

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION MEETING
7:00 PM WORK SESSION MEETING
Monday, January 10, 2022



CLOSED SESSION:

1. Personnel – DPW
2. Personnel – Recreation

At the conclusion of the closed session, Councilman Grotsky made a motion to go into open session. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. 7:01 PM.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Closed, Work/Public Session and the January 3, 2022 Reorganization meetings. Councilwoman Sandhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Dept./Jr. Fire Dept. Rules and Regulations

Chief Birnbaum summarized the changes to the NMFD rules and regulations as follows:

- Section 2.1.9 – Updates PPE to current nomenclature and includes additional issued PPE
- Section 4.1.1 - Increases distance to join the fire department from 1 mile to 3 miles.

- Section 6.2.4 – Changes the eligibility to run for office to 2 out of the previous 4 years including the current year.
- Added Section 4.7 - School Leave – To allow full-time, matriculated students to participate in activities and respond to calls when home on breaks or for any period of time. Institutes rules for approval of such a leave.

Chief Birnbaum said the only change to the Jr. Fire Auxiliary Rules was the increase in distance from one to three miles to keep it consistent with the rules and regulations of the department.

2. Schedule Updates

Mayor Putrino said the Fire Department will be holding its annual remembrance for Firefighter Bill Entwistle, who lost his life in the fire at the Borough Hall on January 17, 1983. He said the ceremony will take place at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 17th at the Fire Department memorial on the front lawn of the Borough Hall.

Mayor Putrino said the Borough will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation in 2022 with events beginning in April and running throughout the year. He said updates will be forthcoming at future meetings.

3. Administrator's Report

- The Borough adopted a Vaccination, Mask and Testing Policy in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") emergency temporary standard, which required adoption of a policy by January 10, 2022.
- Departmental budget requests have been submitted and the budget committee is scheduled to meet next week and will report at the meeting on January 24th.
- The COVID Task Force is scheduled to meet next Thursday for its first meeting of the year.
- The Borough will be closed on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Next Meeting – will be held virtually on Monday, 1/24

**APPOINTMENTS: CHIRAG TRIVEDI – PLANNING BOARD, ALT. 2
MALINA NEWMAN – SR. ADVISORY BOARD**

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to approve the appointments to the Planning Board and Sr. Advisory Board. Council President Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2022:01

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$95,000 FOR THE MADISON AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH

Council President Duffie made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Councilman Seymour 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 January 24, 2022.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2022:02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 7-6 ENTITLED "THROUGH STREETS, STOP INTERSECTIONS AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS"

Councilman Grotzky 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 January 24, 2022.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2022:03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XVIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 18-3 ENTITLED "CLEAR VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS"

Councilman Grotzky made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Council President Duffie 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 January 24, 2022.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2022:04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 7-4 ENTITLED "TRUCK ROUTE"

Councilman Grotzky made a motion to introduce this ordinance on the first reading. Council President Duffie 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 January 24, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS:

2022:54 Closed Session

2022:55 Memorialize Separation Agreement and Release Between the Borough of New Milford and Ryan Tuck

2022:56 Introduce Capital Ordinance 2022:01

2022:57 Endorse NMFD Firematic Rules and Regulations as Revised through October/November 2021

- 2022:58 Endorse NMFD Junior Firefighter Auxiliary Rules and Regulations as Revised through December 2021
- 2022:59 Authorize Mayor to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Holy Name Hospital Occupational Health Service

COUNCIL:

Council President Duffie offered her congratulations to the new Fire Department officers and encouraged the council to vote in favor of the resolutions to update the rules and regulations. She said the governing body will be looking for a high level of participation from all the boards, committees and commissions for the 100th Anniversary events.

Councilman Grotsky offered his congratulations to newly promoted NMPD Captain Kevin Van Sadars and the three newly hired police officers. He thanked retired Captain Robert Jones for his thirty years of service.

Councilwoman Grant expressed her sadness regarding NMVAC's recent acknowledgment that they no longer have sufficient staff to provide 911 response. She expressed her gratitude that they will still be available to cover events in 2022.

Councilman Seymour congratulated both PD Captain Kevin Van Sadars and FD Chief Jared Birnbaum. He thanked the NMPD, NMFD and all first responders. He said the BOE held is reorganization at which new members, Joe Loonam and Cheryle Calderon were sworn in. He said Tonia Andrews will continue as Board President. Councilman Seymour said Phil Tenant was named chairperson at the Recreation Advisory Board reorganization.

