

**MINUTES
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 1, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cody Miller at 7:03pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Cody Miller led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Brown, Kelly Fleming, Cody Miller, Jeanette Remsen, Jared Valdez

Excused: Patricia Adams, Colleen Reitz, Rebecca VanDexter, Cncl. Walter Bryson Ptl. Ryan Borkowski

The Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission did not have a quorum for the October meeting. No official business was held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, there was no voting of minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Cody Miller spoke in reference to him working with the Southwest Council, who is working with the Gloucester County Regional Abuse Substance Prevention Coalition (GRASP). They are working on providing guest speakers to speak in reference to the dangers of prescription drug abuse, underage drinking and driving and participate in the Sticker Shock Project, where the Prosecutor's Office will go into liquor stores and place stickers on typical inexpensive alcoholic beverages typically bought by college students warning them of the laws against underage drinking. From these events, Cody will be able to bring back information to the Commission to provide ideas for the Commission to participate in.

Jeanette Remsen provided the Treasurer's Report:

D.A.R.E. Program – copies of purchase orders have not yet been received from the Police Department as previously requested. \$7,200.00 is available for their use - \$4,800.00 budgeted, \$2,400.00 cash match and Jeanette said she had explained this previously.

Project Graduation – monies used.

Senior Awareness – Jeanette informed the Commission that the Seniors Commission has \$275 available in their budget that won't be used for the year; she asked the Business Administrator if that money could be used towards the budgeted Alliance monies for the Senior Luncheon, and he said it can be.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (*cont'd*)

Community Gathering - \$2,100.00 is available. Jeanette and Cody looked into helping with the Police Open House or Ambulance Open House, but were informed they weren't being held this year, except for the Williamstown Fire Company Open House.

School Assemblies - \$1,890.00 is available.

Haunted High School – Jeanette said she went to Sam's Club and got prices for candy. The high school spent \$360.00 on temporary tattoos; Jeanette informed them that the township did not have the vendor they purchased them from as a vendor in the financial system and all necessary information, so could not pay this vendor. Jeanette spoke with Mary Beth Monroe and she said that the Commission can give a check payable to Williamstown High School, if they provide a receipt, and the high school can then pay the vendor. \$440.00 is available for purchasing candy. 44 bags will be purchased, with almost 4,000 pieces of candy. All monies will have been used. When the check is cut, Jeanette will give the check to Pat Adams to take to Sam's Club and pick up the candy.

Red Ribbon Week - \$1,600.00 is available.

Anti-Bully - \$1,500.00 is available each for Williamstown Middle School and St. Mary's School, which St. Mary's has already used some of their monies. Jared Valdez asked what the Anti-Bully Program consists of. Jeanette said that St. Mary's had Walnut Street Theater come and present a show and anti-bully books were purchased from Amazon.com. The Middle School is having a Challenge Day.

Promotional Items - \$200.00 is available from cash match from the township. Cody suggested purchasing pens; the Commission will discuss further at the next scheduled meeting.

Kelly Fleming suggested the Municipal Alliance Commission attend and have a table at Back To School Night at the schools.

Jeanette spoke in reference to the Seniors Luncheon. The members of the Municipal Alliance Commission may be helping with serving the food, but kids/ROTC are not to help serve the food. The Seniors Luncheon will be Saturday, November 3, 2012. Door prizes will be given out at the luncheon. Jeanette asked that members help with donating door prizes. The members will get together before the luncheon to wrap the donations in Christmas wrapping paper for the Christmas-themed luncheon. 96 people will be invited to the luncheon, including the ROTC. Informational brochures will be available to the seniors such as the dangers of prescription drugs and alcohol. Cody is to call the County to ask if their lunch serving trays can be used.

Cody mentioned that a Citizen's Summit will be held again to recruit more residents to join township boards and commissions. Jeanette feels that the number of members for the Municipal Alliance Commission should be lowered. The members will discuss at a later meeting in reference to changing the number of members for the Commission.

Kelly said that she asked her kids and their friends, who are teenagers, for suggestions for next year's National Night Out, what would attract them to attend; they said they would like to see a photo booth and dunk tank. These things would be good for the older kids, instead of just the bouncy rides and pony rides for the younger children. Jeanette noted that the September minutes incorrectly noted in reference to Baby Paws Farms "they did arrive for the event this year." and should have read "*they did not arrive for the event this year.*"

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of September 10, 2012 was adjourned by Chairperson Cody Miller at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Wojciechowski, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission meeting is Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting of October 1, 2012 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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