

Commission Chamber, City Hall  
 Millville, New Jersey  
 January 2, 2007 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in an agenda session with Mayor Quinn presiding members present. Quinn, Shannon, Derella and Hollingshead. Absent: Parent.

The tentative agenda was discussed, but no official action was taken.

The City Clerk/Administrator noted additions to the agenda including correspondence from the Millville Volunteer Fire Department requesting approval of Kristi D. Goehle, as a new volunteer member and correspondence from Mayor Quinn appointing Carolyn Krull, as a member of the Millville Development Corporation to fill the unexpired term of Maryann Cannon and continuing with a new term through February 1, 2011.

Commissioner Shannon stated he would be presenting the Holiday Home Lighting Contest Winners this evening.

There being no further comments the agenda session was adjourned subject to the call of the chair, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commission Chamber, City Hall  
 Millville, New Jersey  
 January 2, 2007 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Mayor Quinn presiding. Members present: Quinn, Shannon, Derella and Hollingshead. Absent: Parent.

Reverend Kenyon delivered the invocation followed by the salute to the flag.

Mayor Quinn made the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

"This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975", was advertised, posted and made available to the public as required by Statute. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include a statement in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to proceed with the regular order of business, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The following bills were ordered paid, when properly certified, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

**COPY OF BILLS SEE PAGES**

**THROUGH**

Mayor Quinn stated the public comment portion regarding agenda items only was now open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

Jim Smith, FMBA New Jersey State District Union representative addressed the Board of Commissioners and made the following comments:

"Good evening, my name is Jim Smith, I'm the Southern District Vice-President for the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, excuse me. It's a State Union for the firefighters, which your Fire Fighters Millville Local No. 63 is a member. I've come on their behalf to speak to you about issues that have come up in the last two weeks. According to an article in the Daily Journal dated December 25, 2006 the City of Millville has hired one firefighter at an annual salary of \$50,000.00. This amount is nearly double the starting salary of a newly hired City of Millville Firefighter. However, by City Ordinance the starting salary of a new employee can only be increased by City Commission. It is our understanding that at least three of the City Commissioners would have to vote to start this employee at this inflated starting salary. The question is was this done and if so, when? Or is this Commission in violation of City Ordinance? Why did the City Commission in the midst of so many allegations of financial mismanagement and proclaimed fiscal hardship choose to hire one firefighter when they could have given the taxpayers two? Were there no other candidates on the Civil Service list? Did the City exhaust every possible resource? Why did the City only certify the three people on the list? Why wasn't the entire list certified as it was in the past? Who benefits from this decision? It certainly isn't the taxpayers. Did the City Commission choose to oblige one person and ignore the safety of twenty-seven thousand others? You need to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers hard earned money. The Millville Fire Department, like many other Fire Department's nationally has concerns regarding its manpower and the staffing numbers. The lack of manpower staffing within the fire service not only jeopardizes the lives and safety of the citizens, but also the men and women that protect them. For years the local firefighters have requested additional manpower to protect this City. In the last ten years the City has hired three additional firefighters, increasing staffing by one firefighter per shift. While the hiring of the additional firefighters was a step in the right direction, the Department never the less routinely falls short of the meeting the PEOSHA two in - two out staffing levels. If the City of Millville does not adhere to these PEOSHA staffing levels there is the probability of numerous fines that could be levied against the City. In 1998 the City of Millville on their own volition contracted a private company to examine the staffing, deployment and structure of the Millville Fire Department. Manpower was one of the deficiencies noted in the study. Recommendations were made to the City by this consulting firm to address the staffing issues. More recently the unions requested additional manpower to improve the response time and increase the efficiency of the Fire Department. The National Fire Protection Association, where the number 1710 guideline maintains that a Fire Department engine company shall arrive within five minutes of notification of an alarm. How long does it take the City of Millville Fire Department to respond for instance? According to City Records the average response time is approximately 8 minutes for the first engine to arrive on scene. Which means the Department does not meet this guideline. In fact, with 73% of all the calls researched the Fire Department did not arrive within five minutes. Moreover, how often does the City of Millville Fire Department respond with a fully staffed apparatus? It is your responsibility as City Officials to decide on what level of protection you want to offer your citizens. According to tax records and public outcry you have significantly increased the property value of many Millville homes.

By your actions here tonight you have devalued the safety and lives of the people that live in them. Your priorities seem askew. How do you justify this decision or do you to answer to nobody? You should focus your efforts on increasing fire protection for the citizens and not just their taxes. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight."

Gary Jones: "Gary Jones, Hancebridge Road, volunteer member of the Millville Fire Department for fifteen years. I believe Joey, John and Jim, we've had this conversation many times about how our Fire Department has been understaffed as far as our professional career guys are. I'm here to tell you that it's not pretty sometimes when you go out and we're understaffed the way we are. I'm appalled that you guys would even think about hiring one guy, when you have the opportunity of hiring two. I don't get it. My life's on the line when I go in there and I think something better be done about it. Thanks."