Councilwoman Sandhusen reported on the Environmental & Energy Commission Reorganization at which, Lynn Torpie was named chairperson and Sue Klecha was named vice-chair. She said they will be forming subcommittees to work on projects, including the single use bag ban, which will be coordinated with the DPW. Councilwoman Sandhusen acknowledged members of Boy Scout Troop #78 who were in attendance as part of the requirements for the Citizens of the Nation badge.

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurly commented on the many events held during the past year and the contributions of the volunteers who supported these events. She said many committees are in need of more volunteers and specifically mentioned the need for volunteers for the Stigma Free Committee.

Mayor Putrino congratulated the NMHS cheerleaders who recently took first place in their tournament event.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Grant made a motion to open the meeting for public comment. Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed. Mayor Putrino offered an "I Love New Milford" keychain for any scout that wished to speak.

The record reflects that no member of the public wished to speak.

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

Mayor Putrino said he would give the keychains to Councilwoman Sandhusen to pass on.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Sirocchi-Hurley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of resolutions 2022:54 through 2022:59. Councilman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Putrino reminded the audience to stay safe. He said the Borough is reactivating its COVID Task Force and there were seventy-one positive cases in New Milford in the last twenty-four hours.

Councilwoman Grant asked about warming stations in anticipation of the predicted cold weather. Mayor Putrino said the Borough Hall can serve as a temporary warming station and anyone requiring long term assistance can be transferred to the Bergen County shelter.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the governing body, Councilwoman Grant made a motion to adjourn. Council President Duffie seconded the motion. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris, RMC, CMC, MMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:54

Offered by: ...Sirocchi-Hurley.....

Seconded by: ..Seymour.....

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

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
2. Personnel - Recreation

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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Demus

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022: 55

Offered by: Sirocchi-Hurley

Seconded by: Seymour

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

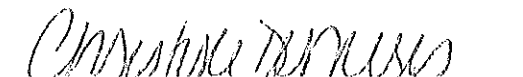
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford wish to enter into a Separation Agreement and Release with DPW Laborer Ryan Tuck; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Separation Agreement and Release was drafted by the Labor Attorney and has been reviewed by the Borough Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby memorialize the Separation Agreement and Release between the Borough of New Milford and Ryan Tuck dated December 27, 2021 and signed by Mayor Michael Putrino.

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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL



BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:56

Offered by: Sirocchi-Hurley

Seconded by: Seymour

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$95,000 FOR THE MADISON AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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 24th day of January, 2022, 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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL

CHARLACK DENNIS

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022: 57

Offered by: Sirocchi-Hurley.....

Seconded by: Seymour.....

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

WHEREAS, the New Milford Fire Department established Firematic Rules and Regulations in December of 1994; and

WHEREAS, said Rules and Regulations were revised in 2011 and most recently in December 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford wish to endorse the New Milford Fire Department Firematic Rules and Regulations as amended through 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Milford Fire Department Firematic Rules and Regulations, established December 1994 and revised through October/November 2021 are hereby endorsed and accepted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jared Birnbaum, Fire Chief, New Milford Fire Department.

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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL

Christine Demus

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:58

Offered by: Sirocchi-Hurley

Seconded by: Seymour

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 the New Milford Fire Department established the Junior Firefighters Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the New Milford Fire Department has drafted Junior Firefighter Auxiliary Rules and Regulations dated July 2021; and

WHEREAS, said Rules and Regulations have been updated through December 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford wish to endorse the New Milford Fire Department Junior Firefighter Auxiliary Rules and Regulations as amended through December 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Milford Fire Department Junior Firefighter Auxiliary Rules and Regulations, established July 2021 and revised through December 2021 are hereby endorsed and accepted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jared Birnbaum, Fire Chief, New Milford Fire Department.

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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL

CHRISTINE DEWILDE

BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

No. 2022:59

Offered by: Sirocchi-Hurley

Seconded by: Seymour

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford wish to enter into an Agreement with a health facility to provide drug testing for compliance with the Department of Transportation Drug testing standard for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, Holy Name Hospital Occupational Health Service has been providing this service to the Borough of New Milford for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding has been submitted by Holy Name Hospital Occupational Health Service for review and approval by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, upon their review the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into this agreement with Holy Name Hospital Occupational Health Service for 2022 to provide services for compliance with Department of Transportation Drug testing standards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford hereby authorize Mayor Putrino to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Holy Name Hospital Occupational Health Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution, with the a copy of the signed and sealed Memorandum of Understanding be forwarded to Karen Notarangelo, Practice Manager – Occupational Health Services, 718 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666 and that a copy of this resolution also be forwarded to Vince Cahill, Director, New Milford DPW.

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 January 10, 2022.

SEAL

