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REORGANIZATION MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 8, 2013

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Council of the Township of Monroe was called to order by Township Clerk, Susan McCormick at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex as 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 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 was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

SALUTE TO FLAG AND INVOCATION

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski lead the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and Pastor Jeffrey W. Tilden, of the Cross Keys United Methodist Church offered the Invocation.

B.) SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Ward Council Members

Township Clerk, Susan McCormick administered the Oath of Office to Ward 1 Council Elect Marvin G. Dilks, Jr. while Gail Darr held the Bible. Cncl. Marvin Dilks then took his seat on the podium.

Solicitor Charles Fiore administered the Oath of Office to Ward 2 Council Elect, Richard DiLucia while his wife, Anna held the Bible. Cncl. Rich DiLucia then took his seat on the podium.

Township Clerk, Susan McCormick administered the Oath of Office to Ward 3 Council Elect, Walter Bryson while his wife, Helen held the Bible. Cncl. Walter Bryson then took his seat on the podium.

Freeholder Heather Simmons administered the Oath of Office to Ward 4 Council Elect Frank J. Caligiuri while his wife, Elaine held the Bible. Cncl. Frank Caligiuri then took his seat on the podium.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Bryson
Cncl. Caligiuri
Cncl. Dilks
Cncl. DiLucia
Cncl. Garbowski
Cncl. Sebastian
Cncl. Teefy
Mayor Gabbianelli
Solicitor Fiore
Clerk, Susan McCormick
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Wright

C.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for President of Council. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Cncl. Daniel Teefy as President of Council. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski.

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C.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (cont'd)

With no one else wishing to make a nomination Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council

ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF DANIEL TEEFY
AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Cncl. Daniel Teefy was duly approved as Council President.

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli administered the oath of office to Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy while his wife Linda held the Bible.

Outgoing Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri presented Council President, Daniel Teefy with the gavel Mary Mazza Duffy donated in 2001 to all future Council Presidents.

D.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to open nominations for Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Cncl. Ronald Garbowski as Council Vice-President. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia.

With no one else wishing to make a nomination Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to close nominations for Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF RONALD GARBOWSKI
AS COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski was duly approved as Council Vice-President.

At this time Senator Fred Madden administered the Oath of Office to Cncl. Vice-Pres., Ronald Garbowski while his wife, Kathy held the Bible.

E.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

F.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Whereas, the Mayor of the Township of Monroe pursuant to his authority shall record the following appointments:

Prosecutor (Advice & Consent of Council) Charles Fiore (temporary appointment)

Public Defender (Advice & Consent of Council) Timothy Scaffidi

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F.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Environmental Commission	Dan Kozak	3 year term	12/31/15
	Mark Riether	3 year term	12/31/15
	Matthew Scardino	3 year term	12/31/15
	Constance Tucker-Passaro	3 year term	12/31/15
Library Board	Hold Over Past Member	5 year term	12/31/17
Municipal Alliance (Advice & Consent)	Anne Bracarello	3 year term	12/31/15
	Patricia Covington	3 year term	12/31/15
	Shawn Gassler	3 year term	12/31/15
Open Space Advisory Alternate # 1	No Appointment Made	3 year term	12/31/15
Parks & Recreation (Advice & Consent of Council)	Robert Heffner	5 year term	12/31/15
	Jeanette Remsen	5 year term	12/31/15
	Linda Teefy	5 year term	12/31/15
Planning Board - Class II	Dan Kozak	1 year term	12/31/13
	Class IV	Craig Masterson	Unexpired term 12/31/13
	Class IV	Robert Heffner	4 year term 12/31/16
	Class IV	Tom Crane	4 year term 12/31/16
	Alternate # 1	Kwan Hui	2 year term 12/31/14
Senior Commission	Nancy A. Lorraine	Unexpired term	12/31/13
	Lillian Hendrickson	3 year term	12/31/15
	Rosemarie Buriak	3 year term	12/31/15

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments that require Advice & Consent of Council. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