Sumner Lippincott: "I've been a member of the Millville Fire Department for 51 years, an active member and still a current member. One of the things that Mr. Smith just said is so true. That so many times, so many times the apparatus cannot respond in the proper time, because of the lack of manpower. Now, years ago we were always fortunate to have members employed in the City of Millville, Armstrong and ???, Wheaton Glass, General Mold, these men and women were allowed to leave their jobs and come to the fire hall and respond to fires. Unfortunately, we don't have that anymore. I believe there are only two members in our entire company of volunteers that work and they happen to work for themselves that can and do respond on their own time when they are around. It's not only the fact mentioned that the first truck, which is so important that it be there, but many times as I've been there at the fire hall, the second truck, the pumper or the ladder truck can't get out, because we don't have the people to put on it. You know, we might get a couple of volunteers come in and your second and third and your rescue truck are all manned by the volunteers. What paid members you have are working and they go on that first truck. So, many times the only equipment cannot get out or goes out very late and that's not only in jeopardy for the people they're going to respond to, but for the men in the ranks, the men and women and I really think that the citizens of Millville have a right, have absolutely right to have better service than what we're able to provide."

Dave Schoch: "Dave Schoch, Shamrock Lane, City of Millville, concerned taxpayer, former Mayor... former Mayor... Former Member of the Millville Fire Department as a volunteer and as a career guy. I have sat at the firehouse on numerous occasions when I was a paid person waiting for people to come in. This is not a new subject, this has been going on for years, I've talked to all of you at one time or another, I've sat across the table from Mr. Thompson and negotiated contracts for the union and it's always the same thing. We can't afford it, we can't afford it. Well, you know what, you can't afford not to afford it. People's lives are at stake. In '99 or 2000 or 2001, Millville had a string of several fatalities and not that manpower is going to necessarily save those people, but for every minute that you sit in the firehouse waiting for people to fill the truck, the fire gets bigger and bigger. It's time to address this problem. You know, take the personalities out of it, take the fact out of it, you should've hired two for the price that you're paying for one. You didn't do that, no Commission has done that for any other member that has joined the paid ranks of the Fire Department that I know of in twenty-some years that I've been around Millville Fire Department. It's not right, it shouldn't have been

done this time. You hired a guy prior to this one at starting salary that is as good, if not better trained than the one you have now, so you can't use that as an excuse. It was a very poor decision and you guys really should think about what you have created. You have created a monster now that is unbelievable and as a taxpayer, it's a very poor decision. Not to hire somebody, but to hire them at a higher rate. You know everybody else that walked through the door, including myself, took a major cut in pay to serve the citizens of Millville, to put their life on the line. Now, to do this is a slap in the face to everybody that's ever been a paid person in this Department that started out at the bottom salary. Every other employee in this City that starts out at the bottom salary should be up in arms over this decision. It doesn't matter who the person is. Right is right. You have a union contract, you should abide by it, you shouldn't just say, oh, we can do whatever we want. That has been said in the past and it sure come into fruition now that you're doing what ever you want. If the gentleman that took the job wanted the job bad enough, he will make sacrifices just like I did and every other person that has become a career member of the Fire Department. The Fire Department needs help. The statistics will show it, go get the statistics of the response times and it's not something that just has happened in the last year, it has been going on for a long time. They are progressively getting longer, because it's a National trend, the volunteers aren't here. Just like Sumner Lippincott said, they're not working in town. At one point we had twenty some people coming out of Wheaton Glass, Wheaton Glass is almost, well it's not Wheaton Glass anymore, but it's almost nonexistent. You have to address the facts that you do not have an active volunteer, as an active volunteer basis as you once had. When I started in 1983 there was 85 people in the Fire Department with a waiting list. That is not true anymore and you have to address it. You're not going to get the volunteers like you used to. All the young people today have, you know, both people in the family work, they have two jobs, they have kid sports, they have school activities. You do not have the people to volunteer to do this job. It's not a fun job to get up a 2 o'clock in the morning in the middle of February, when it's zero degrees out to go out and fight a fire. You're not going to get those kind of people, when they can go, or would rather go and coach their kids baseball teams, soccer teams, so on and so forth. It's time that the City of Millville addresses the problem. The City is growing outrageously fast, you all have done it, you all see it, we have houses coming in and houses are a liability, they're not necessarily where you're going, you're not going to have people buying three and four hundred thousand dollar houses and coming out and volunteering. That is not the trend today. The trend is, like Sumner Lippincott that is one generation after another that has done public services, the Wettstein's, the Hess's, Kurt Hess and his father. I mean that's not happening anymore, the young kids are moving, the young kids are doing other things, they're not coming out and volunteering and to do this when you know your Fire Department needs help is absolutely ludicrous. You really should reconsider your position and if talk about the Ordinance is true this is your opportunity to say look, if you want the job, here's the price. Not at %50,000.00 or if that's the case, then hire two more guys to round the shifts off to four and change the minimum staffing so that you have more than one firefighter on duty at a time. It is time to step up, you have three people on duty now and you go down to one. It's time to change the way you think and the way you operate. We have to be able to protect the citizens better than you're doing it today. Thank you."

