

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 27, 2014

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:05 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. **DiLucia** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and Pastor **Mike Schneck** of Williamstown Assembly of God 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. 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, Chris Rehmann	Present	
Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles		Excused
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart		Excused
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Sharon Wright	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

- **Miss Gloucester County Outstanding Teen 2014 - Amanda Peacock**

Mayor **Gabbianelli** and Cncl. Pres., **Garbowski** presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Amanda Peacock in recognition of being named *Miss Gloucester County Outstanding Teen 2014*.

- **Hope for Ella - "Fighting for a Cure... 'til NF's NO MORE"**

Mayor **Gabbianelli** and Cncl. Pres., **Garbowski** presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Ella Mozzarella a seven year old Monroe Township resident in recognition of her efforts to battle brain tumors "*Terrific Treatment Thursdays*" and her relentless fight to find a cure for Neurofibromatosis.

- **Certificate of Recognition - Sheryl Coe**

Mayor **Gabbianelli** and Cncl. Pres., **Garbowski** presented a "Proclamation" to Sheryl Coe recognizing her selection to represent the State of New Jersey at the "*American National Teenager Scholarship Organization*" to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of May 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

• **Amusement Licenses**

John & Doug's Liquors	Trio Tavern
Geets Diner Restaurant	Hospitality Creek Campground
Sharky's Sports Bar & Grill	Adult Entertainment Center
Taylor's Grill & Bar	Mirachi's Williamstown Inn
Devone's Tavern	

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve the Amusement Licenses as listed. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

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 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.

R:106-2014 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 Municipal Aid Program - Winslow Road Phase V

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:106-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:107-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To South State, Inc. For Services Associated With The Winslow Road Resurfacing Project - Phase V As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:107-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:108-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Integrated Systems & Services For Services Associated With The Purchase And Installation Of Access Control Systems As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:108-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:109-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To RTW Construction, Inc. For Services Associated With The Drainage Improvements To Lois Drive As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation - **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

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

R:110-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Ronald Janney Electrical Contractor, Inc. For Services Associated With The Installation Of A Complete Sports Lighting System At Owens Park As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:110-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:111-2014 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Construction Management And Inspection Services Associated With The Winslow Road Phase V Project Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:111-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:112-2014 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:112-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:113-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Replacement Performance Bond For "Summerfields West", Site Plan # 392-SP

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:113-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:114-2014 Resolution Approving Participation In The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Teefy made a motion to approve Resolution R:114-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:115-2014 A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Refund Of Application Fee For Site Plan Waiver #WSP-01-14 For The Property Located At 4583 Coles Mill Road Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:115-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

R:116-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Consumption With Broad Package Privilege, Plenary Retail Distribution And Club Licenses Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:116-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance (*Dilks - Absent*).

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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"

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

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:11-2014 for Second Reading & Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Teefy.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:11-2014
5 AYES, 1 NAY (Bryson), 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:11-2014 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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

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:12-2014 for Second Reading & Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Caligiuri.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:12-2014
6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:12-2014 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Walt Bryson reported on his attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony/Parade that took place along Main Street on Monday, May 27th. He added it was a very enlightening experience in so far as many people attended and he commented on how nice it is to see people involved in such an occasion. The people that were being honored served our country and gave their lives for us and for this they deserve our honor and presence at ceremonies such as this. Cncl. Bryson then noted the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd and he urged everyone to please get out to support your party's candidates and cast your votes. He advised that locally the Republican candidates for Mayor and Council-at-large are running unopposed and the Democrats have two opposing slates for Mayor and three (3) Council-at-large positions. Cncl. Bryson advised the Music Festival will be held on Saturday, June 7th at Owens Park with music, fireworks and a variety of vendors and he urged all to come out and enjoy the festivities. He then spoke of an issue that has recently come up and that has to do with the delivery of stone, mulch, etc. to resident's homes. He urged residents to clear these materials from the street as it poses a danger for drivers and with the ordinance currently in place tickets can be issued. He then spoke with respect to the lights being installed at Owens Park and the contract that was approved for the removal, disposal and construction of new lights via Resolution R:110-2014. This will enable the township to rectify a public safety issue and provide state of the art lighting. He also reported the Historical Society held its British Car Show and Tea Garden and it was a great success. Over 40 cars were on display and members greeted everyone in colonial garb, he then added that he hopes the Historical Society holds this event again next year and it continues as an annual event. He spoke of how the Historical Society is attempting to bring more focus to Main Street. Cncl. Bryson advised that the Historical Society is still looking for new members/volunteers and if anyone was interested in joining to please

