

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
APRIL 26, 2011**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** in the Court Room of the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e.: Gloucester County Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

*Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks stated the Clerk has placed a sign in sheet at the rear of the Court Room. If anyone would like to address Council during the Public Portion, please sign in and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Kindly state your name for the record.*

**SALUTE TO FLAG - INVOCATION**

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present	
Cncl. Daniel Teefy	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks	Present	
Mayor Michael Gabbianelli	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Dave Cella	Present	
Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Community Affairs, Cassandra Dilks		Excused
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Gloucester County Teacher Recognition Program for 2010-2011

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli and **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** presented Certificates of Recognition to **Gretchen Czbas** of Williamstown High School, **Michelle Reitz-Delaney** of Holly Glen Elementary School, **Heather Margraf** of Oak Knoll School, **Karen Gallagher** of Radix Elementary School and **Jill Davis** of Whitehall School for being the recipients of the 2010-2011 Gloucester County Teacher Recognition Program. **Patricia Diaz** of the Williamstown Middle School also received a Certificate of Recognition but was not in attendance to accept it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**B.) MAYOR APPOINTMENTS**

- Senior Commission

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli appointed Carmella O'Connell and Lillian Hendrickson to the Monroe Township Senior Commission.

**C.) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Holly Glen HAS - Spring Fair Carnival Permit

Cncl. Daniel Teefy made a motion to approve the Carnival Permit for Holly Glen HAS. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
8:10 PM**

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2011 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Auditor Nick Petroni reported the State gave approval at approximately 11:00 AM today for the Township to adopt the municipal budget. The township has a good budget and the review went well but the State did have some questions that needed to be resolved. No amendments are necessary other than the one required to break out the Library tax. That requirement went into effect subsequent to the budget introduction. Cncl. Frank Caligiuri questioned what specific housekeeping items needed to be identified. Mr. Petroni noted the State questioned why revenues were anticipated from some of the trust funds. He explained the township pays the cost for mowing the basins and parks/recreation areas out of the budget and the State questioned that because they normally expect it to be paid from the trust fund. It was explained the money is paid from the budget and then reimbursed to those accounts. The State was satisfied with that answer. Mr. Petroni noted some technical questions were also resolved. Cncl. William Sebastian questioned (*for the record*) whether the budget stayed below the budget requirement. Mr. Petroni replied the township is well below and has met the requirements and is actually under the 2010 levy cap by \$915,000.00 and the 1977 appropriations cap by \$1,084,000.00.

With no one from the public wishing to speak regarding the 2011 municipal budget Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION**

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:66A-2011** Amendment To The 2011 Municipal Budget

**R:66B-2011** Adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:66A-2011 and R:66B-2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian.

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**D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)**

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri noted he would be voting for the budget, as it is as conservative and responsible as it can potentially be and even though there is a slight increase the budget is reasonably tight under the circumstances. He noted there are a few things the Administration could consider moving forward with into the year and that is offering the old Library building on Main Street up for sale. He noted that may not command a lot of money but the way it is it does not command any money at all and it is sitting there rotting. He noted some space is available in the new Library and even though market conditions do not favor rentals if it were offered for rent, it could at least be made available to potential tenants on a build to suit in exchange for a long term lease. He added the area may never get leased but it certainly won't if it is not offered for lease. He noted there is also space at Wagner Field that is not being utilized and there have been suggestions floating around such as utilizing the area for a flea market, as that would generate some revenue. Cncl. Caligiuri noted the sum total of all those things does not represent a whole lot of money but it shows our constituents that we are putting every possible effort forward. He noted he is presenting this as a challenge to the Mayor and Administration to look into that during the balance of the year. Mayor Gabbianelli felt that Cncl. Caligiuri could have brought these issues forward a little sooner.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE R:66A-2011 - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Resolution R:66A-2011 was duly approved for adoption.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE R:66B-2011 - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Resolution R:66B-2011 was duly approved for adoption.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy made a motion to remove R:76-2011 from the Table. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:76-2011 and R:88-2011 through R:99-2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:76-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Addendum With The State Of New Jersey Department Of Transportation Pertaining To The Installation And Maintenance Of The Redlight Photo Enforcement System (*Rt. 42/322 And Sicklerville Road*)  
(Tabled April 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting)

**R:88-2011** A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey In Support Of The New Jersey League Of Municipalities Resolution No. 2010-22 Calling Upon The State To End Diversion Of Municipal Revenues And Demanding Compliance With State Law

**R:89-2011** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss An Active Litigation Matter (*Blaze Mill Development*)

