

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 25, 2013

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy** 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.: South Jersey 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., Daniel Teefy 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 **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks		Excused
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy	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	(Excused)
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	(Excused)
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

• **CERT Community Emergency Response Team Training Graduation**

Cncl. Pres., Teefy advised the CERT Community Emergency Response Team Training Graduation presentations will be postponed until the April televised meeting due to the inclement weather we experienced today. He explained the CERT Program trains people how to handle emergencies in their homes as well as their neighborhoods. **OEM Coordinator, Frank McLaughlin** explained the presentations were cancelled this evening due to some members of the class coming from out of town. The class included the deaf and hard of hearing community along with people that came from many different areas, as the township is one of the few places that offered this class. The hard of hearing and deaf community provided interpreters and officers from the New Jersey Department of Emergency Management also participated. The CERT team was started in the early 1970's because people helping others during disasters were getting killed and hurt way too much and emergency responders wanted to provide training to prevent that from happening. Those interested in this program can sign up through the township website and by calling the emergency response team leader, Martin Wilt at 728-9800 ext 556.

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PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

- Gloucester County Teacher Recognition Recipients

Cncl. Pres., Teefy and Mayor Gabbianelli presented certificates of recognition to Richard Kurczeski of Williamstown High School, Arnetta Johnson of Williamstown Middle School, Pamela Capasso of Holly Glen School, Karen Offenbacker of Oak Knoll Elementary School, Nicole O'Meara of Radix Elementary School and Kellie Ball of Whitehall School Gloucester County Teachers of the Year for 2012 - 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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 in attendance. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled - Public Portion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:70-2013 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior To Adoption Of The Budget Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:70-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:71-2013 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:71-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:72-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Shared Services Agreement Between The Gloucester County Improvement Authority And The Township Of Monroe Regarding Usage Of Certain Stage Units

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:72-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and approved by all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Cncl. Frank Caligiuri who **Abstained**.

R:73-2013 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable And Appropriation "2008 NJDOT Bike Path Grant"

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:73-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:74-2013 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable Balance "2007 NJDOT Resurface Winslow Road Grant"

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

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:74-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:75-2013 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable Balance "2010 NJDOT Winslow Road Phase III Grant"

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:75-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:76-2013 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Services Associated With The Coordination Of Efforts To Develop A Spill Prevention, Control And Countermeasure Plan For The Township Of Monroe Municipal Building/Police Department And Public Works Department Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:76-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:77-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Interlocal Services Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Board Of Education For Contribution Of Funds Up To \$13,000.00 Towards The Purchase Of A Redexim Verti-Drain 7316 Aerator

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:77-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Rich DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:78-2013 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Opposing Senate Bill S-2364 And Assembly Bill A-3553 (Early Voting)

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:78-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia explained this resolution opposes what appears to be a voter friendly bill that extends voting to 15 days prior to an election day. The bill is being opposed because of the cost that will be incurred and because logistically there has not been enough time spent to really look at what possibly can happen. In the future once the bill is refined it may be something Council will support but right now he is not willing to support it based upon the cost, the uncertainty of it and the because township employees will be drawn away from their work for 15 days to work on it.

Cncl. William Sebastian added people can vote early by the vote by mail process so Council is not restricting their early voting capabilities by opposing this bill.

Cncl. Bryson added the State should investigate the results from the states that already have early voting to see what has gone right and what has gone wrong and then adopt a bill with changes in it.

Resolution R:78-2013 was unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:79-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Sale Of A 1977 Chevrolet Truck To The Williamstown Fire Company

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

R:80-2013 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Township Physician For The Year 2013

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

Cncl. **Walter Bryson** made a motion to approve Resolution R:80-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:81-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With Gerald A. Barrett For The Purposes Of Farming For The Years 2013 And 2014

Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:81-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:82-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With Norman Stiles For The Purposes Of Farming For The Years 2013 And 2014

Cncl. **William Sebastian** made a motion to approve Resolution R:82-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:83-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Waiver Of Liability, Hold Harmless And Indemnification Agreement For Use Of City Of Vineland Property For The Monroe Township Police Department

Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:83-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:84-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Deed Of Permanent Non-Exclusive Utility Easement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority

Cncl. **Richard DiLucia** made a motion to approve Resolution R:84-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:85-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Donation Of Bikes Found By The Monroe Township Police Department To Camp Sun And Fun Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:85-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., **Teefy** 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:05-2013. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Scott Olsen questioned why the language in the ordinance was being stricken and why employees do not have accountability for their time. **Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel** explained the ordinance is being changed to remove the clause that says employees can come in up to ten minutes late because the current time system runs at the eight minute mark. Under this system employees will not get paid for the first fifteen minutes when they are late.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

With no one else wishing to speak Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:05-2013 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 65 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Personnel Policies" (§65-26 Time Records)

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:05-2013 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. **Pres., Daniel Teefy**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:05-2013 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:05-2013 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. **William Sebastian** reported the Economic Development Committee met and will hold another meeting in two weeks. The Committee is hoping to quickly move forward with the Welcome To Monroe Township sign project. He extended appreciation to Engineer Chris Rehmann and his company for helping the Committee find locations for the signs. He also noted the Redevelopment Committee held a meeting last week that Cncl. **Bryson**, Chairman of the Committee will report on.

Cncl. **Ronald Garbowski** reported the Library is looking for input from the public to determine the optimum time for their hours of operation. He urged residents to contact the Library with their suggestions and recommended they check the Library website for upcoming events.

