

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:18 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 the Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walter Bryson		Excused
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, Chris Rehmann	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick		Excused
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Wright	Present	

PRESENTATION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of September 22, 2014 and the Emergency Special Meeting and Emergency Closed Executive Session of October 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- **CY2014/SFY2015 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire**

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel explained each year the Township is required to file a Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire with the Division of Local Government Services. The questionnaire is a scoring worksheet that grades municipalities and certain scores can penalize a municipality in regards to state aid. Municipalities must score between 41 and 50 points in order to have no reduction in state aid. The township scored 42 points on the Best Practices Questionnaire but if we would have fallen below 41 we would have been penalized \$40,000.00. Mr. Heydel explained the township received no points for the following questions:

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B.) CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

- **Vehicle Use Policy for personal use of municipal vehicles.**

The township has no policy in place for personal use of municipal vehicles and to correct this he will be looking at IRS regulations to see what vehicles qualify as a fringe benefit. Police vehicles may qualify but Public Works vehicles that contain tools may not. Mr. Heydel indicated he will look into establishing a policy that places a fringe benefit value on vehicles taken home and that will be taxable income for those employees.

- **Audit filed with the Division**

Mr. Heydel noted to date the audit has not been filed and we were penalized for that. The reason it was not filed is because this year we had to file a GASB 45 Report, which forecast benefit expenses into the future. The township contracted with an actuary Aon Hewitt to prepare that report. Mr. Heydel advised that report is expected sometime this month and he would like to schedule the audit report on the next Council meeting agenda so he can get it sent to the State.

- **Insurance Broker**

Mr. Heydel explained we received no points and were penalized because our insurance broker is paid a percentage of our premiums. The State wants a flat fee so when the premiums go up the broker's rate/fee does not increase.

- **Healthcare coverage for part-time and elected officials**

Mr. Heydel advised we scored no points for that question because some members of council receive healthcare benefits and even though people are grandfathered in we still receive no points for that question.

These are the only areas we were penalized for and the 42 points we received still places us within margin of the 100%. Mr. Heydel indicated it seems like this questionnaire gets harder every year but he will work to see if he can get the points up for next year because these are the policies the State wants to instill in municipalities and he will do his best to make sure we fit the bill.

Council had no questions and extended their appreciation to Mr. Heydel for completing the Best Practice Inventory Questionnaire.

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cody Miller, 1032 Blue Bell Road noted as a candidate running for office in the township he feels it is his duty to let council know his feeling on the purchase being contemplated or moved forward. Right now the residents of Monroe Township are struggling, we have roads that need paving, the new County radio program will begin and this purchase of a rescue truck was thrown on the agenda at the last minute three months before a new mayor and council assume office. This was discussed at an Ordinance Committee Meeting and no one moved it forward and he did not understand why this ordinance was being pushed through now. The public was not made aware of the issue and the mayor reported at the Work Session Meeting that he had an independent report done that says we do not need a new rescue truck. The current rescue vehicle is operational and there is no public safety concern with that vehicle. Currently Monroe Township Fire Company and Cecil Fire Company provide rescue as well and they just purchased two new vehicles to be able to assist with the rescue function in the township. There is already a duplication of services in the Township by three departments that are doing extrication. All the Gloucester County townships only have one rescue vehicle so why would Council even contemplate spending \$525,000.00 that we don't have to jam this through at the last minute before a new mayor and a new council takes office. It is not fair to the taxpayers of the township and Council cannot justify this expenditure right now. Mr. Miller noted he is in his Master's Program for public management and the one thing he has learned is if an expense can be justified and if an item is needed then you make the purchase. Mr. Miller noted right now everything is fully functional and operational and we should use the resources we have to get the job done and wait until the new mayor and council assume office to tackle this issue.