Laura Mitchell: "Good evening, my name is Laura Mitchell, I live on Ronda Drive, I'm also a wife of a firefighter. I want to

know why you're starting a new firefighter at a higher step? Why would you hire one, when you could have hired two for the same amount of money? Do we really have the \$50,000.00 to pay them? If you do, hire the second one and hire him at Step 1. Every other firefighter that started as a paid firefighter started at Step 1, no questions asked. I know of people that had to turn the job down, because they couldn't take the pay cut. Everyone that took the job took pay cuts to be hired as a firefighter. Families had to make sacrifices due to the pay cuts. My husband alone, took almost a twenty thousand dollar pay cut as a State Fire Inspector with the Division of Fire Safety to take the job that he's always wanted to do and he was willing to take that pay cut and I was willing to support him 150% to take that pay cut, so he could take that job. He started out at \$20,000.00 six years ago, \$20,000.00 with a wife and two kids and a new house. What makes this new person any different? Are you going to hire the next person at a higher step also? What kind of precedent are you going to set? I feel that there's already a precedent in place. Everyone starts at the bottom, no preferential treatment. Thank you."

Terry Mitchell: "Good evening, my name is Terry Mitchell, I live on Ronda Drive, I'm a daughter of a firefighter. I think this is really totally unfair and it makes no sense at all to me. Why would you hire one firefighter for the price of two. How come our families had to make sacrifices with the salaries, but this guy can come in and not have to make those sacrifices? It doesn't make sense. Why would you make a deal like this for one for two? Do the math. Thank you."

There being no further comments the public comment portion regarding agenda items was closed, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from W. James Parent, Director of Public Safety appointing Steven Alcorn as Fire Fighter in accordance with certification from the State of New Jersey Department of Personnel effective Monday, December 18, 2006 with his official day of employment to commence on January 2, 2007.

Mayor Quinn asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners.

Vice-Mayor Derella: "Yes, Mr. Mayor, we generally do not discuss personnel matters in public out of respect and sometimes it becomes controversial and confidential issues may come arise. But, I will make this comment. Commissioner Parent who's responsible for Public Safety and our Policy Procedure Manual has the ability, as do any of the Commissioners to work with an individual who applies and receives a job opportunity with the City to negotiate a salary based on experience, certifications and credentials. He exercised that ability to do so under direction from Council and our Council happens to be Mr. Pepper, who handles all of our negotiations for our firefighters and police officers. One of the issues that we all have up here, is yes, we do recognize, as we do with Public Safety that need to provide our citizens with the best care possible when it comes to crime and fire protection. I received many phone calls from many of the people that are sitting out there. Have had numerous conversations and have listened diligently to the issues and concerns. We can't hire two people on the salary that's being paid. I had frank conversations with our Chief during the past budget of 2007 and agreed that we needed to hire one new person starting in January this year and we look to have discussions over the next several years, as long as I'm sitting in this seat in

regards to what we need to do to make sure our City is safe with the hiring, if need be, of new firefighters. That discussion continues on with the Chief on a regular basis. One of the other issues that we want to make sure that everyone understands is that the growth of our City is happening, we had approximately one hundred ninety new certificates of occupancies last year. New homes, building, commercial properties and things of that nature. Prior to that from 2000 on, it had been less than fifty per year. When you look at the fire data, at least what I've been exposed to, a lot of our fires occur in our older neighborhoods where we have our problems. So, we need to address that as well and to make sure we have the firefighters that can get out to the house as quickly as possible. We as a Commission will continue to listen to the concerns and work diligently to try and improve any conditions that may exist at our firehouse and with our firefighters. We do recognize that being a volunteer in anything is very difficult, but especially being a firefighter, I believe it's two nights a week for 26 weeks, an incredible amount of time that people have to put in to become just a volunteer firefighter. The last thing we want to do is alienate and cause problems with the people that we depend on to protect our City. With that again, Commissioner Parent acted within his ability as a Commissioner responsible for public safety and made his recommendation to the full Commission."

Mayor Quinn: "Okay, does anybody else have any comments? Certainly, I think the one thing that we're all in agreement is we probably need more firefighters. I don't think there's a question about that. You know it's interesting, if you come to these meeting and obviously, you're all here tonight, because you have a concern and a legitimate concern. I don't question it at all. But, every night, every City Commission Meeting we hear from the taxpayers, our taxes are too high and it's a difficult scenario, because as Dave said, Chief Schoch, who's our Bridgeton Fire Chief, who I have a great deal of respect for, he and I talked on many occasions, frankly and honestly. And you're right, Sumner's right, you don't have the volunteers that we've had in the past and as we get to a budget we have to then try to continue to grow the Fire Department. As far as the issues that the Mitchell's have brought forward, you certainly make a great case. I can't argue that case. That's not a situation where, you know, if they have the ability to make the salary range from what Commissioner Parent's able to make the range come from and for whatever reason, the Chief has I guess the recommendation, the Commissioner has the ability to recommend what they would like to do. There are ranges, we do bring people in on ranges. I understand what you're saying, but as you're well aware, this is a Public Safety issue, which unfortunately the Commissioner is away tonight and Commissioner Hollingshead is his backup for the Public Safety. But, let me tell you that there are no people that I respect more in the City of Millville and I'm sure all of us do, than the volunteer firefighters and the paid firefighters, especially our volunteer firefighters who give their life, put their life on the line every single time to go out and fight a fire. Many of you, Gary and Bill, many of you are friends of mine and I admire what you do and what you're able to do and as Dave's pointed out, it's just a matter of time we need to grow the Fire Department, there isn't any question about it. But, we constantly are bombarded by the people who say they're paying too much taxes. I've yet have anybody get up to that mic and say, please let's raise more taxes let's charge, and each one of those, each firefighter is, you know, an increase, which we probably do need and we did make a commitment to do that. So, it's a difficult situation I think for us to sit here and to say to you we do feel strongly that we need the firefighter and if I remember correctly, the gentleman that is being appointed or is scheduled to be appointed is, was No. 1 on the list