**R:90-2011** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**R:91-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Sale Of Personal Property Pursuant To *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-26* At A Public Sale

**R:92-2011** Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Performance Guaranty For "Federal Hill" Subdivision # 1745, Block 10301, Lots 8-11, 25 & 26 For Certain Offsite Improvements

**R:93-2011** Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Performance Guaranty For "Federal Hill" Subdivision # 1745, Block 10301, Lots 8-11, 25 & 26 For Certain Roadway Improvements

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**D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)**

**R:94-2011** Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Performance Guaranty For "Federal Hill" Subdivision # 1745, Block 10301, Lots 8-11, 25 & 26 For Certain Site Improvements

**R:95-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Toter, Inc. For Rollout Waste Containers As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Department Of Public Works, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

**R:96-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Participation In The South Jersey Power Co-Operative Program

**R:97-2011** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of April 26, 2011

**R:98-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With Gerald A. Barrett For The Purposes Of Farming For The years 2011 And 2012

**R:99-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With Norman Stiles For The Purposes Of Farming For The Years 2011 And 2012

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to approve R:76-2011 and R:88-2011 through R:99-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**E.) ORDINANCES**

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. William Sebastian**.

**O:12-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-52.1 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Site Plan Waiver Review Fees

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:12-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:13-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-54.C Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Site Plan Waiver Review

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:13-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:14-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-113 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe With Regard To Homeowner Associations Within Certain Developments

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

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**E.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:14-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:15-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 18 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Contracts, Public"

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:15-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Jim Bonder, Parks and Recreation Department Head** updated Council regarding the Main Street Music Festival that will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. He reported this event has many sponsors including Wal-Mart and the Parx Casino, which is sponsoring the entertainment, the "Don't Call Me Francis" band. A 5K Run down Main Street will kick off the event and during the band's breaks the Road Company Theatre Group will be performing Broadway hits. Children will be able to purchase arm bands for \$10.00 to ride all night long on the ten different inflatable amusements that will be there. The Rotary Club is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle and a college scholarship raffle for high school seniors, 120 spots are lined up for crafters such as jewelry, handmade handbags and picture frames etc. and there will be a food court with sausage sandwiches, corn on the cob, hamburgers, french-fries and much more. Indoor bingo will be held in the Pfeiffer Center from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM with nominal prizes being won the entire time, an antique car show will be held and a Phillies Game will be televised outside on a large 28 foot screen. Mr. Bonder noted in talking with the Mayor they wanted to give something back to the residents during this tough economy. This event is being held at no additional cost to the taxpayers, as approximately \$18,000.00 has been raised from key sponsors such as Parx Casino, WAWA, the Rotary Sunshine Breakfast Club, PNC Bank, First Bank and approximately twenty other companies including Mr. Fiore who made a nice donation and **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and the Pierson Company who made a donation for safe lighting for the evening. Mr. Bonder noted he would be remiss if he did not acknowledge the Parks and Rec Commission, headed by Brent Salvadori and Co-Chaired by Sherri McIlvaine, for their time and effort in holding this type of event. The commission members are all volunteers and put a lot of time into the various events they hold throughout the year. The Main Street Music Festival will be held on Main Street from the old Library to Blue Bell Road and the Pfeiffer Center area. Mr. Bonder urged residents to come out and participate in these festivities and noted if anyone wants to volunteer their services that evening they can contact him at 728-1372. **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** questioned the parking arrangements, specifically for handicap individuals. Mr. Bonder noted parking lots on Church Street, at the Oak Knoll School and at churches will be utilized plus a shuttle bus will be running from the Middle School parking lot. He noted there will also be an area where families can be dropped off and then the driver can go park the car in one of the designated areas. He noted a large crowd is expected and he urged everyone to respect the police signs and the designated parking areas. **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** questioned whether people can register early for the 5K Run and if so where would they do that. Mr. Bonder advised people can preregister at [www.mtprnj.org](http://www.mtprnj.org). Runners will be leaving and returning to the Pfeiffer Center to the tune of "Rocky" and all the churches will be playing their chimes as the runners run down Main Street. **Cncl. Pres., Dilks** questioned the route the runners would take. Mr. Bonder noted the 5K will leave the Pfeiffer Center go north on Main Street to the car wash, turn back and run back down Main Street making a left onto Church Street, at the bike path they turn back and run back down Church Street to Main Street and then back to the stage area at the Pfeiffer Center. Mr. Bonder noted

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this event will have a state of the art stage for the performers and he encouraged residents to come out with their lawn chairs, sit, relax and listen to the music while having some good food and the kids are enjoying the amusements.