Cncl. **Rich DiLucia** reported attending the Senior Commission Meeting on March 7th. He explained how the Senior Commission sponsors trips for senior residents and how the buses for those trips are paid for from the township general fund. Trips are planned to Peddler's Village on April 18th and to Sight and Sound to see "NOAH" on May 16th. Anyone interested in those trips can contact Jeanette Remsen at 856-629-5491 for more information. Cncl. DiLucia spoke of budget cuts in Washington and noted many legislators feel the way to balance the budget is to continue to erode the income of the middle class, senior citizens and the disabled. Social Security recipients got a zero increase two years and then received a very moderate increase the next two years. The hawks in Washington DC have a new gimmick. They want to re-title the cost of living calculation that is normally done by COLA, which is the general accepted cost of living increase, to the new name of Chain CPI. One legislator, who is opposed to that said Chain CPI is another attempt to balance the budget deficient on the back of the older Americans by cutting COLA increases for Social Security beneficiaries including current recipients. He explained how the new calculation does not take into consideration the cost of medicine, insurance and all the other things that are going up. He felt they are trying to divide young people currently working against the older people. Young people must understand that this affects them as well because lowering the calculation methods will ultimately lower their future benefits. He explained only 17% of disabled and those over 65 in New Jersey collecting Social Security are considered in the poverty level but if those people were not collecting Social Security that level would increase to 47%. Cncl. DiLucia read an article that stated Social Security has not added one dime to the national debt and continues to operate at a surplus. He noted that means contrary to what they would have us believe there is more money going into the Social Security System every year than there is coming out and that will continue to happen for approximately twenty more years. Instead of cutting truly wasteful forms of spending in the rest of the budget this proposal will take money out of the pockets of people who need it most. Cncl. DiLucia noted he wrote letters to the President, his senator and congressman opposing any changes in Social Security that would result in benefit reductions for those presently receiving as well as future recipients and he urged residents to do the same.

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

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri reported he would have attended the March 18th Environmental Commission Meeting but it was cancelled due to lack of quorum. He reported attending the Zoning Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th where one resolution was memorialized. He reported Gloucester County 4H is hosting two performances of the Zerbini Family Circus on Wednesday, May 15th at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM and a yard sale on Saturday, May 18th between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Cncl. Caligiuri noted on December 12, 2012 he sent an email and on January 28th a follow-up by fax to Gloucester County Deputy Administrator Jerry White asking the status of a county communications tower, which will be located in Ward 4. To date he has yet to receive a response from Gloucester County on that. Cncl. Caligiuri questioned the Clerk as to whether the Gloucester County Freeholders get a copy of our minutes. The Clerk replied no, they are available on the township website but copies are not personally sent to them. Cncl. Caligiuri requested copies be sent to the Freeholders so they know their deputy administrator is ignoring us.

Cncl. Walter Bryson reported during the Historical Society Meeting this month discussions took place regarding getting additional members and programs to raise additional funds for the Society. The Society is holding an old time ladies luncheon and fashion show at the Pfeiffer Center on Saturday, May 11th; tickets are \$25.00. Funds raised from tickets help to maintain and improve the township's historical buildings. The shows held during the last two years were successful. Williamstown High School students dressed in different period costumes and the food was very good. Cncl. Bryson also reported attending the Parks and Recreation Meeting where members prepared approximately 8,600 eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He also reported the Redevelopment Committee met with the owner of the old Jamesway building who proposed some positive changes to the building. The Committee would like him to come and address the entire Council to let them know what he wants to do. This could be the spark needed to move redevelopment forward on the Black Horse Pike corridor. Cncl. Bryson noted the Committee is going to continue meeting with developers to try to bring businesses to the township. He urged anyone interested in opening a new business along the pike to contact the Clerk's Office, any member of the Redevelopment Committee or the Mayor. Cncl. Bryson also extended best wishes to Christians and Jewish members of the community celebrating holy week.

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli reported attending and hosting the Gloucester County Mayor's Association Meeting at the Library IV Restaurant. He also reported on March 18th Shop Rite associates were honored for being the top fund raisers for the Partners In Caring Program, which fights against hunger. He congratulated the associates for this achievement as well as Shop Rite, which donates to our local food pantry. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 25th. Approximately 2,000 children participated and it took them approximately two minutes to find 9,000 eggs. Cncl. Pres., Teefy added it took the Parks and Rec Commission, members of the Williamstown High School ROTC and the Honor Society about three hours to stuff and hide the eggs. A member of the Commission timed the egg hunt and it took only 37 seconds for the kids to find them.

Cncl. Pres., Teefy commended the Parks and Rec Commission and thanked the kids from the ROTC and Honor Society for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. He reported attending the Monroe Township MUA Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th where a resolution was adopted approving a sixteen inch water main extension from Route 322 to Fries Mill Road. This should help water pressure issues in Hunter Woods and Tall Oaks. They also approved another resolution that will increase the water connection fee from \$3,000 to \$3,200 and decrease the sewer connection fee from \$3,400 to \$3,000. Both those calculations are set by New Jersey State Statute and are adopted by the MMUA yearly. They also approved a decrease in a change order from South State for approximately \$16,000. Ralph Manfredi, Jr. is the new Superintendent taking over the duties of retired Superintendent, George Cossabone. Cncl. Pres., Teefy reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on March 14th where discussion took place regarding the length of time (3, 5 or 8 seconds) messages should stay on electronic signs. He noted if residents have any recommendations or input into this they should attend the Planning Board Meeting at the end of the month or a future Council Meeting. Cncl. Pres., Teefy noted Cncl. Bryson's referred to the old Jamesway building in his report but young people and new residents don't know what that is since Jamesway closed over twenty years ago. He explained the building discussed for redevelopment is the large white building located by the CVS.