and I guess you usually go with the first on the list as it comes out. Our solicitor, do you have anything you would like to say?"

Richard McCarthy: "Yeah, just a couple of comments, Mr. Mayor, just to clarify one point, Commissioner Parent is on vacation and every year he takes vacations at this time, so it's not coincidental with respect to this particular application. The Salary Ordinance provides for a salary range between the minimum and the maximum for the particular categories. Secondly, our Personnel Policies do in fact, provide that education, job experience and other qualifications can be taken into consideration by the individual Commissioner making the appointment and the power of appointment resides with the individual Commissioner and whose Department the employee is going to be employed. There's been a number of employees in various Department's over the years, who have received salaries, starting salaries that exceed the minimum based on the qualifications those applicants have presented to the City of Millville and in particular to the Commissioner who's making the hiring. It's my understanding that there was serious consultation with respect to Larry Pepper and also Lew Thompson and also with respect to Commissioner Parent and they carefully considered all the factors and Commissioner Parent took everything into consideration and made the recommendation that's before the Commission this evening, based on not only based on the Salary Ordinance, but also based on the Personnel Policies."

Mayor Quinn: "So, you're saying it's within the legal realm..."

A motion was passed to receive, file and approve the appointment of Steven Alcorn as Fire Fighter in accordance with certification from the State of New Jersey Department of Personnel effective Monday, December 18, 2006 with his official day of employment to commence on January 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A member of the Volunteer Fire Fighters submitted his verbal resignation to the Mayor and left his pager on the dais and exited the Commission Chambers.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Judith M. Garay of the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding notice of intent to renew an Aeronautical Facility License for Millville Municipal Airport (A50) a public use Aeronautical Facility.

A motion was passed to receive and file the correspondence, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Joseph W. Zoltowski of the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture reporting aerial treatment is not needed in the spring due to no major infestations were detected in the City of Millville from the Department of Agriculture's fall gypsy moth egg mass survey.

A motion was passed to receive and file the correspondence, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Mayor Quinn appointing the following members to the Millville Shade Tree Commission

- a) Keith Egan - appointed from alternate I member to member with term expiring 12/31/2011
- b) Paul Menz - appointed as alternate I member with term expiring 12/31/2011

A motion was passed to receive and file the correspondence, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Sherwood Collins requesting the closing of a section of Mulberry Street between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets to hold a candlelight vigil to "Stop the Violence" in memory of Brian Pritchett on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

A motion was passed to receive, file and approve the request subject to any conditions set forth by the Traffic Safety Bureau, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from the Secretary of the Millville Volunteer Fire Department requesting approval to admit Kristi D. Goehle, as a volunteer member of the Millville Fire Department.

A motion was passed to receive, file and approve the request, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence from Mayor Quinn appointing Carolyn Krull, as a member of the Millville Development Corporation, to fill the unexpired term of Maryann Cannon with a term expiring January 31, 2007 and reappointing Carolyn Krull, as a member of the Millville Development Corporation, effective February 1, 2007 with a term expiring February 1, 2011.

A motion was passed to receive, file and approve the correspondence, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The Tax Collector's Report for the month of November, 2006 was ordered, received and filed, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commissioner Shannon introduced Miss Holly City, Meredith Sooy, 2007 who assisted Commissioner Shannon with the following presentations for the 2006 Holiday Home Lighting Contest Award Winners:

**Grand Prize**

Bill Linton of 414 Esibill Ave

**Ward One**

**First Place**

Jay Culley, 2308 Clover Lane

**Second Place**

Bonnie McCoy, 1000 E. Main St

**Third Place**

Altagracia Rosario, 2208 S. Second St.

**Ward Two**

No entries

**Ward Three****First Place**

Margaret Taylor, 1316 Buck St.

**Ward Four****First Place**

Clyde and Linda Busler, 26 Caloris Ave.

**Second Place**

Joe and Kathy D'Amico, 24 Caloris Ave.

**Third Place**

William Stadnick, 1906 Edgewood Ave.

