

Commission Chamber, City Hall
Millville, New Jersey
October 21, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in an agenda session with Mayor Quinn presiding. Members present: Quinn, Shannon, Parent Derella and Vanaman. Absent: None.

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.

The City Clerk/Administrator noted Item No. 10 under resolutions regarding amendment to an existing professional service contract with Pace & Associates was removed from the agenda and Item No. 12 under resolutions was added regarding the endorsement and support of a resolution adopted by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders approving a Citizen Participation Plan pursuant to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the (CDBG) Program to establish a Regional Senior Center within the City of Millville.

Commission Chamber, City Hall
Millville, New Jersey
October 21, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a regular session with Mayor Quinn presiding. Members present: Quinn, Shannon, Parent Derella and Vanaman. Absent: None.

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.

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

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The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from James F. Quinn re-appointing H. George Mitchell and Raymond Burkey as members of the Millville Planning Board with a term expiring November 8, 2012

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

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Cindy Stark, Treasurer of the Millville Shade Tree Commission resigning effective immediately

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

The City Clerk/Administrator read correspondence received from Commissioner Vanaman, Director of Public Safety appointing John D. Hallquist, Michael Lippincott and John F. Wettstein, III as Provisional Fire Captains in the Millville Fire Department subject to testing and certification by the New Jersey Department of Personnel effective October 19, 2008

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

The Cumberland County Public Health Summation Report for the month of September 2008; the Construction Official Permit Fee Log Report and the Monthly Fees Report for the month of September 2008 were ordered received and filed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

The Accounting Report for the month of September 2008; Tax Collector's Report for the month of September 2008; Treasurer's Report Investment Funds for the month's of July, August and September 2008 were ordered received and filed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

The Municipal Court Report for the month of September 2008 was ordered received and filed, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

A motion was made to authorize the re-advertisement of Public Hearing for Monday, November 3, 2008, 5:00 p.m. for the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 28-2008

Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank.

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

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

Ordinance No. 29-2008

Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Millville, Chapter 30, Land Use and Development Regulations:

- a) Article I, General provisions
- b) Article XIV Supplementary Zoning District Regulations
- c) Article XXIII Signs

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

Director Vanaman 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, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

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

Ordinance No. 30-2008

Ordinance amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 65 Taxation, Article IV, Municipal Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax.

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

Director Vanaman 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, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

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

Ordinance No. 31-2008

Ordinance amending Chapter 52, Police Regulations:
Article XIII Towing & Storage of Motor Vehicles
Section 52-57 Municipal Responsibilities
Section 52-60 Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles by Municipality.

Director Vanaman 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, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6289 authorizing adjustments to the City of Millville Tax and Utility Records was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and

Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6290 authorizing Special Assessment of Municipal Liens for the following properties due to expenses incurred by the City of Millville relating to Clean-Up of Properties/Board & Secure of the following properties:

Board & Secure

- a) 1831 Hance Bridge Rd, Block 348, Lot 14, \$420.00
- b) 2800 W. Main St, Block 2, Lot 32, \$570.00
- c) 1805 Newcombtown Rd, Block 492, Lot 39, \$300.00
- d) 20 E. Vine St, Block 364, Lot 12, \$60.00

Cut & Clean

- a) 412 Ireland Ave, Block 118, Lot 8, \$75.00
- b) 224-226 Mulberry St, Block 368, Lot 1, \$70.00
- c) 516 Sassafras St, Block 426, Lot 13, \$650.00
- d) 4 Sterling Place, Block 65, Lot 19.19, \$75.00
- e) 418 Smith St, Block 469, Lot 10, \$65.00
- f) 57 N. Sharp St, Block 255, Lot 10, \$95.00
- g) 201 N. 13th St, Block 400, Lot 2, \$125.00
- h) 304 E. Broad St, Block 341, Lot 3, \$62.50
- i) 306 E. Broad St, Block 341, Lot 4, \$62.50 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6291 authorizing the endorsement and approval of the financial budget covering the balance of the closure period for the Solid Waste Landfill that officially closed in January of 1983 committing \$144,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009 as mandated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6292 authorizing the increase of the Bid Threshold to \$29,000.00 and appointing Maureen Mitchell as a Qualified Purchasing Agent certified by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-3A and NJAC 5:34-5 et. seq. was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6293 authorizing Kim Ayres, Planning Director and Elizabeth Nicke, Recreation Supervisor to pursue grant funding for local green initiatives for a "Go Green Strategy" to increase the quality of life for residents and employees, which includes partnerships with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, Cumberland County Department of Planning and Development and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Sustainability and Planning was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6294 authorizing temporary emergency appropriation amending the FY2009 Temporary Budget due to the need to increase the SFY2009 Temporary appropriations was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6295 authorizing submission of application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund for funding in the amount of \$707,484.00 to fund the Tourism Marketing Year 6 Resolution No. A-6295 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

