

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JULY 24, 2012**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:04 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. Marvin Dilks** 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. 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	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart		Excused
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and the Closed Executive Session of June 26, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri** who Abstained.

**Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** welcomed WPSJ Channel 8 as a television broadcasting station; noting this will make council meetings available to those residents that do not have cable television. **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** noted at this time Council would deviate from the meeting agenda to allow the Mayor to make some appointments and give his report.

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** appointed **Patricia Adams** as a member to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2015 and **Jared Valdez** and **Rebecca VanDexter** to the Municipal Alliance Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2015. The Mayor noted there are still vacancies on the Municipal Alliance Commission and anyone interested in serving should contact his office.

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**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS** *(cont'd)*

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Municipal Alliance Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Mayor Gabbianelli** reported the 2012 tax bills were mailed for the third quarter and the deadline to pay property taxes without any additional fees is August 17<sup>th</sup>. He reported the Senior Commission is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive at the Pfeiffer Center on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Residents can make an appointment with Jeanette Remsen or contact the Mayor's Office to arrange an appointment and walk-ins are welcome, as they are hoping to collect 48 pints of blood. National Night Out for Crime is scheduled for Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pfeiffer Center at 6:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Police Department and Municipal Alliance and will include food along with activities for young people. Bids for the Winslow Road Phase IV Paving Project were received and will be awarded this evening to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. Winslow Road will be paved from where Phase III left off to Buckhorn Drive and hopefully in the future if we get another grant the section from Kimberly West towards New Brooklyn will be paved. The township will not pave the section near the bend because two developments have already been approved in that area and they will be installing curbs, sidewalks and repaving that portion of the roadway.

**B.) CORRESPONDENCE** - None

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

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

**Engineer Dave Cella** requested language authorizing the Mayor to sign the loan application be added to Resolution R:139-2012. **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** took a poll of Council and everyone was in favor of including the requested language in Resolution R:139-2012.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:138-2012 through R:141-2012 and R:143-2012 through R:145-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. *(Resolution R:142-2012 appointing a member to the Economic Development Commission was voted upon separately)*

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:138-2012 THROUGH R:141-2012  
AND R:143-2012 THROUGH R:145-2012**

**R:138-2012** Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (JIF Safety Incentive Programs)

**R:139-2012** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Preparation Of A Restoration Loan Application For The Lower Victory Lakes Dam In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**R:140-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of A Mutual Aid Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Township Of Deptford

**R:141-2012** Resolution Declaring Pantarelli Homes, Inc. In Default For The "Serenity Woods" Subdivision #1666, Block 128.0203, Lot 21

**R:143-2012** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

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

**R:144-2012** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. For Services Associated With The Winslow Road Resurfacing Project-Phase IV As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation.

**R:145-2012** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of July 24, 2012

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:138-2012 through R:141-2012 and R:143-2012 through R:145-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:142-2012** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Aileen Wojciechowski** as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF AILEEN WOJCIECHOWSKI  
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** **Aileen Wojciechowski** was duly appointed as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

**D.) ORDINANCES**

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

**O:17-2012** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Adopt The User Handbook For The Monroe Township Parks & Recreation Within The Township Of Monroe

**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:17-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:17-2012 FOR  
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:17-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

**O:18-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 239 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Refuse Collection And Recycling"

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

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:18-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:18-2012 FOR  
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:18-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:19-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 65 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Personnel Policies"

**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:19-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Frank Caligiuri**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:19-2012 FOR  
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:19-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:20-2012** An Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, Appropriating \$32,500 For The Reconstruction And Refurbishment Of The Township Library Roof

**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:20-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:20-2012 FOR  
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:20-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:21-2012** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled Land Management

**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:21-2012 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:22-2012** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 74 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Fees"

**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.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:22-2012 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Daniel Teefy noted he had nothing new to report from the Parks and Recreation Commission since no meeting was held during the month of July. The commission will meet again in August to begin preparing for the Halloween Parade in October. Cncl. Teefy reported two China exchange students, ages 16 and 13 are staying with his family and it has been a great experience for everyone. He commended Gina Cacace, the Technical Instruction Youth Services Librarian for doing an excellent job handling the student exchange program and Williamstown High School teacher Tina Bonmati for volunteering her time to teach the students from 8:00 AM to noon every day. The students will be visiting Philadelphia tomorrow from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM to tour the historical sites they are currently learning about. Cncl. Teefy noted he took them for a tour of the township and they were surprised at the length of it and how rural it is, as they come from Nanjing, a city of seven million people. He noted this has been a great experience and he encouraged people to participate in exchange student programs if given the opportunity. Cncl. Teefy reported Mayor Gabbianelli performed a marriage ceremony for his daughter Tiffany and new son-in-law Tom at the Adventure Aquarium in Camden. He extended his appreciation to the mayor for making this a special event for the entire family.