**Ward five****First Place**

Jose Rodriguez, 39 Lisa Marie Terrace

**Second Place**

Ben Sanchez, 7 Fox Cove Drive and

**Third Place**

Charles McGuire, 13 Fox Cove Drive

**Other winners**

Dazzling Door Award

Bob Van Hassel, 7 Jenny Drive

**Best Decorated Street**

Fox Cove Drive

**Best Religious Theme**

The Panas Family, 60 Lisa Marie Terrace

**Holiday Showcase Award**

The Fauver Family, 501 Hamilton Ave.

**Commissioners Award**

Angel Perez, 111 W. Main St.

**Christmas Cheer (tie)**

Joseph and Cheryl Sharp, 811 N. 5th St.  
and

Willard Saul, 539 Carlton Ave.

**Best Artistic Display**

Ron Dawson, 217 Carmel Road.

**Honorable mention was awarded to:**

Kenneth Tipton and Lillian Schaffer, 701 N. 9th St.

John Blizzard, 719 Overbrook Ave.

Matt and Mickey Hiles, 1817 W. Main St.

The Thompson Family, 1721 Fairton Road.

The 2006 Year End Summary of financial, volunteer and professional investments covering January 2006 through November 2006 concerning the Millville Development Corporation, Glasstown Arts District and Main Street Program was delivered by Marianne Lods:



## 2006 Year End Summary Main Street Millville

The attached pages show the activity time line of the Glasstown Arts District - Main Street Millville organization. The following is a summary of financial, volunteer, and professional investment in this are from January through November 2006:

- 42 New business openings
- 95 Jobs created
- Private investment in commercial properties purchased is \$1,176,000.
- Private investment in new construction and building rehabilitation is \$2,280,000.
- 27 Façade projects completed
- \$218,959 Private investment in façade rehabilitation
- \$88,624 Public investment in façade rehabilitation
- 3132 Volunteer hours + 1681 Professional Volunteer hours = 4813 Total Volunteer Hours
- \$60,817 Private Volunteer Hours in Wages (using formula from Main Street NJ)
- Total Private Reinvestment including volunteer hours = \$3,785,776

There has been steady growth in the revitalization effort of Millville's downtown since early 2000, however, the most significant has occurred in 2006. Many businesses report a brisk economy and have a good forecast for 2007.

The year end summary is prepared by Main Street Millville (and MDC) executive director, Marianne Lods.

### Year End Activity Report for 2006

#### Millville Development Corporation -- Main Street Millville

Jan 2006	Sammy J's II Restaurant (casual) opening.
Jan 2006	Enchanted Cottage (antiques) opening.
Jan - May	Riverfront & City Core public input meetings with EDAS & RJK Consultants.
Apr 2006	Luck of the Draw (tattoo) opening.
Apr 2006	Everything's Cool (ice cream shop) opening.
Apr 2006	"Phantom Gallery" debuts on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays to rave reviews.
Apr 2006	Began Art District strategic planning process. City of Aurora, CO's Arts District here for focus groups.

May 2006 Country Blessings (retail) opening.

May 2006 Advantage EyeCare (professional) opening.

May 2006 Capital Investments (professional) opening.

May 2006 Isabelle's Studio 135 (art gallery) opening.

May 2006 Evolve Within opening (bought OM Yoga & Art Studio)

May 2006 Hosted first "Main Street Appreciation Day" for businesses and volunteers.

May 2006 First "Plein Air Art Competition" hosted with 34 artists from 5 states.

May 2006 Pawtucket, RI Arts District here for focus groups.

May 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Farmers' Market from Memorial Day Saturday - Labor Day Saturday.

June 2006 Patricia's Tea Parlour opening.

June 2006 Frederick, MD Arts Aistrict & Main St here for 3<sup>rd</sup> focus groups.

June 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BikeFest hosted - attendance 1000, partial rain day.

July 2006 Primitive Gatherings (retail) opening.

July 2006 Riverview Center new \$2 million dollar building opening with: Holly City Pediatrics, Landis Title Co., and Mints Insurance (all professional businesses).

July 2006 Uplink (recreational & cyber café) opening.

July 2006 Pastina (Italian food specialties) opening.

July 2006 Village on High opening of 11 new art and retail businesses, including: Blue Heron Children's Gallery, 4 Walls Gallery, Dragnfli Designs, Marsh Hen Studio, Reflections of the Past, Earth Gatherings, Gordillo's Angels of Light, Kristina's Boutique, Melange Designs, Tina's Yarn Shoppe, Village Snackery.

July 2006 Received grant of \$5,000 from Wal\*Mart (southern NJ region) for Art Creates Excellence program.

July 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SummerFest held with attendance of 7,000.

July 2006 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Art Creates Excellence program begins.

Aug 2006 Vintage Rose Tea Room opening.

Aug 2006 It's New to You (retail) opening.

Aug 2006 Don's Guitar Gallery (lessons) opening.

Aug 2006 Exotic Millwork (custom craft) opening.

Aug 2006 Zelphy's Liberation Performing Arts Center opening.

Aug 2006 Casa do Felize (artist residence & gallery) opening.

Aug 2006 New director of the public Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts hired, Carolyn Krull. First director, Michael Cagno, resigned to take the directorship of the Noyes Museum.

Aug 2006 Awarded NJSCA 3 year General Program Support grant of \$23,694.