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, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6296 authorizing Public Auction of vehicles, equipment and motorcycles no longer needed for public use on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Police Impound Lot located on Brandriff and Columbia Avenues was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6297 Resolution amending Resolution No. A-6264 adopted on September 16, 2008 regarding Taxi Cab Owner License King Cab of 1301 N. 10th Street changing the name to CRH Cab LLC, 1301 N. 10th Street for the period covering October 22, 2008 through December 31, 2008 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A-6298 authorizing Interlocal Services Agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Recycling Collection Services in the amount of \$550.00 for the period covering September 23, 2008 through September 23, 2009 was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Director Parent submitted the appropriate certification as to the availability of funds.

Resolution No. A-6299 endorsing and supporting Resolution adopted by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders approving a Citizen Participation Plan pursuant to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the (CDBG) Program to establish a Regional Senior Center within the City of Millville was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

A motion was made to authorize the following Raffle Licenses:

- a) RL-855 on behalf of St. Mary Magdalen Church, for an off premise 50/50 raffle to be held on December 14, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 621 Dock Street
- b) RL-856 on behalf of St. Mary Magdalen Church for an off premise raffle to be held on February 14, 2009, 9:30 p.m. at the BPO Elks Lodge #580, 1815 E. Broad Street
- c) RL-857 on behalf of Nabb Leslie Post 82 American Legion for an off premise raffle to be held on the last Tuesday of each month beginning January 27, 2009 through December 29, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nabb Leslie Post 82 American Legion, 220 Buck Street

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


A motion was made to authorize the following Social Affair Permits on behalf of the following:

a) BPOE #580 Elks Lodge to be held at the BPOE #580 Elks Lodge, 1815 E. Broad Street on Saturday, November 15, 2008, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

b) Kevin J. Snyder Memorial Fund Inc. to be held at the BPOE #580 Elks Lodge, 1815 E. Broad Street on Friday, November 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

The City Clerk/Administrator read the following report from Purchasing regarding Bids received on October 21, 2008 for the Millville Municipal Building Electrical Service Upgrades.

<p>COMMISSIONERS</p> <p>JOSEPH J. DERELLA, JR., Vice-Mayor Director of Revenue & Finance</p>	<p>CITY OF MILLVILLE</p> <p>THE HOLLY CITY</p>  <p>"A MAIN STREET NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY"</p> <p>12 SOUTH HIGH STREET P.O. BOX 609 MILLVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08332</p> <p>TELEPHONE: (856) 825-7000 FAX #: (856) 825-7988</p>	<p>OFFICERS</p> <p>MAUREEN P. MITCHELL Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>JOHN W. KRAUSE City Treasurer</p>
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October 21, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioner

FROM: Maureen Mitchell, CFO/PA

The Purchasing Board received bids on October 21, 2008 for the Millville Municipal Building Electrical Service Upgrades.

Three (3) bids were received as follows:

Name: Deerfield Electric Amount Total: \$64,390.74

Name: Coastal Electric Amount Total: \$82,796.56

Name: Bricktown Electric Amount Total: \$82,147.00

We are reviewing the bids to determine if the available funds are sufficient to award at a later day.


