#### A.) **OPENING CEREMONIES**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:10 PM by Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri 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., Frank Caligiuri** 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. Daniel Teefy led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and Al Cosner, from Williamstown United Methodist Church offered the Invocation.

#### **ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present
Cncl. Daniel Teefy	Present
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present
Mayor Michael Gabbianelli	Present

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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 Public Works, Bob Avis	Present
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present

## PRESENTATIONS

• Gloucester County Teacher Recognition Program

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri, Mayor Gabbianelli and Cncl. Rich DiLucia presented Certificates of Recognition to Donna Liszewski of Radix Elementary School, Barbara Donisi of Whitehall Elementary School, Mark Suk of Williamstown High School, Liza Lecher of Williamstown Middle School, Joseph Czbas III of Holy Glen Elementary School and Cheryl Corbett of Oak Knoll Elementary School, recipients of the Gloucester County Teacher Recognition Program.

#### B). <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

• Taxi Cab License - Blue Cab Transportation, LLC

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve a Taxi Cab License for Blue Cab Transportation, LLC. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks**.

#### **B.)** <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> (cont'd)

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE TAXI CAB LICENSE FOR BLUE CAB TRANSPORTATION, LLC - <u>ALL AYES</u>

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Taxi Cab License for Blue Cab Transportation, LLC was duly approved.

#### **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 March 13, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

#### C.) **RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION**

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** made a motion to open the Resolutions Schedule-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:86-2012 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:86-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:87-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Contract For Dog And Cat Census With The Society To Protect Animals

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve Resolution R:87-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:88-2012** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss An Active Litigation Matter (Blaze Mill Development)

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** made a motion to approve Resolution R:88-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:89-2012** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of March 27, 2012

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:89-2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:90-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Sale Of A Williamstown Fire Command Vehicle, 2007 Ford F250 Pickup Truck To The Harrison Township Fire District

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:90-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:91-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing Kernan Consulting Engineers To Submit A Smart Growth Planning Grant Application On Behalf Of The Township Of Monroe

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** made a motion to approve Resolution R:91-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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# C.) <u>**RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION**</u> (cont'd)

**R:92-2012** Resolution Releasing The Performance Guaranty Posted In The Amount Of \$41,372.12 And The Maintenance Guaranty In The Amount Of \$143,000.00 And Any Interest That May Have Accrued For "Corkery Plaza" Site Plan #398-SP, Block 3601, Lot 23 And Substituting A Guarantee In The Amount Of \$75,000.00

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to approve Resolution R:92-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

## D.) ORDINANCES

**Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. William Sebastian. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open the Public Portion for Ordinances O:09-2012 through O:13-2012 listed on the agenda for Second Reading. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:09-2012** Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey Canceling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided For Capital Improvements And Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances For Other Capital Projects

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:09-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia**.

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:09-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - <u>ALL AYES</u>

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:09-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:10-2012** Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Mandating The Connection To The Public Water System And The Sealing Of Potable Wells For Properties Within Williamsburg Village

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:10-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks.** 

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:10-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - <u>6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN (Garbowski)</u>

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:10-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing

**O:11-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Sections 175-11, 175-94.1, 175-107B, 175-127, 175-151, 175-153, 175-157, 175-158, 175-159, 175-160 And The Schedules Of Permitted Uses And Schedules Of Limitations Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend And Provide Definitions And Standards For Forestry Areas, Cluster Developments And Wetlands Management In The Pinelands Area Of Monroe Township And To Comply With The Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan

## D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:11-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:11-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - <u>ALL AYES</u>

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:11-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:12-2012** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Various Pieces Of Equipment And Completion Of Various Capital Improvements In And For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$3,200,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$3,040,000; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:12-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy.** 

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:12-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - <u>ALL AYES</u>

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:12-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** requested, for the benefit of those watching the meeting on TV that Cncl. Sebastian list items that are going to be purchased through the bond ordinance. He also explained Council is re-appropriating balances from old bonds and the township has been able to achieve a "AA" rating. **Cncl. Sebastian** explained the bond ordinance includes funding for three fire apparatus trucks, a stand alone compressor, a number of dump trucks, pickup trucks snowplows, etc., which will either be put out for bid or purchased through State Contract. These items are able to be purchased through the due diligence of the BA and the CFO, who were able to re-appropriate bonds and refinance under new percentages without going through extreme additional costs.