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Tom Crane, 379 Coles Mill Road owner of Hospitality Creek Camp Ground and Planning Board member approached Council regarding the new sign ordinance (O:17-2014), which prohibits EMC signs in the RD-C and FD-10 zones. He questioned whether this ordinance was coming from the Pinelands Commission because the Planning Board felt those signs should be permitted on any street in the township and this ordinance prohibits them. Solicitor Fiore explained that language was required by the Pinelands and they even went as far as to say existing signs had to be removed since the regulation was in effect since 1996. Mr. Crane noted this ordinance is unfair to certain businessmen and he felt the township should go to battle with the Pinelands over this. He noted he is getting ready to retire but his kids are taking over the business and if they want to put a sign there they should be allowed to. Solicitor Fiore explained the Pinelands letter was written very strongly, it was not recommending but stating existing signs within those zones designated by the Pinelands should be removed. During the Ordinance Meeting there was some very intense discussion on that issue and that is also probably why the Planning Board rejected the ordinance. Mr. Fiore explained the Pinelands is a regulatory agency, they have never been an enforcement agency. With a new project they may not give a Certificate of Filing but in areas that signs are existing he felt the township should wait to see what the Pinelands will do since currently they do not have an enforcement aspect to them. However, attorney generals are being reassigned all the time and could decide in the future to make them an enforcing agency. Cncl. Teefy noted he read an alert from the Pinelands this week that stated the Commission will evaluate whether digital signs including billboards are appropriate for use in certain Pineland areas so they have not made their ruling on this yet. He felt since the Pinelands are still evaluating this it is the time to push.

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

R:164-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Transport Agreement Between Monroe Township And Virtua Health, Inc.

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:164-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:165-2014 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:165-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:166-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The New Jersey Department Of Transportation FY2015 Municipal Aid Application For Services Associated With The Monroe Township Bike Path Extension, Phase II

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:166-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:167-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The New Jersey Department Of Transportation FY2015 Municipal Aid Application For Services Associated With The Winslow Road, Phase VII Project.

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:167-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:168-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The New Jersey Department Of Transportation FY2015 Municipal Aid Application For Services Associated With The Blue Bell Road Sidewalk Extension (Corkery Lane To Virginia Avenue)

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:168-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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R:169-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Board of Education For the Church Street Field

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:169-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:170-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The Township Of Franklin And The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County, State Of New Jersey For Certified Tax Collector And Training Staff

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:170-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:171-2014 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Guim V. Monroe Township And Simmermon V. Monroe Township Litigations

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:171-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:172-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe In Support Of The Purchase Of A 2014 Pierce Rescue Truck

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:172-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**. The vote to approve R:172-2014 was four (4) Ayes (Dilks, DiLucia, Sebastian, Garbowski), one (1) Nay (Teefy), one (1) Abstain (Caligiuri) and one (1) Absent (Bryson).

Cncl. Teefy indicated he voted no because he felt this matter should wait until the new mayor and council take office.

Cncl. Caligiuri noted he wished to abstain and the reason being because he did serve on the Public Safety Committee he recognizes the people performing rescue work take on a great deal of responsibility and he does not want to deny them anything and certainly wants safe vehicles on the road. But, there have been two opposing points of view on this subject and he has heard a lot from one side but not much from the other that would allow him to make an objective decision and he felt he did not have enough information to make an objective decision therefore he wished to abstain on the issue.

Cncl. DiLucia requested to clarify this issue. He noted as he understands Resolution R:172-2014, it is just a vehicle to get this truck in a hold situation, which would allow the township to save \$100,000.00 if the truck was purchased now. Everyone will still have the opportunity to further investigate and get additional information in the interim because now there are some gray areas and the chief of Williamstown Fire Department has sent an email accusing Council of being irresponsible. **Cncl. DiLucia** suggested a meeting be held with the chief to get his input and then the committee that made the recommendation can give Council point by point what their recommendation was based upon. The ambulance representatives could also attend to give the committee their explanation for why they believe they need a new rescue truck. He felt that would be the fairest way to do it and that is the reason he was voting to approve it. We are not committing to anything but we are putting ourselves in the position to save \$100,000.00.

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski requested the Deputy Clerk to ask the Public Safety Committee Chairman to schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief and Ambulance Chief.