 Maureen P. Mitchell

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

A motion was made to authorize the City Clerk/Administrator to advertise for bids for the project entitled "FY2009 Electrical Repair Maintenance & Service Contract for Water Utility, Sewer Utility & Public Properties" with said bids to be returned to the Purchasing Board on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall

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

A motion was made to approve Special Event on Public Lands Application for the Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Millville Chamber of Commerce to be held on Friday, November 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on High Street

The 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, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

A motion was made to authorize the City Clerk/Administrator to advertise a Public Notice regarding the City of Millville submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulation Program for a Coastal Area Facility Review Act(CAFRA) Permit for the development of phase I upgrades of the City of Millville Wastewater Treatment Plant, Block 546, Lot 36

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

A motion was made to authorize the City Clerk/Administrator to advertize for rebids for the project entitled "2008 Road Improvement Program" with said bids to be returned to the Purchasing Board on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall

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

There being no further business, Mayor Quinn stated we have now reached the public comment portion 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.

Joe Sutherland, Coordinator of the Millville Municipal Alliance Committee, announced their next monthly meeting would be held on October 28th, 6:30 p.m. at the Millville Senior High School in the Guidance Office area.

Joe Sutherland also announced the 4th and 5th Grade Halloween Party would be held this Friday Night with the 4th Grade Halloween Party to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the 5th Grade Halloween Party would be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. indicating there is a \$2 admission fee and prizes would be awarded for the best costumes.

Mr. Sutherland also reminded everyone of the Jolly Holly 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run to be held on November 28th prior to the Christmas Parade indicating Registration is at 6:15 and the race starts at 6:30 p.m. noting registration forms can be obtained from local downtown businesses or register online at www.lin-mark.com.

Mr. Sutherland stated the Millville Municipal Alliance's Culmination Dinner and Celebration would be held on December 7, 2008 at the Millville Elk's Lodge.

Emil Van Hook made the following comments:

"Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, Emil Van Hook, Sunset Drive, Millville, New Jersey. Let me put on my Chamber of Commerce hat first. I want to thank you for passing the Christmas Parade Project for this November, as Chairman of the Parade, again. I don't know how many more years we're going to keep on doing this, but it's been an awful a lot of fun for a heck of a long time. I can assure you the parade will be bigger and better than it was last year. I can also assure you that Santa's float will not run out of gasoline ever again, we have rectified that problem..."

Mayor Quinn: "I didn't know that happened."

Emil Van Hook: "not too many people did, we got an emergency can at the last moment, I can assure you. Anyway, 2 weeks ago or maybe 4 weeks ago now, I spoke before you and presented you with a proposed ordinance that would deal with the issue of tax abatements and asked that you considered passing this Ordinance, which would eliminate them or at least modify the time of which they, or the terms and condition under which they would be used. As a result of, you know, you didn't like that bottom line and you asked Don to come up and speak and he spoke very eloquently against turning them down and things of that nature, but because of the way your meeting is structured, we don't have a chance to comeback and refute that, but we also have some newspaper clippings and things of that nature and here's one that appeared recently in a publication in New Jersey entitled Walmart cuts its taxes and we pick up the tab. The point being very simply that when you give those tax abatements somebody has to pay it. Another one, USA Today, National Publication appeared August 22nd, Business Incentives Lose Luster for States. They're being reviewed and looked at all over the United States. More localized, I have an article where Egg Harbor City is reviewing its abatement program and this was in this past August. So, these issues are being reviewed, debated and done away with all over the United States. Tonight I come before you with another Ordinance that we would like to suggest that you consider. I'm not going to read it in its entirety. But, we refer to it as a taxpayer protection Ordinance. This is an Ordinance that would essentially limit budget increases to the rate of inflation. It would, and that would be unless the electorate would vote to increase budgets and therefore limit tax increases. Again, without going through the entire Ordinance, I'll present it to the City Clerk and you can read it at your leisure, but in either case I can assure you that in talking with people throughout the community that if you would consider passing something along these lines, perhaps people in the community might, you know, wouldn't be inclined to request a referendum in those regards. The last item I would like to talk about tonight is I expected some kind of comment tonight in reference to the National or actual Worldwide Economic Crisis that we're in and I heard nothing. I didn't hear any reassurance that the City reserves were invested in a manner that would not lose value. I didn't hear that. I didn't hear where there has been any movement for the Commission to look at the budget again and perhaps rethink the numbers that are on there to reduce expenditures and therefore taxes on people in the community that many of them can ill afford to pay any further increases in taxes or even at the level they are, a reduction and I would respectfully suggest that you sharpen your pencils and you go back and you look at these things again. We are living in a time that nobody in our lifetime, perhaps our parents possibly or grandparents have ever lived through before.

