

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
MAY 22, 2012

**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., 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 **Pastor Brian Greco** of the **Haddonfield United Methodist Church** (formerly of the Cross 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	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Dave Cella	Present	
Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles		Excused
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart		Excused
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Wright	Present	

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Williamstown Middle School - Community of Caring Gardens Environmental Club**

**Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri** and **Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** presented the **Williamstown Middle School Community of Caring Gardens Environmental Club**, lead by Science Teacher Janet Mead and Environmental Commission Member Sandy Keen, with a proclamation in recognition of their devotion to learning about the environment and their award winning project "The Cassandra Dilks Veggie Farm Bank". On behalf of the Environmental Club Dillon Daisy accepted the Certificate of Recognition and noted the Cassandra Dilks veggie garden is in memory of Mrs. Dilks and the impact she had on the community. All crops harvested from the veggie garden will be donated to needy senior citizens of the community on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the St. Mary's Food Bank. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are also involved and along with the Williamstown Middle School Environmental Club would like to leave a message to the community of "pass the goodness on". Members of the Environmental Club, **Karley Bruder** and **Madi Derbyshire** extended their appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the recognition, **Korian Parker**, **Alexis Riley** and **Harley Williams** sang the Environmental jingle and **Chris Fox** advised the Environmental Club will be accepting donations to construct a Rain Garden at the school.

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PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

- Williamstown History Quest

Cncl. Walter Bryson, Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri and Mayor Michael Gabbianelli presented Certificates of Recognition to Kathi Hansen's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Talented and Gifted Classes from Oak Knoll Elementary School for their project "Williamstown History Quest" and Holly Glen Elementary School for their project "Williamstown History Extravaganza". On behalf of the TAG classes Maxine Kruse of Holly Glen and Leanne Chen of Oak Knoll explained the students learned about the historical sites along Main Street, which include the Methodist Church and Cemetery, Veterans Plaza, the old Town Hall, the Hall Street School, the Washington Hotel, the Grand Theatre, the Reading Room, the First Bank, the POW/MIA Memorial, the Columbus Statute and the Ireland-Hofer House. The students took pictures of each site, created a walking tour map that leads to a hidden treasure in the Ireland-Hofer House and wrote a poem for treasure hunters to learn Williamstown history in an entertaining way. Maxine and Leanne extended their appreciation to Susanne McKee and the volunteers of the Monroe Township Historical Society for their help in this project and to the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, the Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of May 8, 2012 and the Emergency Council Meeting of May 15, 2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exception of Cncl. Ronald Garbowski who Abstained on the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting of May 15, 2012.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- Amusement Licenses (Annual Renewals - June, 2012 through May, 2013)  
*Adult Entertainment Center*  
*Devone's Tavern*  
*Geets Diner Restaurant*  
*Hospitality Creek Campground*  
*John & Doug's Liquors*  
*Mirarchi's Williamstown Inn*  
*Sharky's Sports Bar & Grill*  
*Taylor's Grill & Bar*  
*Trio Tavern*
- Carnival Permit - St. Mary's Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve the above noted Amusement Licenses and the Carnival Permit for St. Mary's Church. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

**R:113-2012** Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation  
*N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87*

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:113-2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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

**R:114-2012** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Services Associated With The Winslow Road Resurfacing Project - Phase IV In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to approve Resolution R:114-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:115-2012** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Services Associated With The Design And Construction Administration Of The Municipal Building Roof Replacement In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:115-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:116-2012** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of May 22, 2012

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** made a motion to approve Resolution R:116-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:117-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Supporting The Click It Or Ticket Safety Belt Mobilization And Authorizing The Monroe Township Police Department To Apply To New Jersey Division Of Highway Traffic Safety For A Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:117-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:118-2012** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to approve Resolution R:118-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:119-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Sale Of Real Estate From The County Of Gloucester To The Township Of Monroe For Block 12401, Lot 21.01, Within The Township Of Monroe

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to approve Resolution R:119-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:120-2012** Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Consumption With Broad Package Privilege, Plenary Retail Distribution And Club Licenses Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to approve Resolution R:120-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:121-2012** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Active Litigation Matters (*Simmermon v. Monroe Township*)

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:121-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**D.) ORDINANCES**

Cncl. Pres., Frank 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 Hearing for Ordinances O:14-2012, O:15-2012 and O:16-2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:14-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Sections 175-54C And 175-151.1 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe To Conform Wireless Transmission Facilities Review To Present Law

**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:14-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:14-2012 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:14-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:15-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-135.G.(8) And Section 175-135.L Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Signs And Penalties For Violations

