

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 10, 2014**

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., Ronald Garbowski** 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., Garbowski 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. Sebastian led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Jeffrey Tilden of Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri		Excused
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present	
Cncl. Daniel Teefy	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Ronald Garbowski	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	
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of February 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- **Recognition** - 2013 JIF Safety Incentive Program Award

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski read into the record a letter from the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Joint Insurance Fund dated March 5, 2014 advising that \$4,225.00 was awarded to Monroe Township as a result of our outstanding performance in the 2013 TRICO JIF Safety Incentive Program. The letter also commended Fund Commissioner Kevin Heydel, Safety Coordinator Frank McLaughlin, Claims Coordinator Christina Scola and all the employees who played an important role in achieving these results.

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to bracket for Consent Agenda Resolutions R:61-2014 through R:67-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:60-2014 Introduction Of The 2014 Municipal Budget

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:60-2014. The motion was seconded **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:61-2014 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss The Simmermon V. Monroe Township Litigation

R:62-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems For One 2014 Isuzu And Pac Mac 8 Cubic Yard Rear Loading Packer Demo Truck For The Monroe Township Department Of Public Works

R:63-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Reduction Of The Standby Letter Of Credit For Summeffields West, Site Plan #392-SP, Block 3901, Lots 31 & 32, Phases 1B & 1C For Certain Site Improvements

R:64-2014 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior To Adoption Of The Budget Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

R:65-2014 Resolutions Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of March 10, 2014

R:66-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Releasing Maintenance Guaranty To Diehl Electric Co. for Traffic Signal

R:67-2014 Resolution Authorizing A Mandatory Source Separation And Recycling Act (Tonnage Grant)

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolutions R:61-2014 through R:67-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski turned this portion of the meeting over to Ordinance Committee Chairman **Cncl. Sebastian**. **Cncl. DiLucia** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O:04-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Pres., Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:04-2014 An Ordinance Vacating And Extinguishing All Public Rights In And To A Certain Dedicated Public Street Or Roadway In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey To Wit: A Portion Of A Certain Unimproved And Dedicated

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Road Known As Monroe Avenue Between Block 3101, Lots 2 And 3 And Reserving Any Easements Currently Held By The Township And Other Persons/Entities

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

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:04-2014 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:04-2014 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Caligiuri)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:04-2014 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:05-2014 An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Fixing And Establishing Salaries And Rates Of Compensations Of Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe, In The County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

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. DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:05-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:06-2014 An Ordinance Re-Appropriating Improvement Balances Within Ordinances O:10-2010, O:09-2012 And O:12-2012

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. Pres., Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:06-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Bryson questioned whether the BA or CFO wanted to make any comments relative to the 2014 municipal budget. **Business Administrator Kevin Heydel** noted the budget increase is 4.94%; 1.72% is the actual increase and the other 3.22% is due to the change in property evaluations from the Compliance Plan, which is now 99.5% complete. We did pretty good this year and last year revenues helped build up our surplus. We are taking an additional \$500,000.00 hit because of the 27th payroll but that will not happen again for another ten or eleven years.

Mayor Gabbianelli reported "leaf collection" will not take place in April as the Public Works Department will be concentrating on repairing the multitude of potholes we have. There is a possibility all potholes will be repaired by the end of April so leaf collection can begin but most likely it will not begin until May.

Engineer Chris Rehmann noted he is seeking ideas for the 2015 Transportation and Community Development Initiative, which is a program put out by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission that could give the township up to \$100,000.00 grant funds for a whole variety of things some of which are transportation related, bike path planning and streetscapes. He noted he will be giving Council a list of activities and would like them to give him their suggestions and thoughts so the township can have an opportunity to get involved in this program.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

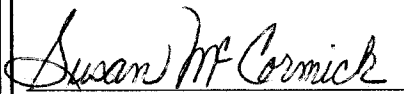
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski noted it is now 8:47 PM and Council is reconvening from Closed Executive Session. Solicitor Fiore noted to summarize what occurred in Closed Session he reported to Council the status of the Simmermon vs. Monroe Township litigation and there is no action to be taken at this time.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan McCormick, RMC
Township Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2014 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 _____ sm _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 3/24/14
Date _____