We collectively on a local level, state level, national level, need to address these issues. They should be addressed and I respectfully suggest that you gentlemen consult with some experts in that field and do what you can to perhaps reduce expenditures for a short period of time at least. Thank you very much for your time and consideration."

Bob Tesoroni: "Good evening Mr. Mayor and Commissioners, Bob Tesoroni, Howard Street. At the beginning of each meeting a motion is made to pay all bills when properly certified. I understand it is not practical to read each bill and/or scrutinize every expenditure and when the motion is made when properly certified I am of the opinion that you are relying on professional staff members to have certified the accuracy of the bills prior to the board voting to authorize payment. Is my understanding of the process correct?"

Commissioner Derella: "each Commissioner reviews their bills and they have to signoff as well. So, prior to the meeting, thanks to Commissioner Vanaman when he first came on board here he asked to have those things prepared several days in advance to help us to be able to review those bills before we do sign. So, if I am correct the process has been each Commissioner needs to signoff on the bills for each of his departments along with the Department Heads that are responsible, and there are also joint bills that need to be signed that involve several of the departments. Sometime with a cell phone bill it involves all of us. We have an opportunity to review and ask questions. Some bills have been pulled in the past and that's how the process works."

Bob Tesoroni: "Okay. Without researching, do any of you gentlemen have a ballpark figure as to the total bills you authorized payment for during calendar year 2007? Let me say I understand without time to research it that it would only be an estimate. But, do you have even a ballpark figure of the number of bills, the amount of bills that you authorized payment on in 2007?"

Commissioner Derella: "and that's a question obviously that we can't answer at this time without going through it, but obviously it has to stay within the budget..."

Bob Tesoroni: "You don't have to research it, I'm going to help you. It was \$72,877,114.94 for calendar year 2007. That's a substantial sum of money and we'll come back to that in a few moments. On July 1, 2008 during the Commission Meeting I asked two questions. One, whom are the block parties for and to which Commissioner Shannon answered, "I would say the residents of the City of Millville and surrounding communities." The second question was, what is or are the purposes of block parties, to which Commissioner Shannon answered "a little socialization and recreation for the City folks that want to come down and enjoy the riverfront." Then on July 15th, which was the next Commission Meeting, Commissioner Shannon submitted a report, which was dated 06-02-2008 regarding estimated budget expenditures for the City of Millville Block Parties. According to Mr. Shannon this report was prepared by members of the Recreation Department and delivered to him by Miss Liz Nicke. A motion was made to receive and file the report and this passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. I will note, Mr. Mayor, that you were not present during that meeting. Did any of you

gentlemen that voted on it have an opportunity to read the report prior to receiving it and having it filed?"

Commissioner Vanaman and Commissioner Derella: "Yes."

Bob Tesoroni: "Did all of you, or just you Mr. Derella and Mr. Shannon you received it..."

Commissioner Shannon: "I read it..."

Bob Tesoroni: "you read the report, okay. After reading the report I have several areas of concern, which should also be areas of concern for the Board and for the taxpayers. Prior to addressing these concerns I will state that I am of the opinion that when a report is submitted to a member of the Board it should be complete, accurate, factual and relevant. I would hope that my expectations concerning reports that are shared by this Board. With regards to this report, it is not complete. The report does not identify who is the author. The report estimates the cost of overtime for Park employees and does not take into account man hours utilized during normal work hours that take the employees away from their normal duties. The report estimates the cost of overtime for police coverage. It is not accurate. Under advertising the report lists the cost of the Inferno, in advertising in the Inferno at \$350.00. The actual cost of advertising in this underground magazine was \$400.00 per ad, with two ads being paid for by the City. Utilizing just one ad at the \$800.00, instead of the \$350.00 reported that results in a conservative 12 percent mistake. The report states that on an average one block party costs \$17,487.60 and times three block parties for a total of \$52,462.80. As noted above, without accurate employee costs together with reporting inaccurate support costs this report does not give you the cost of the block parties to be accurate. It is not factual. The report uses the term free, no less than 14 times. The fact is it is not free to the taxpayers of the City of Millville. The report states people from neighboring towns take advantage of the free concerts, but many of them also take a walk downtown and support our local business in the Arts District. There is no mention that over 90 percent of the businesses are closed when these block parties are taking place. How are out-of-towners attending these block parties contributing to the business district when almost every store is closed? It is not relevant. The report states I would like to close with a few testimonials. I find no relevance from someone speaking for something that they do not have to pay for. Testimonial from someone who doesn't pay taxes in the City of Millville is not relevant, for it is the taxpayers within the City whom are footing the bill. The report states under lighting, this is not simply small lights, but a full blown system, which allows the people of our community to imagine they were at a concert in Philly or Atlantic City in a large venue. Irrelevant. We are not in Philly or Atlantic City. The report states under sound systems and operators. The sound system used provides enough power to be heard by 10,000 people. Not relevant when only a fraction of that number attended. The report states that Cumberland County is home to people of meager means, yet each block party has concession stands that provide alcohol, which is not free and food concessions, which cost more than eating at home. If people can afford to buy alcohol and food at these events, then they can afford to pay for their own recreation. You are currently working on the budget, the days have long since past when we can afford the luxury of providing