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contact the Society. There is a small membership fee of \$5.00 which is put to good use by the Society. Cncl. Bryson then reported there was a meeting with the Dog Park Committee, however he would like to schedule another meeting to really go over some of the items in detail. He then recognized our Township Engineer, *Adams, Rehamnn & Heggan* who volunteered their time to assist the Girl Scouts to pick a site for the dog park. They did much work with regard to a site, with respect to elevations, water availability, etc. Cncl. Bryson again extended his thanks to *Adams, Rehmman & Heggan*, in particular to Kathryn Cornforth.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri reported his attendance at the Planning Board Meeting on May 22nd where there was a sidewalk waiver request from a resident on Prosser Avenue. The contribution in lieu of building sidewalks will be used to expand sidewalks in proximity to the schools. Cncl. Caligiuri again reiterated that June 3rd is Primary Election Day and he urged all to take the time to go out and vote as it is an election that is critical in Monroe Township as well as some peripheral elections going on.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia noted to supplement Cncl. Bryson's report on the Dog Park, he also attended that meeting. He spoke of how Cncl. Bryson had taken the time to visit and take pictures of other dog park locations and of how he found the pictures to be invaluable because they showed things he never thought about. One of these facilities, as you enter the park, had a holding area for dogs which would allow the animals to calm down a bit prior to going into the general population area and another had water fountains for both owners and pets. He felt what Cncl. Bryson brought forth was a very informative, detailed report that he spent a lot of time preparing. Cncl. DiLucia noted even if the Girl Scouts like a particular location, if it is not a centralized area Council may have to discount it, because we are really trying to find a location that is accessible to everyone. The committee will at some point come before the full council to make recommendations. Our idea is to not just go with a dog park, but a dog park and a park where people can take advantage of walking trails, etc. Cncl. DiLucia spoke on Memorial Day and how it was a day of reflection on people that gave their life for our freedom and our liberty. One of the things he could not help but notice is all the talk with respect to wounded warriors and how best to get people who are serving/served in the military back in the mainstream. We are going through a period of time where not many jobs are available and there is much unemployment even though the news reports the economy is turning around, he does not believe this to be true. Cncl. DiLucia stressed that he could not help but be annoyed by the fact that three things have happened that go contrary to what the politicians claim they want to do. One being, a drastic cut in food stamps, in addition they sat on the extension of unemployment benefits legislation to a point where that legislation is dead. Sometime last December the congress and senate had to renew that legislation but they dragged their feet and now the right-wingers succeeded and it appears to be a dead issue. He also noted there is still talk on realigning the calculations for Social Security and if that passes it will have a devastating effect on the retirees. This would be cumulative over a number of years where it will diminish the cost of living increases the seniors will get in the future. Cncl. DiLucia spoke of the Holiday City memorial service he attended along with the Mayor. He also implored all to exercise their right to vote and to cast your ballot in the upcoming June 3rd Primary Election.

Cncl. William Sebastian spoke of his attendance at the May 17th Holiday City Memorial Day ceremony. He also advised he attended the Open House at the Ambulance Association on May 20th for EMS week. On May 25th he attended the County Memorial Services at the Veteran's Cemetery. On May 26th he was privileged to be part of the Monroe Township celebration in commemoration of Memorial Day. Cncl. Sebastian then spoke of his attendance at the British Car Show and a Classic Car Show at the Open Bible Baptist Church. He added, that being a veteran himself, he was quite happy to see the number of people who turned out for both the services at the cemetery and for our local parade. There has definitely been an increase in attendance at these functions over the past years and he was very happy to have seen this. On behalf of his fellow veterans he took the opportunity to thank all those who did come out and attend these services.

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Cncl. Daniel Teefy reported that on this coming Saturday, May 31st he would be attending a breakfast celebrating the Community Partnership between the Williamstown Middle School and Boy Scout Troop #161. The Monroe Township Education Association sponsored a "stem project" for solar heating of the green houses to benefit the Community of Caring Garden, a garden put together last year at the Middle School. He reported the Music Festival will be held on June 7th from 5:00PM to 10:30PM at Owens Park. Cncl. Teefy advised he will be attending "Project Graduation" on June 27th for the basketball events. He reported on his attendance at the Municipal Alliance meeting this month. The commission is sponsoring a "Drug Reality Forum" on June 17, 2014 from 6:30PM - 9:30PM at the Williamstown High School Theater. The Municipal Alliance is working on drug awareness and this program will focus on very important issues such as addiction awareness, prevention and resolutions. There will be guest speakers along with presentations, as it is vitality important that people be made aware of what is going on in this community. This event is also being sponsored in conjunction with the MTPD. He reported that "National Night Out" is scheduled for August 7th from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at the Pfeiffer Center. Cncl. Teefy also noted that June 3rd is Primary Election Day and it is very important that everyone come out to vote.