**O:13-2012** Calendar Year 2012 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:13-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Frank Caligiuri**.

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:13-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - <u>ALL AYES</u>

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:13-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

#### E.) <u>REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS</u>

Cncl. Daniel Teefy reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st at noon and the Easter bunny will be available at 10:30 AM to take pictures with the kids. Cncl. Teefy extended his appreciation to Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri and his wife Elaine for helping the Parks and Rec Commission stuff approximately 7,500 eggs. He also reported Little League Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th at the Church Street Complex and the Main Street Music Festival is scheduled on June 2nd from 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM. Cncl. Teefy reported all town sporting organizations met with their presidents last Monday to review the handbook developed over the last few years and have signed off on it and believes it to be a good guideline to use. The big discussion during the meeting was getting background checks for all coaches, board members, team moms, officials and anyone else associated with the leagues. The organizations are working with the Megan Law Organization to provide the funding for that. Two of the twenty-one organizations are mandated by their league to perform background checks but it was discovered that the ones already done were not as thorough as what is needed. All organizations agreed to increase the registration fee by \$5.00 to help pay for the background checks over time. The money will be deposited into a fund that can only be utilized for background checks and if the balance in that account becomes too large over the years the money will be evenly divided and turned back to the organizations. Also discussed during the meeting was an advisory sports board, which would meet once a quarter to go over any issues such as league by-laws, ways to improve each of the leagues and ways to improve communications throughout all youth organizations. He noted possibly down the road one shared database will be utilized for registering all youth sports and distributing the money equally, as the organizations are working towards a common goal to improve everything. Cncl. Teefy noted the organizations will be meeting again in April to discuss these issues. The Ordinance Committee Meeting will discuss the handbook at the April 4th meeting and over the summer Council will adopt the handbook and regulations for background checks by ordinance. Cncl. Teefy also cautioned all residents to lock their cars at night due to the number of vehicle burglaries occurring throughout township.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** reported a bid opening for the fire apparatus will be held on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Six manufacturers of fire apparatus and two manufacturers of stand alone compressors picked up the bid packets. He reported Anthony Guzzo Development is coming back to the township with revisions to his application for commercial and residential properties on Berlin-Cross Keys Road and Peter Hovnanian is coming in under the Conversion Law to covert a portion of his proposed development located on Fries Mill Road by Scotland Run Golf Course. Cncl. Sebastian noted he had every intention of helping the Parks and Rec Commission stuff Easter egg after his grandson's senior town league basketball game but the game went into quadruple overtime and he was unable to get there. He added unfortunately his grandson's team lost 101 to 98.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** reported the Monroe Township Library and Monroe Township Economic Development Commission are sponsoring a small business seminar on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 6:30 PM. Anyone with or opening a small business with questions should attend this seminar. He also reported the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission will be sending out questionnaires to all businesses to verify information already compiled about township businesses. The Commission is hoping to use this information in the near future to provide residents with a business directory.

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** spoke of recent bipartisan legislation requiring municipal workers to contribute more to their pensions and noted a group of judges, in the pension system, filed with the court contending that is unconstitutional for them because of a law that has been in place for years, which prevents politicians from reducing their salaries. The Superior Court heard the case and ruled in favor of the judges so they do not have to pay additional money into the pension plan like other municipal employees do. This case is now going before the New Jersey Supreme Court. Cncl. DiLucia noted the actuaries for the judge's pension fund said it is tremendously underfunded and is in the worst financial shape of any pension fund in the State. The judges receive generous benefits and after serving ten years on the bench they receive a 75% pension, which means if they made \$100,000.00 a year their pension will be \$75,000.00; yet they are not willing to pay anything more towards it. Judge's opinions are sometimes biased when it comes to themselves and if the Supreme Court rules in their favor, the taxpayers are going to eventually pay the shortfall if they or the State do not pay more into their pension