certain services, which impact our City taxes and to continue to do so is not improving the quality of life for a depressed County of meager means. It only adds to the tax burden. Previously, I had given you the figure \$72,877,114.94, which represents the bills you gentlemen authorized to be paid in 2007. In the report regarding the City of Millville's Summer Block Parties there is at a minimum a 12 percent error in what was paid for an advertisement, as to what was reported. If that figure is representative of the mistakes across the board, we the taxpayers have overpaid in 2007, \$8,745,525.36. But, not to alarm anyone, I doubt this is a across the board mistake, but should show the importance of questioning reports when they are submitted and knowing exactly what they say. On one last note gentlemen and this concerns our budget and tax rate. Millville's taxes should be much higher than they currently are. I see I got some people's attention..."

Mayor Quinn: "What's your punch line?"

Bob Tesoroni: "pardon?"

Mayor Quinn: "we're waiting for your punch line."

Bob Tesoroni: "oh is there one?"

Mayor Quinn: "yeah, I'm sure..."

Bob Tesoroni: "the reason they are not is because we buy on credit. Eleven years ago the City's debt according to records I received from my OPRA request was \$425,000.00. Eleven years later the City's debt is in excess of \$52,000,000.00 and climbing every year. Gentlemen cut up the credit cards. If we can't afford to pay cash, then don't buy it. Thank you."

There being no further comments Mayor Quinn declared the public comment portion closed and asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Vanaman reminded everyone that this Saturday is Trick or Treat from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please drive with care and be aware of the children trick or treating.

Commissioner Derella: "Mr. Mayor if I could real quick, I jotted down some of Mr. Tesoroni's numbers and I'm going to look at those things very succinctly and go through all those numbers and I don't believe we had a debt of \$425,000.00 eleven years ago, but I will relook at that. I did hear Mr. Van Hook's and they were well taken. The economy today is absolutely frightening to everyone. My 401k has lost about 45 percent of that, so I'll be working probably 7 years after I'm dead to be able to make up for the debt that's there. But, in our budget presentation we did touch on several things that the City has done and will continue to do to try to keep ourselves solid and our head above water to make sure that we can control the taxes to the best of our ability. I did hold up an article that we had in the paper that showed that Millville had the second lowest total taxes in the County. Right now we have done an excellent job with all the efforts of the Commissioners, as well as all the Department Heads to hold our line at \$1.13 for your municipal tax. We will continue to fight and do that. We are faced with several things that are going on in the City right now. We've got repairs to buildings, we've got repairs to

roads, we've got other things that we are going back and reviewing to see if these things can be phased, to see if these things can be cut back to make sure that we live within our means, within the amount of money that we've been allotted through our budget. There seems to be a misconception and I know that people who come into negotiate with us have this, because the City seems to be doing well with the ratable base. Our ratables have increased tremendously over the last 3 years. We've probably had the greatest ratable increase in the county. That does not mean that the City is flushed with cash, because again our job as Commissioners and by law we can only charge and raise taxes and draw in and collect taxes that covers the amount to cover our budget. So, we do not collect excess, we do not say, you know, let's add another 5 percent so we can have a cushion. That's not the way it works. Our job is to drive those ratables to try to create opportunities and to try to control our cost for operating expenses any other way that we can be creative with it to make sure that we keep our tax rate down. But, again, the goal is and the only thing we can do with taxes is to charge the taxpayer and collect what it takes to cover the cost of our budget and that's very, very important for people to realize. And again I will do some homework, Mr. Tesoroni gave me some figures that I need to look at."

