

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
DECEMBER 8, 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. DiLucia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Doug Spencer of the First United Methodist Church of Williamstown** 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. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Caligiuri made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:194-2014 and R:207-2014 through R:214-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:194-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, Authorizing And Approving The Township's Participation In The Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative Of The Securities And Exchange Commission; And Authorizing And Approving Certain Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

R:207-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant To Chapter 99 Of The Public Laws Of 1997 For Block 13101, Lot 33

R:208-2014 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:209-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement To Participate In The Alliance To Prevent Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Between Gloucester County, New Jersey And The Township of Monroe

R:210-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Settlement In The Litigation Captioned "Timothy Guim, Et Al. VS. Monroe Township, Et Al," , Docket No. GLO-L-1263-12

R:211-2014 Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of An Amended Irrevocable Standby Letter Of Credit For "Summerfields West" Phase 1A, Site Plan #392-SP

R:212-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The CARFAX Enrollment Form For The Monroe Township Police Department To Enroll In The CARFAX Police Crash Assistance Program

R:213-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Consenting To The Proposed Water Quality Management Plan Amendment Entitled: The Estate Of James And Hattie McTague Project

R:214-2014 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Accepting The Recommendation Of The Honorable George L. Seltzer's Reports Of November 12, 2014 And November 21, 2014 Regarding The 2014 And 2015 Tow List

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolutions R:194-2014 and R:207-2014 through R:214-2014. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R:194-2014 AND R:207-2014 THROUGH
R:214-2014 - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Dilks)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Resolutions R:194-2014 and R:207-2014 through R:214-2014 were duly approved.

D.) ORDINANCES - None

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Engineer Chris Rehmann reported receiving a call late this afternoon from Robert Morris of Saybrook Avenue regarding the damages to his basement, which he feels is being caused by a township pipe located in his side yard that run between Lindale Avenue and Saybrook Avenue. Mr. Rehmann noted he submitted a report to Council that documents the damage that was evident and explained that he has been unable to make any connection between the township's pipe and the damage but wanted to bring this to the attention of Council because it could become

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

an issue in the future. Mr. Calvello has been on top of this as best as he can short of videoing the inside of the pipe to determine whether it has deteriorated allowing water to leak into the ground. Mr. Rehmann requested Council give him some direction because he does not want this to escalate into a costly issue for the township. Mr. Heydel questioned what the cost would be to video the pipe. Mr. Rehmann estimated that cost to be a couple of thousand dollars and if the pipe is found to be damaged the cost to replace it could be \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 depending upon the contractor. Due to Mr. Morris' concerns over the forecast of a nor'easter storm tomorrow Mr. Rehmann indicated he would be going to that property tomorrow to see what happens. **Cncl. Bryson** questioned whether the township had a right-away on that property. Mr. Rehmann explained he searched through records of Fred McClennan the former township engineer and also a surveyor in this area and there is no physical evidence of an easement. He calculated that the pipe was installed in the 1930's or 1940's when the Saybrook Development was constructed and noted short of going through a title company and pulling the deeds Mr. Morris is not aware of any easement, as there is none showing on his survey. Mr. Rehmann explained the problem with this drainage is it is a syphon. The water enters the pipe on Lindale by inlets, it comes across two properties onto Saybrook where more water enters and then it goes down Saybrook to Main Street and exits by syphon, because the inlet grade on Main Street is lower than the other inlets. Water is always in the pipe unless it is leaking and entering into the Morris basement. Mr. Rehmann explained the problem he has is Mr. Morris tells him it only happens when it rains but if the pipe is leaking water after it rains why is that not causing a problem as well. He noted he is not sure this is a township problem he just wants Council to be aware of it. **Solicitor Fiore** questioned if there was any correlation with the 2009/2010 rain season, the two hurricanes we had back to back and the increased seasonal high ground water in the entire South Jersey area. Mr. Rehmann noted Mr. Morris has a sump pump in his basement that doesn't come on unless it is raining. He added a lot of stuff does not make sense, which is why he wanted to bring this to Council. **Cncl. Sebastian** questioned if Mr. Rehmann was saying it would be a couple thousand to video the pipe. Mr. Rehmann replied yes, we would need to hire someone to do that and they would need to pump the water out of the pipe to do it. **Cncl. Sebastian** noted if no water is in the pipe there is a leak, if water is in the pipe then there is not a leak. He recommend the Business Administrator find two thousand dollars to video the pipe to find out if there is a problem that is ours or not. Mr. Rehmann noted he would get a quote in order to narrow down the dollars. He added he wanted Council to be aware of this in the event people say nothing is being done about the problem. He spoke of how Mr. Morris has a video, which he will see when he goes there tomorrow. **Cncl. Sebastian** felt if the township gets a video of the pipe and if a problem is found it can be addressed in 2015. **Solicitor Fiore** questioned whether Mr. Rehmann had the block and lot numbers of this property. Mr. Rehmann advised he did and proceeded to give Mr. Fiore the information (Block 1802 Lot 25, 49 Saybrook Avenue owned by Robert Morris).

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Domenic Burgess of B & B Auto Repair questioned whether he was deemed to be compliant but suspended from the towing list for 2015. **Solicitor Fiore** explained the recommendation of the judge was to qualify Mr. Burgess for 2015 but penalize him compensatory weeks. The other towers on the list will take part of his rotation for the year 2015. The only issue the judge mentioned in the report was not getting the construction permit for the one building until June of 2014. He felt that was the only infraction but he indicated he wanted to verify that with Fred Weikel and Jim Morrison. Mr. Burgess requested to be notified when the ordinance committee meets to review the towing ordinance because he would like to participate in that discussion even though he is suspended from the towing list. Mr. Fiore advised there is nothing in the judge's report that says Mr. Burgess cannot participate in that discussion and since he is an interested party he would be notified when the ordinance is discussed. Mr. Burgess questioned whether the penalty code sets a preference because his original problem goes back to 2002 so if

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

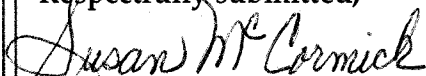
he digs something up on someone that goes back to 2002 would that be good now. Mr. Fiore noted Mr. Burgess was asking him to give a legal opinion on that and he would not do that.

With no one else wishing to speak Cncl. Sebastian 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.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Sebastian made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan McCormick, RMC
Municipal Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 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 12/22/14
Date _____