

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 23, 2012**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:03 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. Walter Bryson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Doug Spencer** of the **Williamstown First United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation and requested a moment of silence for Autumn Pasquale, her family and neighbors in Clayton.

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, Chris Rehmann	Present
Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles	Present
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present
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 and Regular Council Meeting of October 9, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri read into the record a letter addressed to the Monroe Township Rescue Squad from a resident involved in a motor vehicle accident on Coles Mills Road on August 18th. The letter included a donation to the squad and expressed the writer's appreciation for the help they received that evening. **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** kept the writer's name anonymous but extended his appreciation for bringing this matter to Council's attention. He also extended his appreciation to the rescue squad involved; noting it is always good to receive mail like this.

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** 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. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:181-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Lexa Concrete For The 2012 North Main Street Sidewalk Extension Project Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:181-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:182-2012 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:182-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:183-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Transport Agreement Between Monroe Township And Virtua Health, Inc.

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:183-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:184-2012 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of October 23, 2012

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:184-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:185-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Installation Of A Cell Tower On The Gloucester County 4-H Association Property Located At Block 6001, Lots P/O 19 And 20 Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:185-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:186-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of A Maintenance Agreement For Underground Infiltration System Between The County Of Gloucester And The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:186-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:187-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing Modifications To The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 1360, Agreement Through December 31, 2014

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:187-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., 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 Ordinance O:29-2012. 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. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:29-2012 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

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:29-2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:29-2012 FOR SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:29-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Daniel Teefy spoke of wearing a pink tie in recognition of Breast Cancer Month and he urged residents to support breast cancer organizations that are making a difference in fighting this disease. He reported approximately 3,000 people attended Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 20th. Parks and Rec did a great job setting up this event along with the Williamstown High School ROTC who helped organize the games and Hogbin's Nursery who helped with the tractor pull/haunted hayride. The Halloween Parade held that evening was a huge event and fun for everyone. Montemurro's Barber Shop took 1st Place in the mini float category for their theme "Come Fly With Me", Hogbin's Nursery won 2nd place and Baker's won 3rd place. In the small float category "Vocal Felocity" of the Grand Theater took 1st Place for their Michael Jackson Thriller theme, a group from Gibbstown won 2nd place and "Clowns of Williamstown" won 3rd place. Hogbin's won in the large float category for their cowboys and Indians float, the Glassboro Dance Factory won 2nd place. St. John's Lutheran Church put on a very good show and kids from The Children's Garden dressed in customs and sang for everyone. He noted the parade is a lot of fun for everyone attending including Susan Muldowney who has participated in it for many years. Cncl. Teefy extended appreciation to the parade judges former Police Chief Dan Pontano, Linda Teefy and Bob Hennessy from Bell Hennessy Funeral Home and to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Jim Bonder for doing a great job organizing the parade and Oktoberfest. Cncl. Teefy urged residents to vote on November 6th for local, county, state and federal candidates. He reported Martin Wilt of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Team) will be holding classes in January to train people to care for themselves and their families in the event of an emergency or disaster. This organization has a Facebook page at Monroe Township CERT Team (Gloucester County, NJ) or they can contact Martin Wilt at cert@monroetownshipnj.org where residents can learn more about the program. Cncl. Teefy spoke of how two CERT trained professionals assisted in the search for Autumn Pasquale when she went missing in Clayton. He urged kids to always tell their parents where they're going and follow all the rules their parents set. He also challenged Council to keep adding one new police officer a year to keep police presence on the street to help deter crime. He noted the township has been cutting back to save money and has been running the Police Department with as few officers as possible. He noted four additional officers are being hired this year to get the force back up to 60 and he urged Council to include money in the budget to hire an officer a year for the next five years.