Mayor Quinn: "the only other thing, obviously Bob, I know you prepared your statement before Tim gave his statement this evening, which of course he said there will be no more block parties on the taxpayer. And I think, Judge, you brought up in the past about going to the UEZ, which was a good suggestion and we have done that and Don has taken that to them, so the \$54,000.00 that would have been budgeted is no longer in the budget, which is the right thing and the UEZ hopefully, will approve it and as Tim said, if they don't, we won't have them. So, I think that was a positive step in the right direction. As far as Mr. Van Hook is concerned, you know, you're absolutely right and we have, maybe our grandparents saw the depression, obviously. But, this is one of the worse economic times in the country's history so we have to be very frugal and very wise on what expenditures we are looking at. So, I certainly appreciate your comments on that. Yes, Tim."

Commissioner Shannon: "Okay, I would like to make a comment in response to Mr. Tesoroni. Point well taken on the report. The Recreation Department, you know, has some summer help, we will look into that. In talking about the block parties and the people that attend them and what we had them for, I looked at Parks and Recreation and Public Property as recreation as a quality of life issue and I've always said that and I will stick to my guns on that. I think the City is obligated to give the City and the residents opportunities to come down, socialize, recreate and have different programs. Now, obviously you're pushing for a Maintenance Department and that's what you're going to see, because of the economic crisis that we're in, we are cutting back on a lot of those programs. But, I can tell you this, it's going to end up being a Maintenance Department, there's going to be people on the street with nothing to do and that's the situation and that's a sad situation in my opinion. I think the City is obligated to offer programs to their residents and yeah, we may have to look at alternate funding, but just to say these aren't good programs, I strongly disagree. I think there's probably a few thousand people in this City that may have the opposite view of you on those block properties. So, I do take your comments, you know,

and listen to them and I just need to agree to disagree and I think the City does have an obligation and it's going to be interesting to hear sometime next year when people stand up and talk about opportunities for people to have fun and do different things in the City of Millville. So, I'd be interested to see the platforms people take about recreation and quality of life and I will be there to correct them on that."

Mayor Quinn: "well, thank you, Tim and I think the good story of this all is I am optimistic and I think Don Ayres is too, that the UEZ funding will be able to be used so that we can, as Tim said and I know many of the people enjoy a lot of the block parties and the movie and things like that on the riverfront. I think Bob you pointed out that some of the people who are enjoying those services may not have been Millville residents, but the nice thing about it is if the UEZ is paying for it, many of the people who contributed to our UEZ also weren't Millville residents, so it's a win, win if we can get the UEZ to do it and we can still keep the quality of life for those who enjoy going to block parties."

Commissioner Parent: "You know, we're not just looking at this budget and putting it through and voting on it, I believe it's our next meeting we will be voting on our budget. We're already working on next year's budget by trying to consolidate, meeting with the department heads. We had another meeting today. A number of our Department Heads and expressing to them that, you know, we just have to keep looking for cuts within our budgets. So, we don't just put this budget to bed, we are in fact working on next years budget already to try to save some money. There is something happening very shortly Mr. Mayor, I think, you know, we have the election coming up in the Presidential year and I think one of the important things is before the Presidential year coming up is the World Series, go Philly's beat Tampa."

Mayor Quinn: "great point..."

Commissioner Shannon: "and I enforce that message."

Commissioner Parent: "we all agree on that..."

Mayor Quinn: "that's for sure..."

Commissioner Vanaman: "Mr. Mayor, I have one final comment and I'm sitting here thinking like, I don't want people to sit up all night and worry to death that we have a 12 percent, 8 million dollar mistake. Speaking as an accountant I would have to say that the world's worst auditor would not conclude that one mistake that might have been found would automatically flow through an entire budget process. So, sleep well tonight people, it's not an 8 million dollar mistake."

