

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:25 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. Rich DiLucia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Jeffrey W. Tilden of Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation. Pastor Tilden gave Council and the Clerk crosses handmade by a 90 year old woman from his church.

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	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 November 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** who Abstained.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

• **2013 Tower List**

Director of Public Safety Jim Smart reported only A & A and A-Jacks are in compliance at the present time.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve the 2013 Towers List recommended by the Director of Public Safety. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

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B.) CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

**ROLL CALL TO APPROVE THE 2013 TOWERS LIST
3 AYES Dilks, DiLucia, Sebastian, 4 NAYS (Bryson, Garbowski, Teefy, Caligiuri)**

Tally: 3 Ayes, 4 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain. The motion to approve the 2013 towers list did not carry.

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

R:200-2012 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:200-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:201-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Releasing Maintenance Guaranty To Philip J. Bowers & Co. For Lake Plaza, Site Plan # SP-412

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:201-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:202-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Reducing The Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Committee From Fifteen Members To Thirteen Members

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:202-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:203-2012 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Transferring Funds For The Budget Year 2012

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:203-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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 Hearing for Ordinances O:30-2012 and O:31-2012. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Don Cullen approached Council to address his concerns regarding Ordinance O:30-2012. He noted this ordinance moves a zoning line and he questioned whether additional homes would be built on that property that would affect residents as well as the soccer fields on Corkery Lane. **Cncl. William Sebastian** explained the ordinance deals with the Acme Redevelopment area, which extends from Main Street to Corkery Lane. It does not affect the side of Corkery Lane by the soccer field.

With no one else 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.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:30-2012 An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-155 Of The Land Management Code Of the Township Of Monroe Entitled "Zoning Map"

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:30-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:30-2012 FOR SECOND
READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:30-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:31-2012 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Land Management"

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:31-2012 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:31-2012 FOR SECOND
READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:31-2012 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:32-2012 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 4 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Administrative Code" (*Meeting Time & Date*)

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:32-2012 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported a parade will be held along Main Street on Saturday, December 15th to honor the Williamstown High School Football Team, who won the NJSIAA South Jersey Group V Championship title and the Girls Volleyball Team, who won NJSIAA Group IV State Championship title. The Braves Midget Football League will also be participating in the parade, as some of the high school football players came from that organization, which started approximately ten years ago. The Mayor congratulated the players and coaches of the football and volleyball teams for their outstanding seasons and extended holiday wishes to everyone.

Cncl. Daniel Teefy congratulated the Williamstown High School Football Team for winning the Group IV Sectional Championship. The team had a 12 - 0 season and were recognized as the Courier Post number one South Jersey team of the year. Cncl. Teefy noted he wanted to thank the Hammonton High School football team (Blue Devils) for knocking off St. Joseph's High School football team (Wildcats) putting us above them and all the alumni that came to all the games. He noted we finally got the championship that everyone who played in the past has always wanted for this township and school district. He also congratulated the girls volleyball team for winning the Group IV State Championship, noting this is their third in the last seven years. Cncl. Teefy also extended best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Cncl. William Sebastian also extended his congratulations to the Williamstown High School Football Team and the girls Volleyball Team. He also commended Jim Bonder and the Parks and Recreation Department for the great job they did at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which was attended by approximately 1,000 people. He also extended best wishes for a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski congratulated the Williamstown High School Football Team and the girls Volleyball Team and extended best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia also congratulated the Williamstown High School Football Team and the girls Volleyball Team and all the coaches involved with the high school teams. Cncl. DiLucia also extended his appreciation to Pastor Tilden and the woman from Cross Keys Methodist for giving him the cross.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks echoed the sentiments of the other council members and congratulated the high school teams for winning their respective championship. He noted this accomplishment takes hard work and dedication and these teams have made everyone proud. He also extended holiday wishes to everyone.

Cncl. Walter Bryson also extended congratulation to the high school teams. Cncl. Bryson invited residents to attend the Historical Society train show being held at the Pfeiffer Center and the Hall Street School on Saturday, December 15th. He also invited everyone to join the Historical Society and to visit the Ireland House to see the township's many treasures. The cost to join the Historical Society is \$3.00 and donations are being accepted to complete ongoing projects at the Ireland House, the Hall Street School and the old railroad station. Cncl. Bryson wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. He also noted hopefully during the upcoming year we will not go over "*the cliff*" everyone is talking about but instead work with our friends and neighbors and cooperate together to make 2013 a better year for everyone. Cncl. Bryson complemented the members of the Municipal Alliance Commission, which works to prevent kids from getting involved in drugs, for a wonderful year.

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart extended wishes for a happy and safe holiday.

Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri congratulated the Williamstown High School Football and Volleyball teams; noting Council appreciates and recognizes these teams for their hard work and dedication. He also extended his appreciation to Council for giving him the honor of serving as Council President and his best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday season and a safe and healthy new year.

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.

Don Cullen, 2317 Corkery Lane, noted the roadway improvement on Malaga Road and the Black Horse Pike in the area of the Wal-Mart are great but the rest of the roads in Cecil need to be improved. He spoke of how his wife, daughter and other people have been involved in motor vehicle accidents on the pike and how Corkery Lane needs to be improved and preserved. He spoke of many accidents taking place at a serious curve on Corkery Lane near the Fish and Game Preserve entrance and of how Summerfields West knocked down thousands of trees to install a ten inch sewer line. Mr. Cullen also expressed his concerns regarding the MMUA installing a tar road from Cecil Marina to Corkery Lane, which kids are now driving quads on. They drive right out onto Corkery Lane and he is concerned someone is going to get hurt. He suggested the MMUA install a gate to resolve that situation and that in the future better planning take place before things like this are done.

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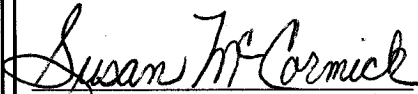
Michael Sweeney, Attorney for Jack Simmermon of A-Jacks, questioned what the next step would be since the 2013 towing list was not approved this evening. Solicitor Fiore explained the next step after what occurred here is to establish a towers list by January 1st, when the 2012 list expires. Mr. Fiore indicated he would confer with the Council President to request a Special Council Meeting be convened to address the issue. Mr. Sweeney questioned whether that would be an open to the public. Mr. Fiore advised that it would.

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.

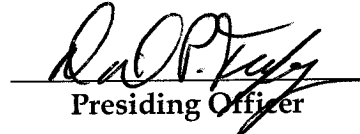
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy 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 December 11, 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 1/14/13
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