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

Cncl. William Sebastian reported Oktoberfest and the Halloween Parade were very well attended. He also urged residents to make sure their home address is visible from the street at night so emergency responders can locate addresses. He recommended street mailboxes have house numbers on both sides so it can be seen by an ambulance from either direction.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski extended his appreciation to the Parks and Rec Department for doing a fantastic job during Oktoberfest and the Halloween Parade. He also commended Cncl. Teefy for doing a great job as emcee of the parade. Cncl. Garbowski reported the Economic Development Commission met on October 15th and on October 22nd sponsored, along with the Library, the first meeting of the Monroe Township Business Association. The Library Committee meeting was held on October 17th. A small group from that committee has been interviewing applicants for the Library Director position that will be open in December when the current director retires and they hope to have a recommendation for a replacement early next month. At the Library on Saturday, November 3rd at 2:00 PM "RAVE ON" will be conducting a free concert featuring the music of Buddy Holly and other Rock & Roll legends and residents can explore the music of Italy and Spain with Paul Mack Somers on Tuesday, November 6th. The Library recently provided a free APP called Library Login, which allows residents to download and access e-books, audio books or any other material using cell phones, androids, iPhones and iPads. Cncl. Garbowski extended his appreciation to the members of the Fire Companies, EMS and Rescue for all they do and he urged everyone vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia reported he and the other members of Council walked in the Halloween Parade and handed out 4,000 pieces of candy, 500 bags of potato chips and a very large bag of lollipops by the time they reached the Pfeiffer Center. He estimated the crowd to be at least 5,000 people and commended the adults for their children being so mannerly. He noted the parade was fun and those that ran it did a great job. Cncl. DiLucia reported attending along with the Mayor and Kevin Heydel an event at Holiday City that was sponsored by Town Watch. Representatives from the Williamstown Fire Department were there with the ladder truck, EMT's were there and the County was there with their two year old arson dog. The County received a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to purchase the dog and train him to identify the location of substances that have caused fires. Cncl. DiLucia encouraged everyone to vote on November 6th; noting he hopes the House of Representatives and the Senate put politics aside and act in the best interest of the people of this country. He noted over the last four years there have been votes that went along party lines, which creates loggerheads causing nothing to get done. One issue that has not been discussed during the Presidential debates is what is going to be done for the returning heroes, the young men and women that served honorably, who will be coming home with physical and mental disabilities. He noted he does not want to see a rerun of Vietnam and hopes that whoever is elected will put addressing that problem high on his agenda when the war ends.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks commended Parks and Recreation for doing a great job on Saturday for Oktoberfest and the Halloween Parade.

Cncl. Walter Bryson also extended appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Jim Bonder for doing a great job organizing Oktoberfest and the Halloween Parade. He also extended appreciation to everyone who attended and commended parents for their well behaved children. He noted there were at least 5,000 people at the parade, which is becoming a tradition in Monroe Township that should be continued year after year. He noted he ran out of candy at the fire house and suggested next year the parade begin at the other end of Main Street so those children can get some candy. Cncl. Bryson reported the Economic Development Commission's Businessmen Association meeting was very well attended by approximately 40 to 50 businessmen. During the meeting officers that will oversee the association were elected. Cncl. Bryson spoke of a program Cncl. Dilks instituted during his tenure as Council President of business owners coming to the televised council meetings to promote their business and he suggested that program be implemented again. He also reported the Historical Society is holding a fundraiser Ghost Hunt Seminar on November 10th from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM at the Ireland House to raise funds to restore historical buildings around town.

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The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. He also reported the Municipal Alliance Commission is requesting door prize donations for the senior luncheon they are sponsoring on Saturday, November 3rd from noon to 3:00 PM at the Pfeiffer Center. Cncl. Bryson spoke of the upcoming General Election and urged residents to vote for the bond issue question that will raise \$750 million dollars for construction of higher education facilities. This money will be utilized to modernize classrooms, laboratories, Libraries. If the bond question is approved it will give New Jersey children as well as adults the additional resources to generate jobs of the future that require technology, mathematics and chemistry. New Jersey has not had a bond issue that builds colleges for twenty-five years and that puts us in line with other states, such as Alabama and Montana that does little for higher education. He spoke of how New Jersey was the leader in technology in the past, how we must get that back and how in the future our legislators in a by-partisan way should consider a bond to help technical schools and junior colleges to prepare for the next generation of industry that comes to this State.