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

Approved: November 3, 2008

James F. Quinn
Mayor

Joseph J. Derella

W. James Parent

James T. Shannon

David W. Vanaman
Commissioner

Attest:

Lewis N. Thompson
City Clerk/Administrator

**BILL LIST
CITY OF MILLVILLE
MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2008**

ACTION SIGNS & AWARDS	32.50
ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN ASSOC.	3,329.60
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	49.88
ALLIED CONTROL SERVICES, INC.	1,957.08
AMANJ	110.00
AMERICAN AQUATIC TESTING INC	400.00
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOC.	1,233.00
ANJR	80.00
ASG SECURITY LLC	244.92
AT&T	7.60
AT&T INFORMATION SYSTEMS	188.62
ATLANTIC CO UTILITIES AUTHORITY	17,710.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	126,669.51
BAKER EQUIPMENT CO.	358.00
BERCO FLEET SERVICE INC	176.00
BERNAL MECHANICAL CONTR. INC.	8,571.34
G & K SERVICES CORP.	1,069.71
BIRCH'S COMMUNICATIONS	43.95
BOWMAN & COMPANY	32,887.50
CBI SERVICES, INC.	153,144.60
C & S SIGNS	300.00
CATERINA SUPPLY INC.	520.00
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY CORP	287.90
CITY OF MILLVILLE CURRENT	30,905.56
CITY OF MILLVILLE	63,306.78
CITY MILLVILLE SEWER OPERATING	43,092.65
CITY OF MILLVILLE UTILITY	11,510.00
CITY OF MILLVILLE WATER OPER.	94,726.25
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM, INC.	430.30
GEORGE S COYNE CHEMICAL CO INC	634.75

CROMLAND, INC.	345.31
CUMBERLAND CO. ASSESSOR'S ASSC	195.00
CUMBERLAND CO. CLERK'S OFFICE	540.00
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE	3,750.00
CCIA	433.37
CUMBERLAND COUNTY S.P.C.A.	4,147.30
CUMBERLAND REMINDER	257.00
CUMBERLAND TREE SERVICE, LLC	675.00
R E CUMMINES, INC.	342.05
CUSTODIAN OF SCHOOL MONIES	639,224.00
CUSTOM GRAPHICS, INC.	1,661.00
LINDA A. DEDRICK	400.00
DELL COMPUTER CORP.	73,951.80
PHIL DESIERE ELECTR. MOTOR INC	2,258.45
DILAZZERO & HERNANDEZ, LLC	200.00
DON-B-FRANKS	110.00
EAGLE POINT GUN	9,622.00
JOSEPH C. ELWELL, SR.	437.50
FATH DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.	19.04
FEDEX	45.84
GALLO'S GMC TRUCK SALES, INC.	198.35
GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PROD. INC	3,285.00
GENTILINI FORD, INC.	514.61
GIORADANO'S WASTE DISP., LLC	828.16
GLOBAL TRACKING COMMUNICATIONS	1,560.00
GLOUCESTER CO. UTILITIES AUTH	4,234.20
GOOD NEWS GIFTS, INC.	1,922.50
GRANTURK EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	1,693.14
GRAPHICUS COMMUNICATION, LLC	513.50
GRUCCIO, PEPPER, DESANTO	6,595.50
DFW HOSPITALITY CONSULTING LLC	10,000.00
FRED HARZ & SON, INC.	80.00
J.W. SCOTT SERVICE STATION	110.70
HOWARD HEE	375.00
DANIEL HOFFMAN, ESQ.	200.00
HOLLY CITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	22,833.00
HOWELL HARDWARE	1,299.12
JOSEPH HOYDIS	56.59
HUNGERFORD & TERRY INC	500.00
IIMC	225.00
INDOOR AIR SPECIALISTS, LLC	850.00
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC	315.35
JGSC GROUP LLC	9,543.00
JRB ASSOCIATES, LLC	2,940.00
KEEN COMPRESSED GAS CO., INC.	903.59
KEY EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC	390.00
JUDGE PAUL KIENZLE	650.00
LAWMEN SUPPLY CO, INC.	1,160.50
LOWE'S CO., INC.	492.70
ARTHUR MARCHAND, ESQ.	200.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC/LEXIS	119.79
RICHARD C MCCARTHY ESQ	12,255.30
MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	1,234.13
HOWARD MELNICOVE, ESQ.	390.00
MIG ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC	900.00
MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP INC	4,950.00
MILLVILLE AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	1,172.17
MILLVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2,572.00
MILLVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORP	9,549.64
MILLVILLE ELITE ENTERPRISE LLC	150.50
MILLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY	400.00
MILLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	67,558.33
MAUREEN MITCHELL	17.12
MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC	8,700.00
MOORE-WALLACE NORTH AMERICA	133.16
MOTORS FLEET, INC.	50,256.40
NJ AMERICAN PLANNING ASSN.	180.00