G.) PUBLIC PORTION - RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to open the Public Portion-Resolutions Scheduled. 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 Portion - Resolutions Scheduled. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:01-2013 Resolution Adopting Temporary Budget Appropriations For The Year 2013 For The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:01-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:02-2013 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Services Participation Between The Township Of Monroe And The County Of Gloucester, For Cooperative Purchasing For The Year 2013

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:02-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:03-2013 Resolution Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved State Contract Vendors For Contracting Units Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:03-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:04-2013 Township Of Monroe Cash Management Plan

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G.) PUBLIC PORTION - RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:04-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:05-2013 Resolution To Establish A Petty Cash Account For The Township Of Monroe In Gloucester County For The Year 2013 "Various Departments"

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:05-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:06-2013 Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer To Refund Certain Escrow Balances And Various Other Revenues On Deposit With The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2013

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:06-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:07-2013 Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Include Municipal Liens From Various Departments Of The Township Of Monroe In The Annual Tax Sale

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:07-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:08-2013 Resolution Designating Official Publications Of The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:08-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:09-2013 Resolution Authorizing Use Of U.S. Government General Services Administration Supply Schedules For Reprographic Equipment Or Services Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12b And N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.6

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:09-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to open nominations for all board and committee appointments scheduled - R:10-2013 thru R:21-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:10-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated **Eileen Ferguson** as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE EILEEN FERGUSON AS A MEMBER OF THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Eileen Ferguson was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:11-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated **Dawn Schauer** as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. **Cncl. William Sebastian** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE DAWN SCHAUER AS A MEMBER OF THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Dawn Schauer was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

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G.) PUBLIC PORTION - RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)

R:12-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated David Scales as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. Cncl. Marvin Dilks seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE DAVID SCALES AS A MEMBER OF THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. David Scales was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:13-2013 Resolution Appointing Alternate Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Jerry Conte as an Alternate Member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. Cncl. Rich DiLucia seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE JERRY CONTE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Jerry Conte was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:14-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Elaine Moore-Wright as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. Cncl. Frank Caligiuri seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ELAINE MOORE-WRIGHT AS A MEMBER OF
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Elaine Moore-Wright was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

R:15-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Len Fritz as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. Cncl. William Sebastian seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE LEN FRITZ AS A MEMBER OF THE MONROE
TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Len Fritz was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee.

R:16-2013 Resolution Appointing Alternate # 2 Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

No nomination was made for this position.

R:17-2013 Resolution Appointing Member Of Council To The Monroe Township Planning Board (Class III)

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Cncl. William Sebastian as a Class III member to the Monroe Township Planning Board. Cncl. Marvin Dilks seconded the nomination.

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G.) PUBLIC PORTION - RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)

Cncl. Daniel Teefy nominated himself as a Class III member to the Monroe Township Planning Board. Cncl. Frank Caligiuri seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were made for a Class III member to the Monroe Township Planning Board.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF CNCL. WILLIAM SEBASTIAN AS A CLASS III MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
5 AYES (Bryson, Dilks, DiLucia, Garbowski, Sebastian), 2 NAYS (Caligiuri, Teefy)**

Tally: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Cncl. William Sebastian was duly appointed as a Class III member to the Monroe Township Planning Board

R:18-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Patrick Carney as a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF PATRICK CARNEY AS A MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Patrick Carney was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

R:-19-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated John Fitzgerald as a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. Cncl. Marvin Dilks seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD AS A MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. John Fitzgerald was duly appointed as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

R:20-2013 Resolution Appointing An Alternate #1 Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Kwan Hui as Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF KWAN HUI AS ALTERNATE # 1 MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Kwan Hui was duly appointed as Alternate # 1 Member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

R:21-2013 Resolution Appointing Member To Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Nicholas Pileggi as a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. Cncl. Ronald Garbowski seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NICHOLAS PILEGGI AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Nicholas Pileggi was duly appointed as a member to the Monroe Township Utilities Authority.

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Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close nominations for all board and committee appointments scheduled - R:10-2013 thru R:21-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:22-2013 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Auditor Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2013 (*Nick L. Petroni*)

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:22-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:23-2013 Resolution Appointing Members To The Ordinance Committee And Naming Chairperson For The Year 2013

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for Ordinance Committee Chairman for the Year 2013. **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** seconded the motion.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated **Cncl. William Sebastian** as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia**.

