

**MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
APRIL 10, 2012**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES & ROLL CALL

The regular scheduled Work Session Meeting of the Monroe Township Council was called to order by **Council President, Frank J. Caligiuri** at approximately 7:10 PM in the Conference Room on the first floor 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, Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice has been posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

SALUTE TO OUR FLAG – **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** led the Assembly in the Salute to Our Flag.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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| Cncl. Walter Bryson | | Excused |
| Cncl. Marvin Dilks | Present | |
| Cncl. Rich DiLucia | Present | |
| Cncl. Ronald Garbowski | Present | |
| Cncl. William Sebastian | Present | |
| Cncl. Daniel Teefy | Present | |
| Cncl. Pres., Frank J. Caligiuri | Present | |
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| Mayor, Michael Gabbianelli | Present | |
| Business Admin., Kevin Heydel | Present | |
| Solicitor, Charles Fiore | Present | |
| Eng., Chris Rehmann, ARH | Present | |
| Dir. of Finance, Jeff Coles | Present | |
| Dir. of Public Safety, Jim Smart | Present | |
| Dir. of Code Enforcement, George Reitz | | Excused |
| Dir. of Public Works, Bob Avis | Present | |
| Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick | Present | |

B.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor, Michael Gabbianelli appointed **Craig Masterson** as an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Planning Board.

C.) PUBLIC PORTION

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

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C.) PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)

Mayor Gabbianelli noted we will be going out to bid for two one armed-bandits and one option is a natural gas burning engine that would have an alternate cost of \$40,000.00. He explained the cost of natural gas is under two dollars a gallon while diesel fuel is over \$4.00 a gallon. Bob Avis is researching the trucks and will be calling Waste Management to get the mileage of natural gas as opposed to diesel fuel. The Mayor noted the natural gas filling station is located in Glassboro and he felt the additional money could be saved in fuel costs within two years or less. He noted he would keep Council informed on this matter.

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

D.) NEW BUSINESS

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski reported his neighbor is complaining about the paving done at the end of Constitution Way, as he was told during a Planning Board meeting landscape pavers would be installed there but instead a plastic mesh was used and he is concerned it will not support emergency vehicles. **Engineer Chris Rehmann** noted he would look into that and get back to Cncl. Garbowski by way of email. If it was supposed to be landscape pavers, what's there will be removed and pavers put in. **Mayor Gabbianelli** noted another resident in that area disagrees with the survey, which is immaterial because the county right-a-way is approximately twenty feet wide for acceleration/ deceleration lanes and they will never be put in on that side of the road. The problem the resident was having is that trees were going to be planted basically on top of his house but those trees can be planted anywhere in the right-a-way since traffic can no longer make right and left turns from there. Mr. Rehmann explained the county will approve moving those trees but Wal-Mart must make an application to the County to do that.

E.) OLD BUSINESS - None

F.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri reported on April 3rd the Budget Committee met and unanimously urges Council to consider the budget currently before them for approval. He also reported the Redevelopment Committee will schedule a follow-up meeting after the week of April 16th.

Cncl. William Sebastian reported three bids were opened for the fire apparatus and two were under budget. The higher bids had exceptions and even if all were granted they would not beat the low bidder. Cncl. Sebastian noted he reviewed the bid packets over the weekend and held another committee meeting to discuss them, the fire department

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F.) COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

reviewed the lowest bid with their committee to make sure their section was OK and a representative from Cecil reviewed their section in regards to the rescue/pumper. Chuck is going to review the legal portion and then the Public Safety Committee will make a recommendation for the next Council Meeting when the 20 day bond estoppel period will be up.

Engineer, Chris Rehmann reported a meeting was held with the traffic consultants for the Black Horse Pike/Williamstown Square Project. The Department of Transportation is finally reviewing that and they are concerned about the intersection of Corkery Lane and the Black Horse Pike because that fails to meet criteria. Mr. Rehmann noted his comment to them was that they approved the WAWA as a major access to the Black Horse Pike, they approved Corkery Lane, they denied the right hand turn slot for Corkery Lane so don't blame it on Williamstown Square. He noted he thought it would end up with Williamstown Square making some contribution towards a future improvement of that intersection that would include a right hand turn lane onto the Black Horse Pike to separate right hand turns, left hand turns and through traffic. The through traffic to the northern part of Corkery Lane is the least traveled way so they feel they can separate those two. Mr. Rehmann told them we would not help them with that. Another issue that may need to be addressed is the continued deterioration of a storm sewer pipe at PC Helpers. Cncl. Sebastian questioned whether anyone has addressed the location of the telephone poles being installed in the area of the Williamstown Square Project. Mr. Rehmann explained he spoke to them about that and they said they needed a right-a-way and for them to get that through their department in time to stop the construction and move the poles back would cost them more money than moving them back at a later date. **Director of Public Safety Jim Smart** noted there have been problems all over town with Verizon taking care of poles that are either cracked or damaged in accidents and roped off. He noted Verizon has been atrocious in taking care of those poles.

G.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTION SCHEDULED - 4/10/12

Solicitor Fiore referred to R:98-2012 authorizing a Closed Executive Session and noted it was anticipated that the final draft of the Blaze Mill agreement would be completed and ready for discussion at the Closed Session; however, he just met yesterday with Mr. Schwartz and Rick Hoff and that final draft will not be completed for review and council action until the next council meeting. Also in regards to Simmermon vs. Monroe Township, Chuck Ostermuhl, the attorney for the MEL was supposed to be present but he had another engagement and has requested that matter be re-scheduled for the next council meeting to discuss the contents of the letter he forwarded to all members of Council. Mr. Fiore requested R:98-2012 be removed from the Regular Meeting agenda.

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri pointed out that Council may be unfamiliar with two resolutions; R:94-2012 supporting fair distribution of aid to education and R:96-2012 calling for the distribution of energy tax receipts.

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H.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED - 4/10/12 - None

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart urged members of Council to attend the Williamstown Fire Company No. 1 Memorial Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 PM.

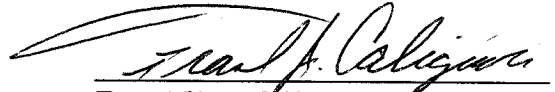
I.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further for discussion, **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to adjourn the Council Work Session of April 10, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and was unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



**Susan McCormick, RMC
Municipal Clerk**



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from the tape-recorded proceedings and the hand written notes of the Council Work Session of April 10, 2012 and serves only as a synopsis of the proceedings. Portions of 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 *smj* Date 4/24/12
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____