Aug 2006 Full-day Strategic Art Plan Retreat held with Board members, artists, and retail merchants. Goals set for 3 years and will be titled "Mayor's Task Force - Arts Plan 2009."

Sep 2006 Amanda's (ladies shop) relocates to larger store.

Sep 2006 Donna's Ceramics (gallery) opening.

Sep 2006 Parke Bank (loan office) opening.

Sep 2006 Nic Naks (retail) opening.

Sep 2006 First September Shorts Film Festival held and was extremely successful new arts event.

Sep 2006 Studio 409 new artist residence and work space opening with 4 artists.

Oct 2006 O'Daley's .... (retail) opening.

Oct 2006 KG Weiss Fine Art Gallery opening.

Nov 2006 Eclectic at the Rusty Heart (antiques) opening.

Nov 2006 Glasstown Arts Psychic (readings & retail) opening.

Dec 2006 Tasty Temptations at Village on High

Jan - Dec 2006 14 Businesses closed, relocated or were sold:  
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Jan - Sep 2006 Received \$15,000 in event sponsorships and Main Street Millville members and supporters.

Jan - Sep 2006 Third Friday crowds draw 3,000 visitors and residents in each of June, July & Aug.

**42 new businesses created in 2006 thus far.** We had the loss of 14 businesses in Arts District. There are 8 first floor vacancies on High Street as of Dec. 2006.

**112 new businesses** have opened in **7 years.** The net increase is **83 new businesses in the Arts District.**

- There have been 11 successful relocations into better suited buildings and most of them were purchased.
- Since 2000 there has been a loss of 29 businesses due to death, relocation due to sale of buildings, and some failures.
- Market rate property values have tripled on small to mid-size buildings and doubled on large buildings.

There are a total of 134 businesses in the Glasstown Arts District plus 2 historical institutions and 5 government and non-profit agencies for a **grand total of 141 business/employment entities.**

Fifteen (15) **Pioneer Artists** have located in the Arts District. They receive special marketing and some may qualify for relocation loans at zero percent interest.

Dozens of buildings have applied for and received **Façade Grants & Loans** to facilitate the improvement of their buildings. Several Historically significant buildings have been restored with this funding and private investment.

Prepared by: Marianne Lods, Executive Director, Millville Development Corp. and Main Street Millville.

Mayor Quinn thanked Marianne Lods, Executive Director and Dale Wettstein, Chairperson of the MDC and all the members of the Millville Development Corporation for their dedication, service and volunteerism on behalf of all the Commissioners.

The following proposed ordinance was read on first reading:

An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Millville Chapter 30, Land Use and Development Regulations regarding Lakeshore Conservation Zoning District Regulations.

Director Derella moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance on first reading with final consideration to be given on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 after due publication as provided by law.

Director Hollingshead seconded the motion.

The motion was passed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The following proposed ordinance was read on second and final reading:

Ordinance No. 38-2006

An Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of Real Property pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-3 regarding the City of Millville's desire to purchase Block 356, Lot 1, 540 High Street, consisting of vacant land with asphalt paving for the consideration of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a public parking lot and entrance way for the north end of the Millville Arts District.

Director Shannon moved for the adoption of the proposed ordinance on second and final reading.

Director Derella seconded the motion.

Mayor Quinn declared a public hearing open and asked if any person present wished to be heard.

There being no response Mayor Quinn declared the public hearing closed and asked for a roll call on the motion.

The motion was passed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5668 authorizing adjustments to the Tax and Utility Records was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5669 authorizing the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the FY2007 budget from the NJ Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for UEZ Tourism Marketing Project, Year 4 in the amount of \$379,670.00; UEZ Funding for Police Officers, Year 16 in the amount of \$162,151.00; UEZ Façade Improvement Project - Phase VII in the amount of \$149,000.00; UEZ Millville Main Street/MDC Operating Budget - Year II in the amount of \$127,291.00; UEZ Funding for Fire Fighter - Year 15 in the amount of \$74,770.00 and UEZ Funding for Mobile Training Van - Year 10 in the amount of \$15,000.00 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5670 authorizing the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the FY2007 budget from the County of Cumberland, Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - Prevent Alcoholism & Drug Abuse in the amount of \$27,194.00 and the City's share in the amount of \$6,987.00 in the FY2007 budget under matching funds for Grants was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5671 authorizing the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the FY2007 budget from the NJ Department of Criminal Justice Body Armor Replacement Fund - 2006 Body Armor Replacement Fund in the amount of \$7,476.18 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5672 authorizing the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the FY2007 budget from the NJ Department of Transportation Trust Fund - Local Aid for Centers (Maurice River Waterfront Park Phase IV and V) in the amount of \$100,000.00 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-5673 authorizing Special Assessment for Clean Up of Properties was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator read a letter from William E. Trask, Jr. of the Confederate Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan requesting to hold a demonstration on February 3, 2007, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in front of the Millville Post Office to secure signatures for prayer petition was received, filed and approved, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Commissioner Shannon asked several questions concerning the request of said permit noting they are using the sidewalk in front of the Post Office and not making a request for use of public lands owned by the City of Millville.