With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close the General Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**G.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** reported the Historical Society held a fashion show to raise funds for the Grand Theatre reconstruction. Everyone had a good time at the event and \$1,000.00 was raised for the theatre. **Cncl. Bryson** referred to Resolution R:88-2011 and explained that came about as a result of the New Jersey League of Municipalities trying to reduce real estate taxes by requesting the State to give back the revenue they previously took away from local municipalities. **Cncl. Bryson** reported on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM an organized effort will be made to inform all veterans of the benefits available to them. This event will be held at the Camden County Boat House located at 7050 North Park Drive (Cooper River) in Pennsauken, New Jersey. He also spoke of the Oasis Animal Sanctuary of Collins Lakes that takes in and cares for all types of animals, not just dogs and cats. This organization is having a fund raiser and needs volunteers to assist with the animals. Residents who would like to volunteer may contact the Oasis group by calling 262-1222. **Cncl. Bryson** spoke of the Abbott-Burke court decision made back in the 1980's that provided State aid to 32 school districts at a rate of approximately 66% of the entire State aid budget. He explained over the last three years the Supreme Court reduced that percentage to 59% and he expressed his concerns that reduction is back in the courts and a new decision is expected towards the end of June. The governor is opposed to reversing the reduction but a law group from Rutgers has been arguing for the last 30 years and is now requesting \$1.6 billion in additional State funding for the Abbott-Burke districts. **Cncl. Bryson** urged citizens to write letters to the Supreme Court asking to please let the legislation, the budget and funding of this State be handled by the legislators and local school districts, as courts should not have the right to determine how much money is spent. The Abbott-Burke decision has affected the education of children from every local school district for the last 30 years because 32 school districts out of 600 receive 59% of school funding and that is anticipated to increase to over 67% of the entire \$8 billion State Budget. **Cncl. Bryson** noted he would like to ask the governor to make cuts in the court system, the law group from Rutgers and also the funding for New Jersey universities and then they will realize every student in the State should receive equal opportunity. **Cncl. Bryson** spoke of Rutgers sponsoring a seminar "Surviving A Down Turn Tool Kit" for municipal managers while on the same campus they are asking to take \$1.6 billion from taxpayers.

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** reported attending a meeting in the Mayor's Office on April 14<sup>th</sup> concerning the State's new Conversion Law that allows developers, who previously received approvals for age-restricted developments, to covert those developments to regular market rate homes. He explained the Conversion Law contains a provision that says the conversion cannot impact the inherent characteristics of the zone and since Monroe Township has age-restricted zones we have some legal standing to avert the law. **Cncl. Caligiuri** explained the benefit to age-restricted housing, as opposed to market rate housing, is that it is for people 55 years old and older and in most cases that age group has no school age children that would impact the school system. He noted the township would prefer age-restricted housing over market rate housing when given the opportunity, as those homes are like having ratables. **Cncl. Caligiuri** also reported attending the April 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting where an extension to the Forest Hills Development was approved for an additional 26 units and the Environmental Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> where Arbor Day was discussed. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted earlier in the evening when he made comments about the municipal budget the Mayor made a comment under his breath that was a little inappropriate. He noted people who elect us to office expect us to conduct ourselves professionally and not embarrass people. He noted he did bring those issues up to the mayor in the past and if anyone wants copies of his e-mails they should contact him. He noted the Mayor is a busy guy with many

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things on his plate and he needs to prioritize the things that are asked of him. Cncl. Caligiuri noted it was never his intention to embarrass the Mayor; it was just simply to challenge the Administration to take a look at some things. Cncl. Caligiuri noted anyone who would like to be on his e-mail list should send an e-mail to [frank08094@gmail.com](mailto:frank08094@gmail.com).

