

**MINUTES
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
APRIL 2, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cody Miller at 7:08pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Cody Miller led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Brown, Kelly Fleming, Cody Miller, Jeanette Remsen, Cncl. Walter Bryson

Excused: Ptl. Ryan Borkowski

Unexcused: Patricia Adams, Colleen Reitz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of March 5, 2012. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Remsen and approved by all remaining members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Due to audio technical difficulties, the following are key highlights of hand-written notes taken at the meeting:

Chairperson Cody Miller mentioned to the Commission that Sandy Keen, of the Environmental Commission, contacted him. Ms. Keen told Cody that they are looking to create a community vegetable garden for senior citizens and have it named in honor of Sandy (Cassandra) Dilks; she would like to speak with the Municipal Alliance Commission at a future meeting in reference to a sign for this garden. Cody noted that monetary donations had not been asked for. Though, if the Alliance was approached, the members wondered if the Alliance could help pay for a sign in honor of Mrs. Dilks, who was also a past member of the Municipal Alliance Commission. Jeanette Remsen will ask Mary Beth Monroe if funds from the Alliance could go toward such a purchase. The Commission will await more information from Ms. Keen when she attends the meeting.

Cody informed the Commission that he is currently working on creating a new brochure for the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission. This brochure would have information about the Alliance to inform residents of the mission of the Alliance; these can be given out at township events.

Cody asked the Commission members about their progress of recruitment efforts for new members. No members had successful results in their efforts at this time. Kelly Fleming said her husband may be able to volunteer to help out at events, but would not be able to join as a member at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Jeanette Remsen provided the Treasurer's Report:

Jeanette noted that the purchase order for Project Graduation is done, but a bill needs to be provided before a check can be issued. A bill also needs to be provided for the Haunted High School. Jeanette also hasn't received any information from D.A.R.E.; she will contact Marcella from the Police Department. Cncl. Bryson mentioned Officer Joey Clidy, as he had at a previous meeting, in reference to helping the Municipal Alliance Commission. Cody said he had called Officer Clidy; he will again try to contact him.

At the previous Alliance meeting, the idea of baskets and prizes for Red Ribbon Week were mentioned. Jeanette reminded the members, that if this is going to be done, W-9's will have to be obtained from merchants/stores to become a vendor in the financial system with the township, if they are not already a vendor with the township.

For National Night Out, phone calls will need to start being made in May to those the Commission would like to have in attendance.

A discussion was made at length: the Commission would like to know if monies could be utilized to purchase t-shirts that would identify themselves as an Alliance member/event worker at township events and also if monies could be utilized to purchase signs to advertise for the community events being held. The members of the Commission would like to speak to Mary Beth Monroe and ask questions in reference to how monies can be spent on events. Kelly asked if there are By Laws or guidelines on how to/not to spend budget monies. Members of the Commission would like an explanation of the budget monies that come from the County and cash match monies that come from the Township. Jeanette said she will invite Mary Beth to the next meeting to help give some clarity to the subject of budget spending. Also, in attendance of the meeting during the start of this discussion was Cncl. Sebastian.

Cody told the members that he has put the office of the Municipal Alliance Commission in the municipal building back in use.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Cody Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Mary Brown made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of April 2, 2012. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Remsen; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Wojciechowski, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission meeting is Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from hand-written notes of the proceedings of the Regular Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of April 2, 2012 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____