A Social Affair Permit on behalf of the Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries Inc., February 3, 2007, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm was ordered, received, filed and approved, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

A request and authorization for Records Disposal received from the City Clerk's Office regarding City Commission Meeting Tapes from January 2000 through December 2005 was approved, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Mayor's Statement: We have now reached the public comment part of our meeting. Anyone who would like to address the commission, please go to the podium, state your name, and address your concerns. Please limit your comments to approximately 5 minutes.

Reverend Kenyon addressed the Board of Commissioners:

*"Mr. Mayor and Mr. Commissioners, first of all I would like to say in starting of a New Year, thank you for last year. Thank you for your service to a community that I've made my home for 50 years this May. I appreciate everyone who serves this City, because its been a blessing to me. I have a question, my question comes on something we just passed and I didn't quite hear it. The people wishing to solicit in front of the Federal Post Office, are they local people or are they out of towners? I'll be attending a meeting tomorrow and would be interested to know whether they are..."*

Commissioner Shannon: *"I'd be happy to give you this correspondence, it's a local address is what they have on the letterhead..."*

Commissioner Derella: *"it's a PO Box Reverend..."*

Commissioner Shannon: *"a PO Box rather..."*

Reverend Kenyon: *"my question is are they residents of this City?"*

Lew Thompson: *"one person is a resident of the City."*

Reverend Kenyon: *"alright, just asking a question, because I'm interested that this is a Millville Community that we live in and I'm always very interested if people are coming from the outside to raise other questions. Thank you so much."*

Mayor Quinn: *"thank you Reverend."*

Tom Williams addressed the Board of Commissioners and submitted his pager to the governing body noting his resignation as a member of the Millville Volunteer Fire Department.

Bob Van Hassel addressed the Board of Commissioners and made the following comments:

"Good evening, Bob Van Hassel, resident of Millville, winner of one of the plaques and I really do appreciate it. First of all, I would like to say I honor the Commission on what they've done in the past years, especially in the past few years with promoting the Christmas, the Riverfront and the community has come a long way. It's something that's been on my mind for awhile and it's been brought up by Governor Corzine, is Sharing Services amongst communities. I'm sure there's some things that can be done. I understand the Mayor up in Vineland proposed something in reference to the Health Department and of course, I guess a lot of rebuttal comes up from the people or whatever. You get a lot of heat from the Unions, you get a lot of heat from a lot of different places. There's no reason why things can't be worked out in some way. Of course, Corzine's referring to School Districts, well maybe there is something that can be done, maybe we can, between three different communities you can save the cost of one Superintendent. I don't know where it can go, but it seems to me it's an open door that's got to be followed and pursued and come up with things and I'm appalled of the fact that firemen only make fifty thousand dollars to start. These are people that..."

Mayor Quinn: "no, twenty-three to start..."

Bob Van Hassel: "well, this one got fifty thousand..."

Mayor Quinn: "this one got, yeah, but the others get twenty-three..."

Bob Van Hassel: "alright, but it's appalling, because of the fact that these men or women are saving your lives. Policemen, I've never met a policeman that really gets paid what they should get paid, because any moment they could stop a car and they could get shot..."

Mayor Quinn: "absolutely..."

Bob Van Hassel: "this is a job that is not thanked enough and by Sharing Services, maybe we could find the money to give these people some raises and be able to have a bigger department, maybe find some money to somehow or another to encourage more volunteerism within. I mean, I'm a volunteer, I volunteered and I had well over five hundred hours of volunteer service at the aquarium before I changed jobs and I had to leave. I know what volunteering is all about, my wife volunteers, she did also up at Camden Gardens. We raise Seeing Eye dogs through the 4-H system, I understand and volunteering is not an easy thing, it's a hard thing to organize. I spent time going to seminars for the New Jersey Aquarium and I know I met one of the Kennedy relatives that was pushing for volunteerism in one State and all she wanted was ten hours of volunteer for a Murry High School child before they could graduate. And the rebuttals that they got, for ten hours in a year, ten hours. It's nothing. But, this idea of Shared Services somewhere, someplace, these things can congeal. I don't know where, it's going to take a group of people to get together and sit down and maybe find some, I'm not looking to eliminate jobs, I don't think jobs should be eliminated. Well, maybe a couple of the high level jobs. That's where the big money is anyway. The little guy on the street, the

little guy that runs into the house to save the people, he's not making the big money. These are not the people you want to lose, those are the people you want to increase and maybe there's someplace where we can find that. It's a good place to start."

Mayor Quinn: "it is..."

Bob Van Hassel: "thank you very much."

Mayor Quinn: "thank you, thanks for donating your time."