# E.) <u>**REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**</u> (cont'd)

Cncl. DiLucia noted the governor and the republican side of the government is fund. proposing a formula to give taxpayers a 10% reduction in their adjusted gross income. This sounds good on the surface, but there are two things that must be considered; how much it's going to cost and where the money is coming from since the State supposedly already has a shortfall that is evident by the continued cutting of education, social programs and all municipalities doing more with less. Assuming there is enough money, in his opinion, this is a very biased approach to real estate adjustments. He explained the net effect of a 10% reduction in gross adjusted taxes for two people in a household making \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year would be \$384.00 while someone making half a million dollars would realize about \$7,000 in tax cuts. Retired people with incomes of \$91,000.00 from pensions and Social Security would receive, after the adjustment, approximately \$40.00 in tax cuts according to Governor Christie's proposal. Cncl. DiLucia noted at the last meeting council discussed drafting a resolution to say this was the wrong way to approach a tax cut, as real estate taxes are the real problem and taxes should be cut on a more equitable basis. He discussed this with Senator Sweeney, who has proposed real estate tax relieve. His proposal is in the infantile stages of development but it represents a minimum \$600.00 reduction in real estate taxes, which is much more than the average person in this town would receive under Governor Christie's tax reduction proposal. The significant difference in the two proposals is; Senator Sweeney's proposal has an income cut off point of \$250,000.00 so people making more than that would not receive an additional tax break allowing for that money to be transferred to people more needy of tax relief. Cncl. DiLucia noted these two plans are diametrically opposite to one another and in his opinion the governor's plan is geared towards a backdoor way of giving wealthy people additional income and taking it from people who need it the most. The democratic proposal is more equitable and gives the money to people suffering the most but regardless of the plan, there needs to be money to fund it. We need to be very careful that we don't allow legislation that takes money away from things that still need to be funded. Council supports real estate relief but that money should not be taken from money the municipality receives because then the mayor and council would need to find a way to continue to fund services with less money. That is what happened twenty-five years ago when Christie Whitman cut income taxes and sifted the cost to real estate taxes causing New Jersey to have the highest real estate taxes in the country. He noted the mayor and council are going to try to find a resolution that will best serve taxpayers and one that could be cosponsored by other municipalities and sent to the legislative bodies so we have some input into this before we are in a worse situation than we were before. He urged residents to keep an eye out for this legislation and to contact their state senators, assembly people, freeholders and anyone that has any say in legislation to let them know how they feel about real estate tax relief. He noted it is evident by the number of tax appeals submitted this year that people feel they are over taxed and need relief.

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** reported the Senior Commission is sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$35.00 and the bus will be leaving from the Pfeiffer Community Center at 10:30 AM. The package includes \$15.00 in slot dollars, a buffet and a show "Ivory Kings Live". For more information residents should contact Jeanette Remsen at (856) 629-5491.

Cncl. Walter Bryson reported the Monroe Township Historical Society is planning to invite local historical societies to historic New Brooklyn United Methodist Church and Parish Hall located at 1336 East Malaga Road for a meet and greet and town tour of New Brooklyn, Downer and Squankum (Williamstown) on Saturday, April 21st. The meet and greet will be at 10:00 AM until lunch and then the town tour will take place from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Historical Societies' intension in this is to get together with other historical societies in the area Anyone interested in attending should in order to create a South Jersey History Trail Guide. contact Susanne McKee, President of the Historical Society, at 629-3368. Cncl. Bryson encouraged residents to vote for the candidates of their choice and the school budget at the School Board Election on Tuesday, April 17th. He also urged residents interested in volunteering their services for a township board or commission to complete a Citizen's Leadership. Cncl. Bryson noted Trenton has finally taken an initiative to do something about our high real estate taxes. Proposals for tax relief have been made by the governor, the Senate and now the Assembly is discussing one that would give property tax relief of 20% and 25% for seniors. He questioned where that money is coming from, as the State is in financial chaos.

# E.) <u>**REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**</u> (cont'd)

He noted tonight council reviewed information a resident brought forward about the Abbott Burke Program, which provides \$8 billion dollars, 66% of all State school funding to 31 out of 600 school districts. Four years ago this council adopted a resolution to change the school funding system to make the distribution of funds more equitable for all districts. That resolution was forwarded to all legislators and municipalities in the State and the law was changed; however, it was challenged and the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the old distribution method. Cncl. Bryson noted he sent a response to the sponsors of the 20% tax proposal and he asked them to look at abdicating Abbott Burke. He noted the resolution Council is drafting approaches Abbott Burke from a different point of view and shows it is unconstitutional and spells out each constitutional amendment that it violates. He noted he hopes once this resolution is sent to the state action will be taken because that is the only way real estate taxes will go down in New Jersey.