No other nominations were made for Ordinance Committee Chairman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CNCL. WILLIAM SEBASTIAN AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - 6 AYES, 1 NAY (Teefy)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. **Cncl. William Sebastian** was duly appointed as Chairman of the Ordinance Committee for 2013.

R:24-2013 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner For The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (*Kevin Heydel*)

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:24-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:25-2013 Resolution And Notice Of Council Work Sessions, Regular Council Meetings and Ordinance Committee Meetings Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2013

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:25-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

H.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Board of Health	Cncl. Marvin Dilks
Economic Development	Cncl. William Sebastian
Environmental	Cncl. Frank Caligiuri
Historical Society	Cncl. Walter Bryson
JIF Safety Committee	Cncl. Rich DiLucia
Library Board	Cncl. Ronald Garbowski
Local Emergency Planning	Cncl. William Sebastian
Municipal Alliance	Cncl. Rich DiLucia
MMUA	Cncl. Daniel Teefy

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Open Space Advisory	Cncl. Ronald Garbowski
Parks & Recreation	Cncl. Walter Bryson
Planning Board	Cncl. Daniel Teefy
School Board	Cncl. Marvin Dilks
Senior Commission	Cncl. Rich DiLucia
United Veterans	Cncl. William Sebastian
Zoning Board	Cncl. Frank Caligiuri

I.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2013

Administration	Cncl. Ronald Garbowski Cncl. Frank Caligiuri Cncl. William Sebastian
Community Affairs	Cncl. Marvin Dilks Cncl. Ronald Garbowski Cncl. Walter Bryson
Education/School Budget	Cncl. Rich DiLucia Cncl. Walter Bryson Cncl. Frank Caligiuri
Finance	Cncl. Frank Caligiuri Cncl. Marvin Dilks Cncl. Ronald Garbowski
Law/Tax Abatement	Cncl. William Sebastian Cncl. Daniel Teefy Cncl. Marvin Dilks
Municipal Budget Review	Cncl. William Sebastian Cncl. Daniel Teefy Cncl. Rich DiLucia
Public Safety	Cncl. Daniel Teefy Cncl. Frank Caligiuri Cncl. Rich DiLucia
Public Works	Cncl. Walter Bryson Cncl. Ronald Garbowski Cncl. Marvin Dilks
Redevelopment Planning/COAH	Cncl. Walter Bryson Cncl. Rich DiLucia Cncl. William Sebastian

J.) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli extended his appreciation to the distinguished guests, Council members, township employees, volunteers, and fellow residents for their attendance this evening. Tonight we celebrate the swearing in of four good public servants, Frank, Walt,