VERIZON	219.55
NJ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOC	350.00
NJ STATE DEPT OF HEALTH	27.60
NJ DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	4,000.00
NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	160.00
NJ WATER ASSOCIATION	460.00
OTIS ELEVATOR CO. CORP.	1,792.23
SCOTT PACE	1,000.00
PEDRONI FUEL CO, INC.	46,523.33
PERFORMANCE PLUS, LHA, LLC	3,283.10
PITNEY BOWES INC	268.00
QUALITY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	293,385.00
REDCORN, INC.	2,250.00
JAMES F. REEVES	375.00
REGISTRARS ASSN OF NJ	25.00
RENTAL MAT SERVICE, INC.	204.67
RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	365.00
SERAFINA'S	195.23
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTER, INC	2,479.38
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP.	175.20
SIGN LANGUAGE SERVICES LIMITED	187.44
CUMBERLAND COUNTY TREASURER	4,675,193.31
UHLIE SIMMERMAN	20.00
SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LAB	134.90
SJ GAS COMPANY	1,276.43
SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION CO INC	116,166.12
SPARK ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.	994.50
STAPLES, INC.	276.64
STAVOLA	4,587.48
JOSEPH SUTHERLAND	1,500.00
SYNERTECH INC, ENVIRONMENTAL	2,145.00
TEPS POWER EQUIPMENT, INC.	1,456.97
THIRD WARD ADVISORY	5,000.00
TOMARK SPORTS, INC.	1,597.93
TRACTOR SUPPLY	140.98
THE TRAINING SCHOOL	6,742.33
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	8,646.25
TRIAD ASSOCIATES, INC.	1,250.00
UAP DISTRIBUTION, INC.	1,020.00
UNITED ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC.	426.27
UNITED WAY OF SALEM COUNTY	20.00
URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE	4,969.33
VERIZON CABS	196.69
VINELAND AUTO ELECTRIC, INC.	348.11
VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	6,816.83
W. B. MASON COMPANY, INC.	151.05
WEINSTEIN SUPPLY CORPORATION	115.37
WEST GROUP, INC.	598.00
ALICE E WOOD	300.00
WOODRUFF ENERGY COMPANY, INC.	591.10
WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO., INC.	306.90
WYBLE ADVERTISING, INC.	1,125.00
XPRESS ELECTRONIC SERVICES INC	55.00
RAFFAEL CRAIG/MOD-CON, INC.	15,725.00
CUMBERLAND TITLE AGENCY	7,149.00
REGINA M. MCDONOUGH	550.00
GREGORY & CINDY SCHWEGEL	22,140.00
GRANT STREET GROUP	2,750.00
TAMMY MCCOY	1,250.00
STAYCIE BATES	4,500.00
LAQUANA BROWN	500.00
CUMBERLAND TITLE AGENCY, LLC	4,000.00
GATEWAY FUNDING DIVERSIFIED	4,000.00
INGERMAN AFFORDBLE HOUSING INC	921.50
BERNADETTE JOSPEH	1,275.00
CHANTELLE MOSLEY	3,578.50
JAVIER PENA	2,950.00

ROBERT TRUXTON	1,550.00
MARJORIE TSE	500.00
CHARLES VOIGHT, III	500.00
FIS TAX SERVICES	1,371.24
PHILIP R & SHANA C MILLER	288.25
JOHN C & LEANORE M SCHLUETTER	327.50
T-FAL CORPORATION	1,936.00
TOTAL VOUCHERS FOR 10/21/08	6,847,256.92
CITY OF MILLVILLE SALARY ACCOUNT	303,657.42
CITY OF MILLVILLE SALARY ACCOUNT	276,510.54
TOTAL SALARY FOR 10/21/08	580,167.96
TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARY 10/21/08	7,427,424.88