

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 12, 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. Caligiuri 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	Present
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of April 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

Dan Rodier, 29 Mimosa Court, noted as a local resident and taxpayer for over twenty-five years and a local business owner for sixteen years he was disappointed that after two very successful building and construction projects no one on either Council or the Administration contacted him regarding work at the Cecil Fire Station. Also, he was disappointed that after instructing the Williamstown Fire Company to go out and get a proposal from our firm for work to be done on their building that Council would that same night decide to draft a resolution to award to another firm. He noted he was disappointed that after meeting with the Williamstown Fire Company Building

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Committee and getting a scope of work, preparing a proposal and submitting that proposal it is now not even being considered. Mr. Rodier noted he was disappointed that as one of the top fire station design firms in the Country, one that designed an award winning fire station right here in town bringing both recognition and honor to the township and the residents we are not even given the opportunity to continue that relationship. He noted he was very disappointed that this is the way business is conducted with local businesses.

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel responded to Mr. Rodier stating that Joe Kurz just handed him an envelope with the proposal and this is the very first time he has seen it. He added he would also like to correct the record where it was stated that the Township Council or the Public Safety Committee gave the Building Committee approval to seek whomever they wanted, as that is totally inaccurate. Mr. Heydel noted he specifically made comments in that meeting about the direction that he received to go forward. The Public Safety Committee and Township Council were aware every step of the way of what was going on and the decisions made were based upon information provided for this Council.

With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. Bryson** made a motion to close the Resolution Scheduled - Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:95-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Purchase Of Athletic Field Lighting Systems For Owens Park Under The Keystone Purchasing Network

Cncl. Teefy made a motion to approve Resolution R:95-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:96-2014 Resolution Appointing a Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment

Cncl. Caligiuri made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Bryson nominated **Kwan Hui**, (*currently the Alternate # 1 member*) to move up to the regular member position on the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

Cncl. Sebastian nominated **Dan Kozak**, (*the Alternate # 2 member*) to move up to the regular member position on the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Caligiuri** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF KWAN HUI AS A MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 6 Ayes, 1 Nay (Sebastian)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Nomination of **Kwan Hui** as a regular member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was duly approved.

R:97-2014 Resolution Appointing An Alternate # 2 Member Of The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment (**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**)

R:98-2014 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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Cncl. Bryson nominated **Natalie Wentz** as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Garbowski**.

With no other member of Council wishing to make a nomination **Cncl. DiLucia** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski advised **Natalie Wentz** is a lawyer from the township and the Economic Development Commission has been searching for several years to find a lawyer to join the Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NATALIE WENTZ AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. The nomination of **Natalie Wentz** as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was duly approved.

R:99-2014 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Simmermon V. Monroe Township Litigation, Guim V. Monroe Township Litigation And Consent Order ABC V. Monroe Restaurant, Inc.

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:99-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:100-2014 Resolution Awarding A contract For Professional Services To Robbie Conley Architect, LLC For Architectural And Engineering Services Associated With The Preliminary Planning And Construction Administration For The Preparation Of A Needs Assessment And Solutions Report for the Williamstown Firehouse Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:100-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:101-2014 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of May 12, 2014

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:101-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:102-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Transfer Of Block 9506, Lot 11 To The Township Of Monroe And Authorizing The Cancellation Of Any Taxes Due And Owing For The Tax Year 2014

Solicitor Fiore advised this resolution deals with the property on Violet Avenue, which the property owner requested to transfer over to the township.

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:102-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:103-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Requesting That The Gloucester County Board Of Chosen Freeholders Adopt An Ordinance Establishing A Qualified Veteran-Owned Business Set-Aside Program

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:103-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:104-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing A Taxpayer's Agreement Concerning Delinquent Taxes Between The Township Of Monroe And Donna Condoli For Block 2102, Lot 29

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Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:104-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:105-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Requesting The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority For An Amendment To 208 Wastewater Management Service Area Plan To Include Crystal Lakes Area

Cncl. Teefy made a motion to approve Resolution R:105-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Sebastian.**

O:11-2014 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Deleting Chapter 237 "Precious Metals" and Establishing A New Chapter Entitled "Dealers Of Precious Metals, Gems, And Second Hand Goods"

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:11-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and approved by all members of Council with the exception of Cncl. Bryson who voted Nay.

O:12-2014 An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-140.E.(1)(d)[1] Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe With Regard To Stormwater Management - General Design And Construction Standards When Using HDPE Pipe

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:11-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Bryson reported the Historical Society is sponsoring a British Car Show, Tea Garden and flea market on Saturday, May 17th between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the Ireland Hofer House.

Cncl. Sebastian reported receiving a telephone call from a resident from Holiday City complaining about a drainage problem in front of her house. He contacted the Public Works Department and spoke to Mike Calvello who took care of the problem the next morning. Cncl. Sebastian expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for resolving the problem so quickly.

Engineer Dave Cella reported currently three bids are advertised; Winslow Road, Lois Drive drainage and the light installation at Owens. All bids will be opened on May 20th and a recommendation on these bids should be made for the May 27th Council Meeting.

Cncl. Dilks questioned what the engineer was proposing to do on Lois Drive. Mr. Cella explained the proposal is to install a couple of inlets upstream to collect the water before it gets to the problem area. The proposal also includes the installation of a leaching field.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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


CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fiore reported Council just concluded a forty-five minute Closed Executive Session Meeting. Three litigation matters were reported upon. No action will be taken this evening.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks 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 May 12, 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 _____ Am _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 5/27/14
Date _____