

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:30 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	Present	
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		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

**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 November 22, 2011 and the Special Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of November 30, 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** who **Abstained** from the minutes of November 30, 2011.

**B.) CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Tower List**

Midway Auto	Lake Avenue Auto Body
Cecil Collision	B & B Auto Repair
Clarks Auto Repair	Monroe Auto Body
A-Jacks Towing	A & A Auto Salvage
B & H Auto Repair	Malia's Body Shop

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** advised Council would address the Tower List at the December 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** recommended the township consider taking over the towing, as a means of gaining revenue and suggested a Council committee be formed to start researching what would need to be done to do that. He noted it could not be done for 2012 but by 2013 the township could be getting that revenue.

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**C.) 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. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:197-2011 through R:207-2011 for a Consent Agenda vote. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** questioned whether Resolution R:202-2011 is contingent upon the CFO providing the Certification of Funds at a future date. **Solicitor Fiore** advised that is correct.

**R:197-2011** Resolution And Notice Of Council Work Sessions, Regular Council Meetings And Ordinance Committee Meetings Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2012

**R:198-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amended Developer's Agreement With NJ322, LLC And/Or Its Assigns And Nominee MBI Development Company, Inc., For Site Plan #414-SP, Block 14301, Lots 56 And 57

**R:199-2011** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**R:200-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Increase In The Change Fund For The Monroe Township Municipal Court

**R:201-2011** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of December 13, 2011

**R:202-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Peach Country Tractor For One (1) Tractor As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Department Of Parks & Recreation, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

**R:203-2011** Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Performance Guaranty For Certain Site Improvements For "Carriage Glen" Subdivision #1696, Section 6, Block 10301, Lot 16

**R:204-2011** Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Performance Guaranty For Certain Site Improvements For "Carriage Glen" Subdivision #1696, Section 7, Block 10301, Lot 16

**R:205-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Transferring Funds For The Budget Year 2011

**R:206-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Business Administrator To Notify The Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund The Township Of Monroe Will Terminate Membership In Said Fund Effective April 1, 2012

**R:207-2011** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss A Personnel Matter Involving Disability Benefits

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolutions R:197-2011 through R:207-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** who voted **Nay on Resolution R:206-2011**.

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D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks turned this portion of the meeting over to Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. William Sebastian. Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O:26-2011 and O:27-2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Pres., 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:26-2011** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 254 Entitled "Taxicabs"

**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:26-2011 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:26-2011 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:26-2011 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:27-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 69 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Police, Division Of"

**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., Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Ordinance O:27-2011 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:27-2011 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 NAY (Teefy)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:27-2011 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing. (Note: Cncl. Bryson voted Aye on the condition that this matter will be discussed with the Police Department as indicated during the Work Session Meeting. Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Sebastian responded yes it will be.)

**O:28-2011** An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Fixing And Establishing Salaries And Rates Of Compensation Of Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe, In The County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey (**First Reading and Publication**)

**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:28-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Walter Bryson reported this weekend is very busy for the Historical Society and he urged residents to attend the train exhibits at the Pfeiffer Center and at the Hall Street School. He reported members of the Historical Society each took a room in the Ireland Hofer House and organized it to make nice exhibits for visitors.

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

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** recognized the Finance Committee for the time they spent researching the cost of health insurance and the various aspects of the different healthcare contracts. He added through their work the township will now see a substantial saving of \$400,000.00 in health insurance premiums. **Cncl. Caligiuri** also extended holiday wishes to everyone.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Engineer, Chris Rehmann** reported the Williamstown Black Horse Pike NJDOT application for the traffic signal has been sent to the Department of Transportation for review. Mr. Rehmann also extended holiday wishes.

**Director of Finance, Jeff Coles** reported a new process was instituted in the Tax Office as part of moving to the new bank. The new system will enable checks to be scanned directly into the clearing house on a daily basis rather than waiting for the armored car service to pick them up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**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.

**Cody Miller, 1032 Blue Bell Road** commended Council for the work they are doing to draw in more tax rateables to keep property taxes stable in Monroe Township. He also extended his appreciation to the elected officials for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Municipal Alliance Commission. He spoke of the increased number of people coming out to board and commission events, which means the township is expanding. He also spoke of the traffic camera bringing in more revenue that will be used to help stabilize property taxes. Mr. Cody also extended holiday wishes to the Mayor and members of Council.

**Jack Simmermon, A-Jack's Towing and Recovery** questioned why Battalini was called to winch out a fire truck that got stuck when responding to an accident on Tuckahoe Road near the Franklin Township line on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gabbianelli responded that company is one of our heavy duty towers and has been called many times. Mr. Simmermon questioned whether someone has a contract that says Battalini is the official heavy tower. **Solicitor Fiore** noted prior to anyone answering that question we need to find out the accurate information as to what occurred rather than everyone speculating as to why they were called. Mr. Fiore noted he would look into what the process is when they call a heavy tower; if there is a process. Mr. Simmermon questioned why those tow calls would not be given to a businessman that pays taxes in this township. He also noted it was brought to his attention that the Mayor had said the word was "F A-Jack's, call Battalini". Solicitor Fiore asked the Mayor not to respond to that, as fair questions may be asked by the public, but the Mayor does not have to respond to that since the township is still involved in litigation with Mr. Simmermon. He noted Mr. Simmermon can ask any other general questions but to ask someone to comment on something that somebody said publically is not really a fair question. Mr. Simmermon questioned who will be forwarding the paperwork to him that says whether Battalini is a heavy tower for Monroe Township. Solicitor Fiore noted he would get that information for Mr. Simmermon from the Clerk's Office and through Mr. Smart, who is the director. **Cncl. William Sebastian** questioned the heaviest weight Mr. Simmermon can tow. Mr. Simmermon responded he can tow 80,000 pounds or anything that goes down the road. He noted when he was towing for the township for free he could handle everything but now since the township has to pay him an outside tower is being used. He noted the fire truck was not towed, it was just winched out.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)**

**Cncl. William Sebastian** spoke of Cody Miller thanking Council for the red light camera revenue and noted more important than the revenue is that there has not been a serious accident at that intersection since the camera has been installed.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Solicitor Fiore** noted Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session where one matter involving a disability leave request for Margareta McCoy was discussed and as a result of same Council has chosen to act upon Resolution R:208-2011.

**R:208-2011** Resolution Waiving Six Month Requirement For Disability Leave For Margareta McCoy

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:208-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**G.) ADJOURNMENT**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** 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 December 13, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_