Mayor Gabbianelli reported on Thursday, May 8th he presented a Proclamation to Geneva Bost in commemoration of her "100th Birthday". He also noted his attendance at the Holiday City Memorial Day service on May 17th as well as the services held at the Veteran's Cemetery on May 26th. The Mayor then spoke on our local Memorial Day Parade held on May 27th and extended his thanks to all those who came out in support of our veterans. The Mayor announced that the public works garage will be open on Saturdays from 8:00AM-12:00 noon to drop off household and yard waste. Leaf pick-up will end this Friday, May 30th after that leaves must be bagged and placed out for the odd stop pick up or residents can bring them to the township yard. The Winslow Road, Phase V project, funded by a \$210,000.00 grant from the NJDOT, will begin within the next few weeks. This project encompasses an area of only 1850 feet, not a large area (*Kimberly West to first Bryn Mawr Drive*) but probably the worst section of road. The mayor noted drainage improvements along Lois Drive have been discussed and we are working on a solution to make the area residents happy. The Owens Park Lighting project to replace the lights at the senior field and the girls' softball field has been scheduled and should commence sometime in late July after the baseball season. This project took a little longer to approve but due to it becoming a safety issue at that point it got done pretty fast. The mayor noted on the Economic Development front, the ground breaking took place for the IHOP restaurant and Applebee's, which will be located in front of Walmart, would like to be in business before the end of the year and actually before the third quarter. The only hold-up may be going through Pinelands for a subdivision however this should not take very long. After that the Planning Board will hear it and it will move forward. He explained in essence what they are doing on a local level is taking an already approved bank site and making it an Applebee's, as the building size and the parking area is basically the same so there is not much change in the original plan. The Mayor also urged all to go out and vote on Tuesday, June 3rd.

Engineer, Chris Rehmann extended his thanks to council members and mayor for giving the residents of Lois Drive an opportunity to speak. He noted he will be meeting with some of the residents personally to give them an opportunity to walk us through their issues. Mr. Rehmann referred to the transportation grant of approximately \$100,000 that council approved an application for and explained the Delaware Valley Planning Commission has opted to go through this type of program for recreation purposes along trails, bike paths, etc. He felt Monroe is in a good position to receive a grant, as we are emphasizing the fact that we are the eastern point of the bike path and would now like to spread the bike path out for inter-community facilities to better connect all the individual recreation areas, business type things and also our schools. This would give us an opportunity to think outside the box and be better able to monitor passes, trails and even streets that may be compatible by the bike path. Mr. Rehmann then apologized to Council, as unbeknownst to him the Hammonton High School Football team is now a part of the same conference as Williamstown High School. He then went on to say how Coach Fucetola twisted his arm to donate his services to get a weight room put in, since he (*Coach Fucetola*) had no money to get Pineland approvals. Mr. Rehmann spoke of donating his services for the young people of Williamstown, noting he will not necessarily enjoy the competition between the two schools but he enjoys giving back to the kids. Mr.

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Rehmann spoke of the good job Kathryn did with the Girl Scouts, how enthusiastic they were about the project and how he appreciates these opportunities because it is a pleasure to work with these young people.

Cncl. Bryson noted the Mayor is always involved with the Honor Flight Program, which will be taking place on June 7th, the same night as Music Festival. At the Parks and Rec meeting the commission discussed the possibility of recognizing the Honor Flight participants as they return home from Washington, DC, as that will be taking place at approximately the same time as the Music Festival. **Cncl. Bryson** urged anyone around the festivities to please help in welcoming back our veterans upon their return. **Mayor Gabbianelli** noted that Atlantic Care donated wheel chairs for the day. He also advised on the same day, June 7th the Rotary will be dedicating a bench at the Library in memory of John "Winnie" Sharp, Councilman and first elected Mayor of Williamstown.

Cncl. Pres., Ronald Garbowski reported attending the British Car Show at the Ireland Hofer House on May 17th sponsored by the Historical Society and the opening of "Scoop It Up" a new ice cream business located on Clayton Road across from the Middle School. He urged everyone to get out and support our local businesses. He attended the Economic Development Commission meeting on May 19th, discussed was the continuing work on the Shop Monroe tax card program. Freeholder Heather Simmons addressed the commission to speak on measures that may be available through the county. The commission also welcomed a new member, Natalie Wentz, a local lawyer who resides in Williamstown and fills a void on the commission. The commission will once again sponsor a small business seminar in conjunction with the county and other government agencies. This will take place sometime this fall (September/October timeframe). **Cncl. Pres., Garbowski** extended "thanks" to all the commission members on a fantastic job so far this year. He then advised he attended the Library Commission meeting on May 21st and noted the Library hours of operation will be changing for the summer, those hours are noted on the website. There was also a review of the 2013 Audit and there were no significant findings or recommendations. **Cncl. Garbowski** gave a note of thanks to our Library Director, Manny Parades, the trustees and staff on a job well done. He noted Wednesday, May 28th is Library night at Library IV restaurant, 10% of proceeds from food and drinks will be going to the Monroe Township Library. On May 26th he attended the Memorial Day Parade and he extended his thanks to the boy scouts, fire companies, EMS, ROTC, our citizens and everyone else who lined the parade route to honor our fallen veterans. Again, he urged everyone to please get out and vote and make your vote count on Primary Election Day, June 3rd.

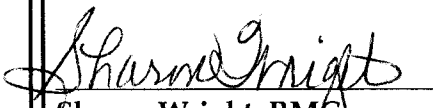
F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. Bryson** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 27, 2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Wright, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk


Presiding Officer

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These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of May 27, 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 AmJ
Approved as corrected _____

Date 6/23/14
Date _____