

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 23, 2011

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:15 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. Frank Caligiuri 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. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present	
Cncl. Daniel Teefy	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks	Present	
Mayor Michael Gabbianelli		Excused
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Chris Rehmann	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

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri extended his appreciation to the Office of Emergency Management and the Police Department for the excellent job they did when our area experienced a large and unusual rain event that exceeded the 100 year storm statistics and made many roadways impassible. He also commended and presented proclamations to **Barry Straga, Mike DeAngelis** and **Corey Straga** in recognition of the work they did during the storm to repair conditions under the spillway of the Sunset Lake Dam. He noted these men thought nothing of themselves while making repairs to the stressed dam during a thunderstorm; their only thoughts were of their neighbors downstream in Lower Victory Lakes, Hospitality Creek and Diamond Lakes who would be flooded. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted they moved very quickly to repair the dam and while at it they located and corrected an old problem rendering the dam safer than it previously was. **Barry Straga** extended his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the recognition and noted this proclamation goes to many people in the Victory Lakes Association. He spoke of the emergency action plan the association established five years ago and explained the process they went through to get the equipment and materials needed to repair the dam.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of July 26, 2011 and the Special Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of August 3, 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exception of Cncl. Ronald Garbowski who abstained on the July 26, 2011 minutes.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- CY 2011/SFY 2012 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve the CY 2011/2012 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri 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. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:140-2011 through R:156-2011 with the exception of R:151-2011 that was to be voted upon individually. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:140-2011 THROUGH R:156-2011
(EXCEPTION R:151-2011)**

R:140-2011 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

R:141-2011 Resolution Memorializing The Appointment Of Chief Financial Officer For
The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

R:142-2011 Resolution Memorializing The Appointment Of A Municipal Tax Collector
For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

R:143-2011 Resolution Canceling Unexpended General Capital Preliminary Expense
Reserve Balance

R:144-2011 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable Balance *"2006 Delaware Valley
Regional Planning Commission Grant"*

R:145-2011 Resolution Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation Under 3% Pursuant
To *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48* For Tax Anticipation Note Interest

R:146-2011 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe
Authorizing The Renewal Of Membership In The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties
Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

R:147-2011 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The Township Of Monroe To Execute
A Grant Application On Behalf Of The Municipal Alliance Program For The Year 2012

R:148-2011 An Inter-Local Services Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And
The Monroe Township Board Of Education For School Resource Officer Services For The School
Year 2011-2012

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)

R:149-2011 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:150-2011 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of August 23, 2011

R:152-2011 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Shared Services With The County Of Gloucester, New Jersey

R:153-2011 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of A Release With The Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

R:154-2011 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of A County Assessor Cooperation Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And County Of Gloucester

R:155-2011 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Change Order #2 For Krissanna Construction, Inc. In The Decreased Amount Of \$4,432.38 For Construction Services Associated With The Winslow Road Resurfacing Project - Phase III In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

R:156-2011 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The County Of Gloucester To Establish A Community Work Experience Program Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:140-2011 through R:150-2011 and R:152-1011 through R:156-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R:140-2011 THROUGH R:150-2011 AND R:152-2011 THROUGH R:156-2011 - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Resolutions R:140-2011 through R:150-2011 and R:152-2011 through R:156-2011 were duly approved

R:151-2011 Resolution Appointing An Alternate # 2 Member Of The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to open nominations for an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated **Dan Kozak** as an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia**.

Cncl. William Sebastian nominated **John Daraklis** as an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF DAN KOZAK AS AN ALTERNATE # 2 MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. The nomination of **Dan Kozak** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was duly approved.

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D.) ORDINANCES

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

O:22-2011 Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Funeral Privacy"

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:22-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Walter Bryson reported "National Night Out for Crime" was a huge success and he commended the hard work of the Municipal Alliance, the Police Department, Fire Department, the County and everyone else who contributed to this event.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on August 11th and that no new applications were heard during that meeting.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia reported this month the township hosted the Little League District Tournament. Four teams from throughout New Jersey participated in the tournament with the winner advancing to the Connecticut tournament. The winner of those games then advanced to the Little League World Series. Cncl. DiLucia noted this tournament is very prestigious and being selected is a testament to the town and the facilities provided for not only our youth but to all who utilize them. This is one of the few times South Jersey has hosted this tournament due to the numerous requirements for field conditions, lighting and whether the town has enough volunteers to handle this type of event. He noted he attended all the games with the exception of one and all were exciting. The team that won here lost to a Pennsylvania team in the final game played in Connecticut. He noted people in the stands were impressed with both the facility and the way they were treated and welcomed by this town and he commended the volunteers, Jim Bonder, the employees from the Parks and Rec Department for manicuring the fields creating tremendous playing conditions and the volunteers who worked tirelessly in the concession stand. Cncl. DiLucia went on to speak of federal and state legislator's reluctance to increase taxes on the wealthy who can most afford a tax increase. He expressed his concerns that some federal legislators are saying no more taxes, which is a key word for don't tax the wealthy, while in the same breath they are saying cut Social Security, Medicare, education and all those things the people in this country need during this depression. The State had the opportunity to invoke a tax on millionaires and large companies, such as General Electric that paid zero taxes, by tightening up tax loopholes, but none of that was done. Cncl. DiLucia felt that the majority of wealthy people if asked to pay more in taxes to help the unemployed, underemployed and children who cannot get a college education would probably agree to pay more. He spoke of Warren Buffett, one of the riches people in the country, stating that the legislators in this country are too kind to the wealthy by not requiring them to pay their portion of taxes. He expressed his concerns that the dynamics in this country are not good as people are trying to severely cut Social Security, Medicare, aid to education as well as other programs. He spoke of a Philadelphia Inquirer article that reported executives in the tri-county area are making millions of dollars because their companies are making staggering profits while one out of every five people are unemployed and 50% are underemployed and cannot pay their taxes. Governor Christie and the senators in Washington are saying there can be no tax increases while on the same token they are cutting taxes on the wealthy. He spoke of sending letters, e-mails and texting every congressman and senator who is leaning towards voting against the best interest of the people of this country and of how he encouraged his friends to do the same.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski extended his appreciation to all the emergency responders who handled the emergencies during the torrential rains. He thanked the volunteers for keeping our residents safe and noted those people are now getting ready for the potential

