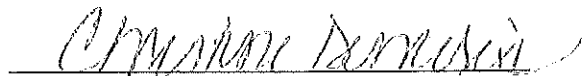
WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro family, the Borough of New Milford hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of New Milford hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and should serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, the Office of the Bergen County Executive, Keep Safe New Jersey and to Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of New Milford at the meeting held on April 26, 2021.

SEAL



COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
Council President Hedy Grant
Virtual Meeting of the Mayor & Council
April 26, 2021

RENT LEVELING BOARD (April 1)

The minutes were approved as amended.

The Rent Leveling Coordinator's report was reviewed; questions will be saved for the next meeting as Janet Sweeny was absent.

The cell numbers of board members were collected to give to the Borough Administrator for change of email addresses and for a contact sheet for board members.

Doreen Doku, manager of Brookchester, stated that they plan to charge a monthly pet fee for new tenants. The fee will most likely be \$10/pet/month (cats and dogs). The issue of emotional support and assistance animals was discussed. As the fee is a separate line item, it is not considered part of the rent.

The next meeting is June 3.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (April 15)

The Board agreed to send a card to the staff to thank them for their hard work this year.

The staff has been attending virtual continuing education and training sessions.

The Director is looking into providing online access to newspapers and genealogy websites.

Curbside pickup is going strong as are the pop-up libraries. There were 754 pickups in March.

The Library is considering purchasing a tent for events and the pop-up libraries in the event of bad weather.

The Director is working on drafting an annual report that outlines the 2020 statistics. She and the reference librarian are working on compiling a history of the library.

The grant writers are looking into applying for a grant under the Library Construction Bond.

The current phone system is antiquated and soon will not be supported by AT&T. The Director will look into other systems, which are all more costly than the land lines currently in use.

There were 37 programs for children in March.

The use of eBooks is up dramatically.

Readers' advisories have increased.

It was agreed not to schedule a concert by the All Star Chamber Players at this time.

NEW MILFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (APRIL 19; rescheduled for April 21)

The minutes of the March meeting were approved. Jess Brunner was elected President.

No new membership applications.

No correspondence.

Committee reports were given: Buildings & Grounds, By-laws, Education (next drill: May 6), Rig Maintenance,, Entertainment, House, Insurance, Probie Education, Public Relations, Sunshine, Technology.

Officers' reports: Joey Spino (banner is up on River Road; working on getting members); First Lt Cathy Hughes (6:30 pm April 22 - doing blood pressure in a nearby town; "battle-ax" on May 23; Warrior Run - save the date, June 13).

Jess Brunner: replaced epipens, glucose and some other things that expired.

PLANNING BOARD (April 20) (canceled)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Participated in Borough Task Force Meetings (April 1, 15)

Participated in the Hippy Hoppity Trail for Easter, March 27.

Joined in the celebration of the 73rd anniversary of Israel's independence, April 14 at the gazebo at Borough Hall.

Participated in the planting of trees on Columbia Street along the Hackensack River on the parcels of land now owned by the state of NJ. The state's Blue Acres program bought and razed these homes as they were located in a flood-prone area. The trees and shrubs that we planted will help reforest the area and reduce climate change and flooding. April 17. The New Milford DPW was extremely helpful in this endeavor.

Called BINGO for the seniors, April 20.

Continuing work on the Sculpture Garden at the New Milford Public Library.

April 26, 2021

Councilwoman Randi Duffie, Liaison report

Congratulations to New Milford for the borough tree plantings, the re-forest plantings at the Blue acres lots, and the tree sapling giveaways. Thank you Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, resident volunteers, Department of Public Works, Mayor & Council, and the Administration for showing a true commitment to the greening of New Milford and for making April, Earth Day, and Arbor Day more meaningful than ever.

This month I:

- Helped plant trees at the Blue Acres lots.
- Attended the program at the New Milford Woods to mark 20 years of its dedication and to unveil new trails along the river as described in a grant that the Environmental Commission received, and I helped write.
- Met with the NM Fire Dept and discussed with the Chief and 2 Deputy Chiefs, their future plans to continue their good work in keeping our residents safe, and our volunteers trained to the highest standards.
- Met with the Property Maintenance committee. Topics range from abandoned cars to overflowing dumpsters, from inspections to summonses, from improper signage to junk yards...to name a few. Thanks Vince & Syl, and our inspectors.
- Met with executive board of the 100th anniversary committee. Preliminary plans are being made for the celebration next year and fundraising options are being developed. Announcements coming soon!

Health Dept, OEM and the Board of Health continue to monitor New Milford's virus situation. Our vaccine clinic has been a success and is moving forward with more vaccinations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilwoman Randi Duffie

Monthly Liaison Report

April 2021

Councilwoman Sandhusen

Environmental & Energy Commission – Green Team

Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund – Mayor's Wellness Campaign

New Milford Environmental and Energy Commission

Meets the First Tuesday of the Month

- EVCharging Station – Commission would like to pursue application to It Pays to Plug in Grant for 1 Two Port Charging Station,
- ByLaws discussion of adding Associate Members.
- Social Media Compliance, added to future topics to create a subcommittee
- Annual Report – Commission agreed on format, subcommittee formed to create to bring to Commission for final approval
- New Milford Woods Dedication – Order of Program Discussed

New Milford Green Team

Meets the Second Tuesday of the Month

- Meeting with Technical Assistant from Sustainable Jersey, bi-weekly for education.
- Data collection continues for Sustainable Jersey Certification Application, Goal Bronze Level; Submission Date June 6, 2021

Bergen County JIF, Meeting

Meets the Third Thursday of the Month

- April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- New Milford is included in Cyber Compliance Report as of 3/31/2021 Grandfathered List
Tier 1 compliance is requirement of Tier 2 compliance

Mayor's Wellness Campaign

- No meeting in April

Christine Demiris

From: Ira Grotsky
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Christine Demiris
Subject: Shade Tree Commission - committee report to be filed

On Wednesday 4/28/21 the Shade Tree Commission held their monthly meeting.

1. Members have been requested to look at the tree at the entrance of NM Woods by the swim club parking lot to consider making the tree a Heritage Tree.
2. Reviewed the Welcome letter that should go on to the Borough's web site and placed in the packet for new residents. More discussion at the next meeting.
3. Discussed how to change the ordinance, for how many trees can be removed in a year from private property, and how to replace removed trees. Discussion is on going.
4. Will review at next meeting several bills that are up for adoption in the State.
5. Question was asked what happens to the money the Borough receives for fines, when there is no permit and trees are taken down. Councilman Grotsky will have an answer at the next meeting.

Ira S. Grotsky
Councilman
New Milford, NJ
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