**Director of Finance, Jeff Coles** reported the Tax Collector has scheduled a Tax Sale on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for properties delinquent in their 2011 taxes.

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri reported attending the 4-H cabin fever clean out yard sale on Sunday, March 25th; noting it drew a remarkable crowd. The nature center has 30 miles of marked walking trails for everyone's enjoyment and someday will include riding trails. The South Jersey Bee Keeper's are putting together a portion of the property for bee keeping and had jars of honey and bee's wax for sale at the yard sale. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri recognized Maryann Mentz, with the Gloucester County 4-H, for doing an incredible job to promote and raise money for the nature center and local residents Bucky and Sue Howell for their dedication Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri urged residents to attend future events at the center, as to the site. everyone had a good time last Sunday. He reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> where resolutions were memorialized for the location of Metro PCS cell antennas on top of the Carino Park Building. The Board also approved the Monroe Township MUA application for the storage tank site on Rt. 322 and sanctioned Council Resolution R:80, which authorized the Planner to amend the Acme Redevelopment site. He reported attending the Environmental Commission Meeting on March 19th where a grant from American Water Works was discussed for a project that would create a vegetable garden at the Middle School. The harvest from this project would be donated to senior citizens of the township. He recognized science teacher Janet Mead, Sandy Kean, all the other volunteers that were instrumental in putting that project together and the students for participating in it. The commission also discussed Arbor Day on April 7th and the spring clean up on April 21st. Many community groups are involved in the spring clean up and those with fifteen or more members participating will receive a \$500.00 reward. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri noted he wanted to give a plug to his younger brother, Vince, who is on "The Worst Cooks in America" TV show on the Food Network channel on Sunday nights or on Demand.

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported on March 3rd the Yellow Ribbon Club and members of our community welcomed home LCpl William Murray from his deployment in The mayor reported the north end of town has had problems with home Afghanistan. burglaries but fortunately the police department found the culprit and he should now be off the He noted at the last council meeting, he introduced the 2012 Municipal Budget to streets. Council. This budget calls for a 1.9% increase to the municipal tax, keeping the budget in line with the state's mandated 2% tax levy cap. The increase in tax is 1.3 cents which is equal to \$13.00 for every \$100,000 of assessed value. On the average assessed home value of \$223,000, this amounts to \$29.00. The 2012 budget eliminates 10 full time positions from the previous year, as we continue to decrease the size of government and keep taxes at a manageable level. This year we will have to make capital expenditures and invest in equipment and infrastructure. We need to replace 3 fire trucks, 2 trash trucks and make road improvements. In preparation of issuing additional bonds, we refinanced our existing bonds and achieved \$200,000 in savings by doing so. The township bond rating was also recently reviewed by the credit agency, Standard & Poor's. Many municipalities and government agencies struggled during the past five year recession and had their credit rating decrease. We struggled, but Monroe Township has maintained its Double AA credit. We will continue to do more with less, and strive to become more efficient in the services we provide to you, the taxpayer.

#### **F.)** GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

#### CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fiore reported Council just completed a Closed Executive Session where discussion took place regarding the fourth or fifth revised proposed settlement agreement for the ongoing COAH litigation involving Blaze Mill vs. Monroe Township. Council will now take a vote to tentatively approve the agreement pending the finalization of the final agreement as well as a formal resolution being acted upon at the next Council Meeting. He requested a motion to move the matter forward for the preparation of the final agreement as well as a resolution adopting same.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy made a motion for Council to move forward with a resolution to settle the agreement for Blaze Mills. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski seconded the motion.

# ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BLAZE MILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 5 AYES, 2 NAYS (Bryson, DiLucia)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion to move forward with a resolution to settle the Blaze Mill agreement was duly approved.

#### G.) **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan McCormick, RMC **Municipal Clerk** 

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**Presiding Officer** 

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of March 27, 2012 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Approved as corrected

Date \_\_\_\_\_