**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:15-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:15-2012 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:15-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:16-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Sections 175-90.C.(2), E(2) And E(6) Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Agriculture And Animals In Certain Areas Of The Township

**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:16-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:16-2012 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:16-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported first grade students from Holly Glen School were awarded a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Rowan University for reading approximately 1,000 books. The children received t-shirts for participating in the project and made the mayor promise to show one of them during a televised council meeting. The Mayor held the shirt up for the camera and explained this event was sponsored by Rowan, the League of Municipalities,

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Verizon, South Jersey Gas and PSE &G. The Mayor reported attending the Mayor's Conference in Atlantic City on April 25<sup>th</sup> where discussions took place regarding the status of COAH. At this time no one knows where COAH is going so municipalities are still in limbo on that issue. On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the mayor, several council members and the Police Administration attended ceremonies at the VFW in recognition of Loyalty Day. On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Mayor attended Grand Opening Ceremonies for Mom-Mom's Coffee Shop located on Main Street and Town Vision located on Washington Avenue. In between those ceremonies he attended the Holiday City Memorial Day Ceremonies along with Cncl. DiLucia. The Mayor reported the township yard will now be open on Saturday's between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 noon through September 29<sup>th</sup>. Residents must provide ID when disposing of items at the yard and must treat workers with respect. In the past the yard was closed to the public due to contractors giving employees a hard time. The mayor noted he would not have a problem closing it again, as the workers are there to service the public but not to be abused. The mayor extended appreciation to the Williamstown Post Office employees for their food drive that brought in two busloads of food for the food pantry. He also commended residents for donating and supporting the Post Office.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** reported he attended the Municipal Alliance and the Historical Society Meetings and noted both boards need more volunteers to assist with projects they are working on. The Historical Society is working on having the old train station moved back to Williamstown and the Municipal Alliance provides programs for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and participates in "National Night Out". Cncl. Bryson extended appreciation to Monroe Township School Superintendent, Mr. Earling for allowing students to hold a walk-a-thon and dance to benefit a Williamstown Middle School student battling cancer. He also urged residents to drive safely during the holiday weekend, to attend the Main Street Music Festival on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and to vote at the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** reported the Senior Commission is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Jonah" on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant.

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** reported during the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Holiday City Sgt. Major Howard Tucker was honored and he wanted to extend, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, best wishes and appreciation to Sgt. Major Tucker for his outstanding service to this Country over his long and illustrious career. Cncl. DiLucia reported attending a Safety Committee Meeting and noted he wanted to congratulate township employees for keeping incidents of injuries and lost time down. He also reported attending, along with Cncl. Sebastian and Senator Madden, dedication ceremonies for the new state of the art rehabilitation wing at Meadowview Nursing Home. During the dedication he won the door prize, however, as an elected official he couldn't keep it so it was donated to someone bedridden that could use it. Cncl. DiLucia noted last month Council approved a resolution dealing with a proposed tax issue geared towards real estate property rebates. He noted at that time he was concerned where that money was coming from and approximately two days later newspapers reported the State has no money for tax relief. A press conference was supposed to be held to announce some type of agreement between both parties but that was been postponed and this issue is still in a flux. Cncl. DiLucia noted he would keep everyone informed of the progress of that issue, as everyone is looking forward to some type of tax relief.

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** requested a moment to correct a comment he had made earlier regarding the number of books the Holly Glen students read. The Mayor noted he ran up to his office to get the report on the books read and reported that the students were supposed to read 1,000 books but they actually read 4,991 books.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** reported attending, along with Cncl. Sebastian and Cncl. Teefy, the Business Summit sponsored by the Economic Development Commission and the Monroe Township Library. This event was very well attended and representatives from state, county and local governments were available to provide individuals with a lot of good information. He also reported attending the Economic Development Commission meeting held on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Commission is currently working on a Township Business Directory and will be scheduling a meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to try to kick start a Monroe Township

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Business Association. Cncl. Garbowski urged anyone interested in that to contact him through the township clerk's office. He noted at the Monroe Township Library Board Meeting last week head librarian Beth Lillie announced she will be retiring in December. Cncl. Garbowski extended best wishes to Beth and expressed his appreciation for all she has done over the years for the library. He also reported the Library is sponsoring "Library Night Out" at the Library IV Restaurant on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The restaurant will donate ten percent of their proceeds that night to the Monroe Township Library. Cncl. Garbowski requested everyone to keep Township Clerk Susan McCormick in their prayers, as her husband passed away today.