Cncl. William Sebastian noted as Chairman of the Council Public Safety Committee he is notified of all ambulance, fire and OEM calls and he was surprised at the number of calls these departments receive. He noted as a 32 year member of the Monroe Township Ambulance Association he knew 2,000 to 3,000 ambulance calls were received a year but when putting together the calls taken for OEM, two fire companies and the ambulance squad the number is very impressive. Cncl. Sebastian noted for the most part calls are handled by volunteers and he commended them for doing a great job for our community.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski reported the Monroe Township Library would present a short film entitled "The Elements of the Japanese Garden" on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> will hold movie night showing "Toy Story III" outside in the parking lot area. He also reported the Economic Development Commission is hosting a seminar in the municipal building on September 17<sup>th</sup> for all business owners interested in developing a Businessmen's Association in the township.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia extended, on behalf of Holiday City residents, his appreciation to the Road Department for the work they did cleaning out the basin on Trinidad Blvd. He congratulated School Superintendent, Charles Earling on his three-year re-appointment/contract extension; noting this is indicative of the good job being done for our children. Cncl. DiLucia reported the Supreme Court deemed, by a vote of four to three, that the Health Care Law was constitutional. He noted he was happy with that decision because it will benefit residents of this town especially young people under the age of 26 coming out of college, as the law provides health insurance for them under their parent's policy. The law also prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions. It provides a prescription portion for Medicare recipients and entitles people to get mammograms and prostrate exams, which can save lives. Cncl. DiLucia noted when the bill was approved there was some controversy that requiring people to buy healthcare insurance makes it a tax but according to what he has read, the law affects less than 2% of the population that can afford to purchase insurance but don't and just go to emergency rooms and let taxpayers pay their bills. Cncl. DiLucia noted years ago when Social Security and Medicare were established people said they were bad systems because they required a tax but today seniors would disagree with that position, as Social Security is an important element for living and without Medicare many people would not be alive today. Cncl. DiLucia noted only time will tell if the health care bill will save money but like any other bill it can be changed or tweaked if need be.

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

Cncl. Marvin Dilks reported the Monroe Township Senior Commission is sponsoring a trip to see Pat Cooper on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The price per person is \$63.00 and includes a lunch and the show. The trip leaves from the Pfeiffer Center at 9:00 AM.

Cncl. Walter Bryson welcomed Channel 8, WPSJ TV and noted now most township residents will be able to see Council Meetings and possibly take part in future meetings. He also reported National Night Out will be held on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pfeiffer Community Center from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This event is being sponsored by the Municipal Alliance Commission and local and county law enforcement agencies and includes pony rides, an inflatable slide, entertainment and food. Cncl. Bryson pointed out the following amendments to the recycling ordinance:

- Tires will no longer be picked up by the Sanitation Department and must now be taken to a registered Class B recycling facility.
- Electronic equipment such as computer monitors, computers and televisions must now be taken to the Public Works Department located on Rt. 322. Residents not capable of taking the equipment to the yard should call the Public Works Department at 629-4444 to see if the township can pick it up.
- Branches must be no bigger than three inches in diameter and three foot long

Cncl. Bryson spoke of residents complaining about people driving 50 miles an hour through developments where children are playing and he urged those drivers to slow down, as the township has a Zero Tolerance Policy and violators will be ticketed.

Director of Finance Jeff Coles reported the township held a bond sale last week and sold \$3.8 million in bonds to finance several capital ordinances that Council has adopted over the years. The Township is rated a AA town and the lowest bid for the bonds was 1.61% over a period of eleven years, which is great. The township saved a significant amount of money having such a good fiscal policy in place. Mr. Coles also reported the 2011 Audit was completed and there are no recommendations. With the Business Administrator's help and the dedication of department heads we have been able to put together a successful operation.

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri reported the Environmental Commission is on summer recess and held no meetings this month. He noted he did attend a Planning Board Meeting but there are no significant projects to report on.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy reported Monroe Township Little League had a fantastic year this year. The nine and ten year old boys team won the District 21 Title, the Junior Softball Team won the District 21 Title, the eleven and twelve year old boys won the District 21 Title and then moved on to Section IV and won that one by a score of 21 to 1. The eleven and twelve year old boys went undefeated through the tournaments and are now one of four teams going to the State finals in Pequannock. Cncl. Teefy wished the team good luck and noted hopefully they will bring home a title to Monroe Township.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

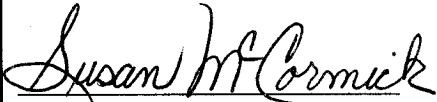
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded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


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G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of July 24, 2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan McCormick, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of July 24, 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 8/28/12  
Date \_\_\_\_\_