Cncl. Rich DiLucia noted six months ago he took issue with the governor taking away the \$1,250.00 homestead rebate check that elderly, disabled and low income people previously received annually to offset their taxes. He spoke of how the governor vetoed legislation that would increase taxes on people making over \$400,000.00 and then refused to sign legislation that raised that ceiling to \$1,000,000.00. Cncl. DiLucia noted prior to the 2010 election a congregation of the opposition party attended a meeting to address the issue he took with the governor's actions. Those people stated the governor stopped the homestead rebate checks because it cost so much to administer the program and his administration was working on a plan that would provide a continuation of the program but save money. Cncl. DiLucia noted the governor did that and about a month ago most senior residents received a card that said this is your homestead rebate for the years 2009/2010 and that amounted to \$250.00 a piece. Cncl. DiLucia noted that represents much less than the \$1,250.00 he took away. He indicated he went to the Tax Office to question the range of the new homestead rebates and he was told the largest one was \$400.00 but most were in the \$199.00 to \$250.00 range. Cncl. DiLucia expressed his concerns that the governor took away the homestead rebate from the most needy people in the State and contends that he is going to cut taxes. He noted with all the hard work this Administration and Council did on the township budget they were unable to put together a budget that was less than last years, so taxes did not go down. This governor is shifting his budget responsibilities onto the backs of the municipalities, seniors, disabled and unemployed residents. He noted when people get their rebate checks they should understand that he promised to restore the homestead rebate and what they received is nowhere near what it was. In addition to the \$1,250.00 homestead rebate seniors enjoyed a property tax freeze, which met their property taxes would not increase from the base year the application was made. He noted the governor froze that as well so people did not get the difference between what their taxes were from the base year to now. He expressed his concerns that people are getting less services because with no additional revenue coming in municipalities must cut services in order to maintain their budgets. He expressed concerns that the republicans in Washington have promised to cut any social programs they can rather than raise taxes on the wealthy. He spoke of General Electric, one of the biggest corporations in the Country paying zero taxes and noted something is wrong with this system when the wealthy continue to get breaks while the poor continue to be criticized for having pensions, health insurance, livable wages and for sending their children to college, which will end soon, as state colleges are raising tuitions due to funding cuts. He noted it will be like it was in the past when only the rich could afford to send their children to college and the average person's child could not compete with them in the job market. He noted people in this County need to open their eyes and take a hard look at what is happening, as there is an onslaught on the poor and a conscious attempt by the legislators to make sure the sacrifices are made on the people who can least afford it while the General Electrics, Wal-Marts and AT&Ts of the world are able to skid by and give their executives record salaries and bonuses. He noted seniors need to organize because AARP is not going to do it for them and during election time we need to make people articulate exactly what and how they are going to do something. Voters need to stand up and let this Administration or anyone who says they are going to cut programs to the poor, disabled, unemployed, etc. know that we are not going to vote for them whether they are democrats or republicans. Cncl. DiLucia noted the reason people are against the health care bill is because the democrats did a terrible job explaining what the benefits of the bill are. He noted this program helps kids up to 26 years old by keeping them on their family's health insurance plan when they get out of high school or college and cannot find jobs. The wealthy do not need to worry about that because they can afford to buy health insurance but our children and grandchildren do need the program.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski extended his appreciation to everyone who attended the Call To Service seminar held on at the Library on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There were nine volunteers in attendance and two were appointed by the Mayor this evening. He added if needed there will



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be additional Call To Service programs in the future. Cncl. Garbowski noted the Library is asking for volunteers on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to help prepare the Library garden and grounds for the summer. Refreshments will be provided. He also reported the author of "Wild New Jersey Nature Adventures in the Garden State" will be present at the Library on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Cncl. William Sebastian reported the Zoning Board is having discussions as well as an educational seminar on the Conversion Law and how it affects the municipality and the Zoning Board. He also reported the next Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported the majority of the elected officials attended Little League Opening Ceremonies and the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor noted the budget adopted this evening calls for less than a 2% increase in municipal taxes keeping us in line with the mandated 2% cap. The increase is approximately \$1.35, which equals \$13.50 for every hundred thousand dollars of the assessed home. The average assessment is \$225,000.00 so the average tax increase should be about \$30.00 for the year. He noted through attrition eleven full time positions have been eliminated and this year it is anticipated that six full-time positions will be retired. The size of government will continue to be decreased but all services will not be able to be provided as in the past. He explained we have been getting a lot of calls regarding the bulk pickup being every other Friday but when the explanation is given that it is all about tax dollars people understand. He noted tax dollars are being stretched and more is being done with less, as the number of employees in the Public Works Department is at the level it was fifteen years ago while the township has seen a significant increase in new developments/homes. The Mayor also reported the Pfeiffer Drainage Project should be completed shortly. He explained that project was not anticipated; it was forced upon us by the Pinelands Commission because of some things that were done many years ago and now had to be addressed.

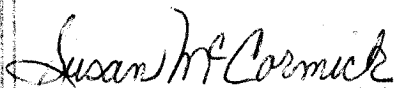
CLOSED SESSION

Solicitor Fiore reported during the Closed Executive Session that just concluded the Blaze Mill litigation was discussed and Council instructed him to contact the developer and/or his attorney to obtain more information so discussion could continue regarding a potential resolution of the claim.

H.) ADJOURNMENT

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan McCormick, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2011 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings. The official tape may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification pursuant to the Open Public Records Law.*

Approved as submitted Am Date 5/10/11  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_