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E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

hurricane that is supposed to hit our area this weekend. He also extended his appreciation to the Citizen Group who volunteered their services to fill vacant positions on various boards/commissions and the students who volunteered to work with the Library, Economic Development and Parks and Rec. He also thanked the Board of Education for working with the township to enlist new volunteers for our various groups.

Cncl. William Sebastian also extended his appreciation to Emergency Management, the Police Department, the Fire Departments and Ambulance squads for the job they did handling the road closings, the flooding of homes in various areas and the accidents that took place during the storm on Sunday. He noted the Police Department called in everyone they could, the fire department and ambulance personnel were directing traffic at the intersections and everyone did an excellent job. He urged residents to pay attention to the volunteers directing traffic, as some people did not listen, went around the road cones and ended up getting their vehicles flooded from all the water.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy spoke of Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart and Emergency Management Coordinator Frank McLaughlin updating Council about what transpired during the storm. He noted FEMA has been contacted to try to get assistance for the municipality and residents for the damage done by the storm. That designation process takes a few weeks but if the township is declared a FEMA Disaster Zone some of the repair cost will be able to be recouped. **Cncl. Teefy** spoke of **Cncl. DiLucia's** comments about what is happening on the State and Federal levels of government and urged residents to vote. He noted this year Monroe has no local election and when that happens, people seem to become complacent and do not vote. Every vote counts and people still need to vote for freeholders, assemblymen and senators so that Monroe has a voice in the direction this State goes. **Cncl. Teefy** reported attending the banquet held for the little league teams participating in the State Little League playoffs. He commended Jim Bonder, members of Parks and Rec, Nick Fortunato and members of the Monroe Township Little League Association for doing an excellent job with the banquet as well as the games. He noted our facilities and our town showed off very well and everyone was proud of the work done during this event.

In the absence of the Mayor **Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel** reported the Little League activities were outstanding, the games were exciting and even during the rains the fields were kept in perfect shape. He reported the Municipal Alliance Commission sponsored event, "National Night Out for Crime" held Thursday, August 9th was very well attended and he commended the commission for doing an outstanding job with that event. He also reported the Rotary Club's annual Softball Marathon will be held on Saturday, August 27th and Sunday August 28th. He urged residents to come out to support this event, as the Rotary does a great job raising funds that support various things in town. Mr. Heydel congratulated the Senior Commission for sponsoring a blood drive on August 8th. He commended Jeanette Remsen for doing an excellent job putting that event together, as the Red Cross collected 48 pints of blood during that blood drive.

Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks reported the Monroe Township Senior Commission is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on October 1st to see "It's Great To Be Alive". Price per person is \$63.00 and that includes a lunch and the show. Departure time is 8:30 AM from the municipal building. Residents can contact Jeanette Remsen for additional information regarding the trip.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

W. Larry Cooper, Sr., 373 Bluebell Road spoke of the increased amount of traffic and speeding along Bluebell Road and Oak Street from people going to the ball fields and schools. He requested Council consider installing two speed humps on Oak Street, one before the curve and one after the curve for the safety of the children playing in that area.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri noted Council previously discussed portable speed humps that could be installed on a street for a period of time and then removed and he questioned whether they would be a viable solution to Mr. Cooper's problem. Engineer, Chris Rehmann noted he has never seen portable speed humps utilized in other township and that Mr. Agnesino was the one that was previously investigating them. Cncl. Caligiuri noted he would request Mr. Avis to look into them.

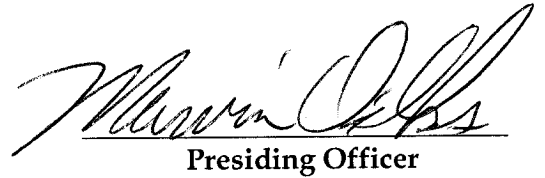
G.) ADJOURNMENT

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 23, 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri 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 August 23, 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 SM Date 9/13/11
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____