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J.) MAYOR'S REPORT

Rich and Marvin who have proven themselves in years past and are committed to the people of Monroe and to our future. I am honored to call you my colleagues and am glad the citizens overwhelmingly voted you back into office. Along with Dan, Ron and Bill we form one of the best councils in the State. Together our record has been successful. We have come together and most times are in agreement and when we're not, we negotiate our disagreements. I say this after watching all the BS that just took place in Washington. We are lucky here, we get through our troubles and move forward for the people in Williamstown. We didn't fall off a cliff here, we are achieving results that the people in the town demand. We leave our egos at the door and can reach a common ground. Monroe has overcome the challenges in this tough economy. We have proven that we can put compromise over credit and we can deliver. Because of our commitment, along with the hard work of our department heads and dedicated employees we met the demands of our residents and did more with less. I am proud to proclaim tonight that Monroe Township is better today than it was last year and we are positioned to make it even better. From day one, I said economic development, improving recreation, protecting the safety of our people and preserving the services we have offered to our residents is what is important. Wal-Mart has brought a tax rate and more importantly jobs to the community and it is part of our comprehensive growth plan for the southern end of the township. Now, we are focused on the Williamstown Square Project, which is across the pike from CVS Pharmacy. We are waiting the final approvals for road improvements and the traffic signal on the Black Horse Pike. Senator Madden has attended a couple meetings with me to help with those issues. This project will not only expand our commercial tax base but will also stimulate our economic growth. This past month we have taken the final steps with the DOT for the approvals of the Route 322 and Fries Mill Road Intersection. This has only taken eight years. We received a grant in the amount of two million dollars from Governor Corzine but we are still a little short on funds for the project. We are meeting with the developers in the area and have discussed this with Senator Sweeney and Senator Madden to see if we can make it work. As more residents choose Monroe as a place to raise their families it is our responsibility to provide recreational facilities to share in our community. We continue to improve Owens and Duffy Parks and our Library and Engineer Chris Rehmann and Dave Cella are developing conceptual plans for an indoor recreation facility and working with Green Acres to get it done on the Genova Property. Each of these accomplishments reflects our commitment to the residents and our future generations. This past year we saw many mayors on TV because of problems that have occurred in their towns. We have been lucky and I am thankful that I was not one of those mayors. We recognize no matter what the challenge is that we must continue to provide our police, fire and ambulance services with the tools they need and even during these economic times we invest in equipment for our first responders. I am proud of the relationship we have with our protectors and we will not back down from our commitment to helping them and getting the equipment they need. Council, department heads, township employees and I are not done. In 2013 we must have a new phase and must move forward in Monroe. We will invest in some infrastructure improvements and will build our community to handle the stresses of today so that it will meet the challenges of tomorrow. Our residents have given us serious responsibility and a very strong vote of confidence in the way the four council members got elected. I look forward to working with Council this year and wish everyone a prosperous 2013.

K.) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy noted it is an honor to serve as Council President again. He noted this is the second time he has served as Council President during his eleven years on Council and is looking forward to a very successful year with the other members of Council. He reiterated comments made by the Mayor regarding Council members being re-elected because residents have confidence in the good job they are doing. He noted the key to this is communication, working together and relying on each other to bounce ideas off one another to get things done and Council will continue to do that going forward into 2013. He spoke of issues on the national level and explained Council tries not to tackle too many of those issues but may need to tackle some this year such as the gun control issue. He noted Senator Madden, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty are in attendance this evening and he urged them to begin establishing laws in New Jersey for gun control and then push national legislators to do the same. Cncl. Pres., Teefy noted he is looking forward to working together this year.

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Cncl. William Sebastian congratulated Cncl. Pres. Teefy and Cncl. Vice-Pres., Garbowski in being elected as Council President and Vice-President and the other members of Council for their continued confidence in him as Ordinance Committee Chairman. He spoke of having 24½ years with the Zoning Board of Adjustment and land management and how he is looking forward to taking some of that knowledge to the Planning Board. He extended best wishes to everyone for a happy, prosperous New Year and noted he is looking forward to working on all the committees he has been appointed to.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski extended his appreciation to his fellow Councilmen for the appointment as Vice President of Council. He noted as he begins his seventh year as a council member he is looking forward to another prosperous year.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia extended his appreciation to everyone attending the meeting especially his wife Anna, his two daughters Alice and ReRe, his son-in-law Ricky and grandson Eric. Cncl. DiLucia congratulated the other Councilmen elected this year, Cncl. Teefy, Cncl. Garbowski and Cncl. Sebastian for their appointments and thanked the residents for giving him the opportunity to serve a second term as Councilman. He also extended his appreciation to the Clerk and her staff for their assistance during his first four years on council and township employees for the jobs they do; noting they do not get enough recognition. He spoke of how employees have taken a tremendous pay cut due to the changes Governor Christie implemented for public employees and how he blamed public employees for the shortfall in the pension system and the problems with health care. Cncl. DiLucia noted health care is a monster created by insurance companies and the costs should be controlled, as opposed to charging employees. The governor said he wants to control taxes but this does not resolve the tax situation and if anything, taxes will be more out of control. Unemployment has increased and there will be a shortfall in revenue from Hurricane Sandy because people are still not in their homes and businesses are still unable to open. Last year Council adopted a resolution requesting State legislators to scrap the governor's plan to give a tax break based on income because we knew that would only help the wealthy. We were able to get that changed so if there was any tax relief given it would in the form of real estate tax relief and the democratic side said they would agree to that if there was enough money in the budget. In addition to those issues there are some tremendous obstacles to get over this year. In the last three years 2000 successful tax appeals have been submitted due to the reduction in property values. Because of those appeals township revenue has dropped \$1.3 million dollars but due to the work of the Administration, Council and many other people we were able to absorb that and still stay under the 2% cap. But, this year because we consolidated with Gloucester County for property tax assessment we are looking at a 4½% reduction in revenue. This issue will be discussed in the future, as it will create a challenging chore for all of us and we will need a lot of cooperation, understanding, less finger pointing and more objective and imaginative ways to try to cover this shortfall of revenue. The governor is out there saying he is going to address taxes and people believe it but the reality is that we are looking at a bigger mountain to climb this year than we have in a number of years.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks thanked the Clerk for administering the oath of office to him and to Gail for standing by his side. He also congratulated Cncl. Pres. Teefy, Cncl. Vice-Pres. Garbowski and Ordinance Committee Chairman Cncl. Sebastian on their appointments and former Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri for the good job he did last year. He noted the past eight years serving on Council has been great and to be elected for four more years is a great honor and he is looking forward to this year. Cncl. Dilks also extended his appreciation to the Clerk's Office for the job they do; noting it is second to none.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri noted Cncl. Pres., Teefy recognized a few officials in attendance but failed to recognize State Assemblywoman Gabriela Mosquera who is also in attendance. Cncl. Caligiuri expressed his appreciation for being re-elected. He spoke of the new Wal-Mart and other economic development happening, such as Williamstown Square and noted it is an incredible honor to serve with a Mayor and Council that are actually getting things done that can visibly be seen. Cncl. Caligiuri noted there is one issue that he will continually point out until it is resolved. He explained representatives from Gloucester County were in attendance at the December 11th Council Meeting to discuss some issues and at that time Deputy County