Cncl. Teefy noted this gnaws at him because last year he asked for \$400,000.00 to purchase lights at Owens Field. **Cncl. Pres., Garbowski** noted and Council moved that ordinance forward for first reading based on time. **Cncl. Teefy** noted that was an ordinance, this is different, this is

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a resolution and he has never seen a resolution in support of a purchase, it is usually a spending ordinance. He noted this is odd to him. Last year we asked to have first reading on the ordinance (*for Owens sports lighting*) and by that time we could have gotten the information but the first reading failed, Council members voted it down and it was brought back later which delayed the project and ended up with the baseball fields being closed down. Cncl. Teefy noted he asked for the same thing last year and you guys didn't do it but now we are in the same situation and Council wants to do it. He questioned what side are they on here. He felt it should be left to the new mayor and council that will be coming in to sit down with the three groups to hash this out in a nice way and get them to work together, as that would be in the best interest of the township. Cncl. Pres., Garbowski noted it may come to that point because Council has not committed to anything yet. Cncl. Teefy added it will not come to that if it is being moved forward; but he would wait to see how the vote goes.

Cncl. DiLucia noted the only resolution that is important is R:173-2014 because that gives the opportunity to buy in mass and that can be used to purchase many other things. He added as he understands it the issue of the expenditure of \$550,000.00 will not happen tonight no matter how this is voted upon. It was explained during the Work Session Meeting if this is passed for first reading tonight the only thing it will do is place us in a position where the company will hold the truck and they will do that even though it is not the final passage. It was also explained by purchasing the truck now, the cost would be \$100,000.00 less than if it were purchased any other time. Another issue was that it would be a 300 day wait if a truck had to be custom made where with this truck there would be no wait or a relatively short one and that was the advantage. Cncl. DiLucia noted even though he has a good recollection of the lighting issue he does not want to get into that, as there are some differences there. One thing that happened was the person recommending the lights said he wanted them because he wanted state of the art lighting. Some members of council, including himself, felt additional information was needed other than just because they wanted state of the art lighting. He felt the record would show that it was stated the little league organization would sanction the lighting for tournaments to be held here (*at Owens Park*) that otherwise couldn't have been here. Cncl. DiLucia noted after a vesting period we ultimately purchased the lights at a cost of \$400,000.00 and all this is doing, is giving Council the opportunity to get more information aside from what the committee had given us. The committee recommended and normally if a committee recommends something it is adopted but now we are in a situation where there is a question in everyone's mind about whether we want to vote to finalize this, as we want more input from the fire chief and ambulance chief who are more qualified to give a presentation of why it should or shouldn't be. And that is where this stands right now.

Cncl. Teefy noted he would discuss this issue with Cncl. DiLucia at another time because his (*Cncl. DiLucia's*) recollection is not correct. Cncl. DiLucia replied the minutes that he pulled out after the last discussion will only bear that out. Cncl. Teefy noted he has them as well and the paper got a copy too. He added he understands what Cncl. DiLucia is saying about the rescue truck and he felt he is saying the right thing but last year with the light issue there were reports in front of Council saying the lights were bad, there are no reports like that about the truck. Cncl. Teefy added at that time all he requested was for the ordinance to move forward for first reading and then a further investigation could be done on the lights before the second reading. Cncl. Pres., Garbowski noted the report council had was from a vendor that was selling the lights. Cncl. Teefy replied and the next report came back the exact same way. Cncl. Pres., Garbowski added but at least we had an engineer take a look at the lights. Cncl. Teefy went on to say that Cncl. Garbowski doesn't know because he voted yes then no and didn't know what he was voting. Cncl. DiLucia explained the recommendation about the lights, as he recalls, was that the wooden poles were broken and at the time he said he could not conceive that every wooden pole is cracked in the middle, not at the top or the bottom. No one could answer his questions so he requested an engineer examine them to see if there was a problem and an engineer did go out there. Cncl. Teefy replied no, an engineer did not go out there, they do not look at those things. A lighting/electrical contractor went out there and did it. Cncl. DiLucia noted the poles were allowed to stay up during the baseball playoffs and during the carnival when in April there was a report from a company that those poles were a danger. Council or the mayor never heard anything about those poles being dangerous until the night that it came on the agenda to be passed. Cncl. Teefy noted that is not correct, in December at the Ordinance Committee Meeting

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it was brought up and then there were certain emails that came out with information to back that up but maybe Cncl. DiLucia did not open his email until he came to the meeting, when it was there a week ahead of time. Cncl. DiLucia noted he will not debate this any further. At this point in the meeting Cncl. Pres. Garbowski gaveled Cncl. Teefy and Cncl. DiLucia stating that is enough, let's move on. He noted the vote on Resolution R:172-2014 was four (4) in favor, one (1) nay and one (1) abstention.