Mayor Quinn declared the public comment portion closed and asked for comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Derella: "Yes, Mr. Mayor, the last gentlemen spoke about Shared Services. I have to say that there's quite a few Shared Services with our School Board and the City in regards to Information Technology and also Sharing in kind services in regards to plowing of parking lots, providing salt and doing those things. There's also a purchasing consortium with the County and other municipalities where we try to save money when we acquire gasoline, salt, road materials and those kind of things to try to make that work. I've been studying this process very closely and Shared Service is a huge buzz word throughout the State of New Jersey. True savings happens with consolidation and that's something that we all have to look at and work diligently at to see where that can occur and where it can't and where it can't we got to find ways to Share Services to possibly at lease reduce some cost across the board for all the entities that we have to work with. But, again, we will continuously look at ways for us to be able to save money in regards to sharing things, whether it be our neighboring municipality, our school board or with the County."

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair, by the following vote: Yeas: Shannon, Derella, Hollingshead and Quinn.

Adopted: January 16, 2006

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Attest:

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City Clerk/Administrator

BILL LIST  
CITY OF MILLVILLE  
MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2007

ACMJIF	247,856.00
ACU-PRINT, INC.	119.99
AIR POWER INTERNATIONAL, INC.	186.01
ARORA AND ASSOCIATES, PC	16,077.20
ARSENAL SOUND CO.	150.00
AT&T INFORMATION SYSTEMS	905.87
ATLANTIC CO UTILITIES AUTHORITY	29,719.10
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	1,605.96
DON AYRES	282.64
GERALD A. BARRETT, INC.	1,776.21
BIRCH'S COMMUNICATIONS	522.00
BOND AND COUPON	175,803.13
BROWNSTREET CHOWDER SOCIETY	180.00
CAPE MAY COUNTY CLERKS ASSOC.	70.00
CATERINA SUPPLY INC.	4,151.00
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY CORP	25.65
CITY MILLVILLE PAYROLL DED ACC	279,155.98
CITY OF MILLVILLE-SELF INS 'B'	947.00
COBRA ELECT	63.21
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	621.41
CUMBERLAND CO. CLERK'S OFFICE	50.00
CCIA	196.24
CUMBERLAND REMINDER	155.00
CUMBERLAND VALVE INC	25.88
THE DAILY JOURNAL, INC.	1,965.65
LINDA A. DEDRICK	200.00
DEERFIELD ELECTRIC	3,938.30
DELL COMPUTER CORP.	2,748.44
EDWARD DUFFY, ESQ.	390.00
EXECUTIVE BUSINESS PROD. CORP.	1,886.50
EMERGENCY PRODUCTS INC/FIREPWR	8,395.00
THE FLOWER FARM, INC.	347.65
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	1,815.45
FRANZWA TRAILER SALES	191.00
GENTILINI FORD, INC.	171.46
FIREONE	265.00
GRAINGER	602.62
GRANTURK EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	1,785.90
GRUCCIO, PEPPER, GIOVINAZZI, RONALD J HARVEY	2,973.11 3,000.00
HOWELL HARDWARE	917.31
THE INCREDIBLE BULK	30.00
INSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL DEVLPMNT	198.00
STEVE JONES	350.41
KEY EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC	218.52
JUDGE PAUL KIENZLE	325.00
LANDSMAN UNIFORMS INC.	189.90
LAWYERS DIARY & MANUAL	81.00
LILLISTON CHRYSLER/PLYM., INC.	95.87
RICHARD C MCCARTHY ESQ	7,800.00
MGL FORMS SYSTEMS	669.00
MILLVILLE AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	266.71
MILLVILLE DAY CARE CENTER	18,000.00
MILLVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORP	7,500.00
STEVE NEDER, ESQ.	1,071.43
VERIZON	5,509.09
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	7,448.43
NJ LAW JOURNAL	219.00
D. A. NOLT, INC.	2,264.18
PACE & ASSOCIATES, INC.	108,366.11
JOHN PANGBURN FENCING	3,595.00

PENN-JERSEY MACHINERY, INC.	140.50
POSTMASTER, CITY OF MILLVILLE	826.00
PREMIER CHEMICALS, LLC	10,993.36
PRINT SOLUTIONS PLUS, INC.	671.65
QUALITY CONTROL LABS, INC.	2,910.00
SCHWAAB, INC.	124.22
SERVPRO OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY	2,925.81
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER, INC	1,293.00
SHEPPARD BUS SERVICE, INC	240.00
STAPLES, INC.	1,254.66
STEWART BUSINESS SYSTEMS	208.89
TAX COLLECTOR & TREAS. ASSN NJ	300.00
TEK GRAF, INC.	495.00
MICHAEL THOMPSON	30.33
UNITED LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	360.00
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	13.31
URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE	3,250.20
JOSEPH W. VEIGHT, ESQ.	390.00
KIM WARKER	97.21
WILSON WEB SERVICES	443.90
WILLIAM'S ASPHALT MATERIALS	120.00
SHIRLEY MOSER	2,070.00
LENNAR CORP.	50.00
BOBBY & KATIE HOANG	1,317.72
PAULINE ROMAN	250.00
TOTAL BILLS FOR MEETING 01/02/07	987,212.28
IDA (DIRECT)                      (WIRE)	947.00
CITY OF MILLVILLE SALARY ACCOUNT	269,458.21
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TOTAL SALARY FOR 01/02/07 MEETING	537,849.24
GRAND TOTAL FOR MEETING 01/02/07	1,526,008.52