Cncl. William Sebastian noted as Cncl. DiLucia stated earlier, they attended the gala reopening of Meadowview Nursing Home. That facility is now state of the art with excellent equipment including a step-down room where rehab patients receive training prior to their release on how to get in and out of bed, prepare meals, etc. He also reported attending the Business Seminar held at the Library, which approximately forty to fifty people attended. The majority of those in attendance already has a business in town and was interested in how to expand or obtain information regarding their individual business. The dais was very well supported and the information provided was needed by those in attendance. Much discussion took place regarding what can and cannot be done to improve Main Street and during that discussion he (Cncl. Sebastian) had mentioned that two businesses on Main Street received façade grants from the State. He noted he wanted to let everyone know that at this time, that grant money is no longer available. Cncl. Sebastian also extended condolences to Township Clerk, Susan McCormick and her family for the loss of her husband.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy urged residents to lock their cars at night due to thirty-nine car burglaries being reported to the Police Department between the months of April and May. Cncl. Teefy reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Main Street Music Festival will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM. This event will include entertainment, amusements and games, crafters, a food court, indoor bingo, a Phillies game will be shown and the Williamstown Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle and will award scholarships to high school seniors with the proceeds. Wal-Mart is the sponsor for all the music, the amusement games are being sponsored by Parx Casino and the First Bank is sponsoring the crafters and food. The entertainment will consist of Chelsea Musick who will sing country music, The Idol Kings performing John Mellencamp and Journey music and The Parrot Band, which performs Jimmy Buffet type music. He noted Jim Bonder and the Monroe Township Parks and Rec Commission have worked hard to put this event together for the residents to enjoy. Cncl. Teefy also expressed his condolences to Susan McCormick for the loss of her husband and extended his appreciation to the staff of the Clerk's Office for helping her during this difficult time.

Engineer, Dave Cella extended his appreciation to council for awarding ARH the Winslow Road and municipal roof contracts.

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri reported attending Loyalty Day Ceremonies at the VFW along with the Mayor and other council members. He noted it was a real honor for him to recognize and make presentations to veterans of Monroe Township and he extended his appreciation to Mr. Cooper for the invitation. Cncl. Pres. Caligiuri reported a Redevelopment Committee Meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> for the committee to work on the redevelopment plan for the old Acme site. He also reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> and noted there are not many developers coming before the board to build houses, which is a good thing as it gives the township an opportunity to catch up with educational requirements and stabilize our expenses. On May 15<sup>th</sup> an Emergency Council Meeting was held to approve a last minute Circus Permit for the Gloucester County 4-H Association. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri extended his appreciation to his colleagues on council for responding to that meeting and to township employees for getting everything together to make it happen. The circus was a very important fund raiser for the 4-H Nature Preserve, which is Cncl. Caligiuri's pet project, as it is an up and coming recreational resource for the township with walking and riding trails that lead to the blue hole and a number of other sites in the forest district. The circus was held at the Nature Preserve on May 16<sup>th</sup> and even though there was a limited amount of advertising the event was well attended. He asked residents to mark their calendars for May 15, 2013, as that is when the

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4-H will hold the next circus. He also commended Carrie Purvis for setting up a meeting that he attended between representatives from Atlantic City Electric and residents from Janvier Road and Jones Kane Road to address a series of unusual electrical outages those residents have been experiencing. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri reported attending the Environmental Commission Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> where the affiliates of the commission were organized and the work to make Monroe Township a Tree City USA was recognized. He also reported attending Arbor Day Ceremonies along with the Environmental Commission where Monroe Township was one of four townships from South Jersey recognized. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri commended Sue and Bucky Howell, Maryann Metz and all the other 4-H volunteers who helped make a property that was once an eyesore into a beautiful usable nature preserve leading into a State forest area. He reported several fund raisers have been planned for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School student, Kiarah (KiKi) Bowley, who has been diagnosed with cancer and be going through a stem cell procedure to deal with her condition. On Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM the Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of the total check when a customer mentions they are there on behalf of Kiarah. The Williamstown Booster Club is also accepting contributions. Checks should be made payable to WMS Builder's Club and sent to the attention of Patricia Bramble at the Williamstown Middle School located at 561 Clayton Road, Williamstown.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

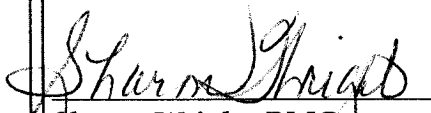
**Closed Executive Session**

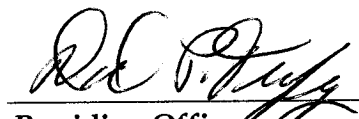
Solicitor Fiore noted Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session where the Simmermon v. Monroe Township litigation was discussed. No decisions were made. Action may be taken at a future meeting.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon Wright, RMC  
Deputy Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *Am* \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_

Date 6/26/12  
Date \_\_\_\_\_