R:173-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Township Of Monroe Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) To Become A Member Of The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchase Program

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:173-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski turned this portion of the meeting over to Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Sebastian. Cncl. Caligiuri made a motion to open the Public Portion for Ordinance O:17-2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres., Garbowski 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. Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:17-2014 An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-135 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Signs

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:17-2014 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:17-2014
5 AYES, 1 NAY (Teefy), 1 ABSENT (Bryson)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:17-2014 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:18-2014 An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Fixing And Establishing Salaries And Compensations Of Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe, In The County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey. (*SSA Franklin Township Tax Collector Additional Staff*)

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:18-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:19-2014 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (*267-57 Schedule XXIV, Private & Semipublic Premises*)

Solicitor Fiore noted during the Work Session Meeting Schedule XXIV was amended to include Summerfields West, Sunny Estates, Shop Rite, Barclay Estates Apartments, The Guzzo property on Berlin Cross Keys Road and Amberleigh Townhouse and Condominiums. We will move forward with the First Reading and Schedule XXIV will reflect the additional items as long as we receive a letter from the owners of those properties requesting Title 39 enforcement.

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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:18-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:20-2014 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Appropriating A Sum Not To Exceed \$525,000.00 For The Purchase Of A 2014 Pierce Rescue Vehicle

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:20-2014 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**. The vote to approve for First Reading was four (4) Ayes (Dilks, DiLucia, Sebastian and Garbowski), one (1) Nay (Teefy), one (1) Abstain (Caligiuri) and one (1) Absent (Bryson).

Cncl. Caligiuri noted he was abstaining as he did not have enough information to make an objective decision on that.

Solicitor Fiore advised this is a Spending Ordinance and there must be five (5) affirmative votes so with a nay vote and an abstention the four to one vote fails and the ordinance cannot move forward for Second Reading. **Cncl. Sebastian** questioned what the abstention counts as and he suggested Mr. Fiore look that up. Mr. Fiore indicated that is a good question and he will look it up. He referred to a case **Aurentz v. Wall Township Planning Board** and explained some would argue that it is in favor of the proposition and some would argue that it is not. Mr. Fiore noted in his opinion a spending ordinance of \$525,000.00 is an important piece of legislation and he will take a look at it legally and will render his opinion in writing, as he felt from **Cncl. Sebastian's** comment he was recommending that be done.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Caligiuri reported attending the (*infamous*) Public Safety Committee Meeting on September 23rd. The chairman of that committee is not in attendance but **Cncl. Caligiuri** felt he would report on that matter at the next meeting. He also reported attending the Open Space Committee Meeting on Monday, October 6th on which there is nothing to report and that he attended the Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, October 9th where a minor subdivision (*one lot into two*) was approved on Winslow Road.

Solicitor Fiore referred to Resolution R:171-2014 authorizing Closed Executive Session for the Simmermon litigation. He advised he could report on that without going into Closed Session. He reported Judge Curio remanded that matter back to the township. A Public Hearing will be held with Judge Seltzer, a retired Appellate Division judge who will act as the hearing officer and he will look retroactively at the 2014 towing applications. Judge Curio ordered that based upon the fact that there was a challenge to Council's action last year in approving the list for 2014. Basically it is referred to as a "*Trial De Novo*". Judge Curio couldn't rule on the original complaint filed by the plaintiffs in this case based upon the fact that there was not a record. All the tower applications will be reviewed by Judge Seltzer and he may ask questions of the towers. Mr. Fiore advised he can also ask questions and Council members can be present during that process and may even be called as witnesses. The dates are October 20th, 22nd, 24th and 27th and proceedings will take place in the court room or the caucus room. Everything will be taken down by a transcriber so there will be a record for the court to hear. All proceedings must be done in a public session, which is why it can be announced at this time. The hours will be from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and it is expected to go about four days. **Cncl. Sebastian** questioned how much notice Council will get. Mr. Fiore advised they will get notice within a day or two of when they will be required to appear. That is short notice from the court but the hearings must be concluded by October 30th, the judge must render his written opinion by November 14th and in addition he is also going to review the 2015 applications and rule on whether or not individuals meet the requirements to be on the 2015 list.