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K.) COUNCIL COMMENTS (cont'd)

Administrator Jerry White made a statement that he was going to improve communications between the county and Monroe Township. Cncl. Caligiuri noted he thought that was refreshing so the very next day on December 12th he sent Jerry White an email asking for an update regarding the county communications tower, which is to be located in Ward 4 but in Jerry White's efforts to improve communications, he has not responded to the email of December 12, 2012. Cncl. Caligiuri noted he will continue to point that out during every televised council meeting until a response is received. He extended his appreciation to the residents for his re-election; noting it is a privilege to serve on Council.

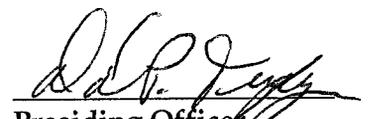
Cncl. Walter Bryson expressed his appreciation to Senator Madden, Assemblyman Moriarty and Assemblywoman Mosquera for attending the meeting this evening. He noted it is an honor to be able to serve the people of Ward 3 again. He thanked his wife, Helen for allowing him to campaign on weekends and evenings and his campaign manager Joe DiLolle for all the work he did to make this a successful election for him and his fellow Ward councilmen. He noted last year was tough for everyone and he prays that this year will be better for the township, county and state. Council will do everything they can to keep the township financially strong and stable despite the continued pressure from governments of higher levels to reduce spending at the expense of local government. We will examine carefully all mandated shared service plans from State and county and will resist any that are inflexible, lack local input, directed towards large municipalities, are financially impractical or present a burden to our taxpayers. Not all shared services are good for all townships and they should never be mandated or forced to exist for an indefinite time period or time frame. It is time those in higher government prepare expense reduction plans and while doing so look out for the well being of all local governments, not just small or medium size ones. They should also be concerned and pay particular notice to suburban municipalities not just urban ones because at least 60% of this State is suburban and we also have needs that should be addressed in the future. Cncl. Bryson congratulated the new Council President, Council Vice-President and Ordinance Chairman; noting he will work with them for the best interest of Monroe Township residents. Cncl. Bryson spoke of the Grand Theater holding a Grand Opening on February 16th and he urged everyone to go to the theater on a regular basis.

L.) ADJOURNMENT

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting of January 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marvin Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan McCormick, RMC
Township Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Meeting of January 8, 2013 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 AmJ Date 1/14/13
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