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported attending an event at Holiday City, which included educational presentations by volunteer organizations from the township and county. He extended his appreciation to all who participated in this event. He noted he was unable to attend the Parks and Recreation events on Saturday due to a family wedding but his grandchildren attended and reported to him that they had a good time. The Mayor reported Senator Madden's office informed him that a meeting was held with the DOT Commissioner regarding the Rt. 322 and Fries Mill Road intersection improvements, which have basically been approved. We are still waiting upon additional funding but hope that the project can begin next spring. The Mayor reported the North Main Street Sidewalk Project was awarded this evening and will be underway within the next month, new air conditioners were purchased for the municipal building through a grant, the roof materials for the municipal building were delivered on Monday and that project will begin shortly. The Mayor thanked residents for recycling; noting the township received \$55,000.00 in Recycling Grant funds that will be utilized to purchase a recycling truck. The Mayor made the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

- Patrick McDevitt expiring December 31, 2012
- Shawn Massey - 1st Alternate Position - expiring December 31, 2013
- Elaine Moore-Wright 2nd Alternate Position - expiring December 31, 2013

The Mayor also encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Engineer Chris Rehmann reported he and the Solicitor were directed by the Mayor, with the approval of Council, to get the bonding companies for Marissa Estates to complete the remaining work. The base pavement is in, the storm sewer system needs to be checked and the last basin as well as landscaping needs to be done. He reported the Serenity Woods base paving needs to be removed and replaced and that matter will be going to the Solicitor to take action upon the bonding company. A contractor is performing work at Amberleigh and Mr. Calvello is out there to make sure he is satisfied with the work being done. Mr. Rehmann noted he is trying to get these developments cleaned up as quickly as possible. The Winslow Road Project is complete but unfortunately the New Jersey Department of Transportation is requiring us to core our brand new pavement to ensure the contractors complied with the specifications.

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart noted Day Light Savings Time will begin shortly, which means it will be dark sooner and he urged residents to be conscious when driving due to children being out after school.

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on October 11th. There were no significant applicants at that meeting. He also reported attending the Environmental Commission Meeting on October 15th where various issues were discussed. He noted he would like to take this opportunity to congratulate science teacher Janet Mead and Sandy Keen for doing a tremendous job creating special programs to keep students interested in Environmental Science. Due to their efforts the Environmental Science Club has grown from 75 students to 135. He reported on behalf of the Environmental Commission he and Sandy Keen will be attending the Shade Tree Conference on Friday, October 26th. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri

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reported he also walked in the Halloween Parade; noting there was a tremendous crowd and he had a lot of fun handing out candy to the kids. Cncl. Caligiuri urged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 6th, as that is the only way their voices can be heard. He also reported the Gloucester County 4-H Club will be hosting a yard and craft sale and an antique display at the Nature Preserve located on the Black Horse Pike on Saturday, November 10th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Ray Garcia noted he came to the meeting tonight to acknowledge the fire, ambulance and police departments for their service and quick response to a motor vehicle accident that his son, son-in-law and his daughter's boyfriend were involved in on Route 322. He noted his son was released from the hospital on Friday and the driver, who was severely injured, is here today recovering after having his seventh surgery, because of the quick response time of the emergency responders and the assistance of the neighbors in the area. Council and the Mayor extended their appreciation to Mr. Garcia for the acknowledgement. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri added the emergency medical and fire groups are the pride of this community. He noted during his eight years on council he never remembers receiving any complaints about them; only accolades and he appreciates that.

With no one else wishing to speak Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the public portion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

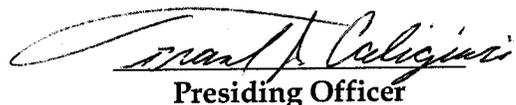
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 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 October 23, 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 11/13/12
Date _____