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Engineer Chris Rehmann advised his written report of October 13, 2014 was submitted to Council outlining a number of projects but he wanted to report that during the recent rain storm there was no flooding on Lois Drive. He noted a couple items still need to be completed on that project, ground stabilization and some seeding and he commended the contractor on his work and for working with ARH to get that job done. He pointed out R:166-2014 was for a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Bike Path extension, which will connect the school to Owens Park through the Genova Property and hopefully all the way to the Mary Duffy Park and a grant application in the amount of \$250,000.00 is being requested for Winslow Road Phase VII. A meeting is scheduled with South Jersey Gas Company regarding the damages their installer is doing to township streets. Mr. Calvello will attend that meeting along with Mr. Rehmann who noted it is his understanding that the Gas Company is looking to reimburse the township through a grant for a portion of Winslow Road. That money can be placed in escrow and added to the construction project to complete the road. Resolution R:168-2014 requests \$200,000.00 to install sidewalks on Blue Bell Road and Resolution R:169-2014 was an approval between the school board and the township to operate Church Street fields, which are part of the recreation/open space improvement (ROSI) record. Everything that is dedicated open space is placed on this inventory and filed with the State and once it is on there, it does not come off. This agreement will break loose funds for the field irrigation. **Business Administrator Kevin Heydel** explained that cost is \$140,000.00 and the funds are from a \$70,000.00 grant with a matching loan of \$70,000.00 at 2%. Mr. Rehmann noted in Council's actions this evening they have come close to approving \$900,000.00 worth of grant applications. He also reported the township received \$85,000.00 for a Planning Grant that was submitted to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and that grant will be used to develop a pedestrian bike path alternate transportation plan to connect schools, transit and recreation facilities with our bike path. Because Council invested into and have added to the bike path they see us as having the ability to expand it. While it is not necessarily part of the plan what we hope to get out of this, is a road condition survey so we can grade the condition of the pavement of all township roads with the idea if we wanted to stripe something for the bike path it has to be in the proper condition. That was not the goal of the grant but it is one of our goals for the Public Works Department who can then turn that around into a five year capital improvement program. **Cncl. Dilks** questioned if we have the width of the roads to be able to do that. Mr. Rehmann replied we will, that is part of the inventory, he will look at widths, lengths and in addition there is Rutger's Public Works method of grading and putting conditions on the streets from perfect to falling apart and we can write up each segment of the road in order to allow Council to understand what the capital commitment will be in the future. **Cncl. Dilks** questioned if Council could get an engineer's estimate of the cost to install inlets across Lois Drive. Mr. Rehmann replied yes. He also spoke of receiving a complaint that he has not finished investigating about a storm surge pipe located between property lines on Saybrook and Lindale Avenues that may be leaking causing damage to a home foundation on Saybrook Avenue. **Cncl. Dilks** noted the township does not have the money right now to do Lois Drive but if a cost estimate was done the inlets could probably be installed cheaper by township employees and it would be wise for Council to look at that. Mr. Rehmann noted he has a number for that but he is concerned that eventually the retention basin will need to be built on the township owned property (*off Jobs Lane*), which backs up to the Lois Drive properties so he is getting those numbers together for the 2015 budget.

Director of Public Safety Jim Smart noted he hoped Mr. Rehmann is successful with extending the bike bath since many children utilize it. He reported Fire Prevent Night was held at the Williamstown Fire Department on Tuesday, October 7th and at Cecil Fire Department on Wednesday, October 8th. Both events were very well attended. He also reported the Police Department received their official accreditation, which only a handful of New Jersey police departments have achieved.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fiore reported Council just completed a Closed Executive Session where pending litigation was discussed. No action will be taken this evening.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Caligiuri 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. DiLucia made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Wright, RMC
Deputy Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of October 13, 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 10/27/14
Date _____