

**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**September 15, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:03pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Tony Langella led the Commission in the salute to our flag. Christine Feggans offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tony Langella, Jared Valdez, Christine Feggans, Manny Bermudez, Natalie Wentz, Cncl. Ronald Garbowski

Absent: Aileen Chiselko, Jill Simmermon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was no voting of the July 21, 2014 minutes. There was a quorum, but due to the abstain of Natalie Wentz and Manny Bermudez, who were not in attendance at the July meeting, voting could not be made are this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski thanked the commission for all they have done over the past two years, he said that he appreciates and respects people that volunteer their time to better the township.

Chairperson Tony Langella asked Cncl. Garbowski why the township did not allow an electric discount program in the town. Cncl. Garbowski explained that in order to participate in the program every resident had to enroll, they could not make a personal decision.

Tony and Jared would like to have the three signs, "Welcome Williamstown's Business District", that are on the Black Horse Pike near the old Jamesway shopping center, replaced with a different more current sign. Jared and Natalie are getting estimates. Manny asked if there are any flags on Main Street and suggested getting flags to hang on the existing poles to tie in the seasons, so that they could be changed to have something new put up frequently. Also a banner for across Main Street. Once the estimates are in for the signs and flags/banners the rest of the budget can be planned out. Manny also suggested putting up decorative signs that promote businesses or locate buildings such as schools. Cncl. Garbowski suggested development identifiers.

Tony asked Natalie what she thought the town could use. She said that a database of commercial properties that are available would be a positive attraction for Monroe.

Tony mentioned that he has not heard from Sharon McTaggart from TD Bank and thinks that their interest with the tax card program is not their and he would like to pursue Investors Bank.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

Tony brought up the Tax Card Program, saying that we need to find a sponsor. Jared stated that we are at a standstill with the tax card.

Christine would like to see a waterfall that changes colors in the town. Jared would like to see flags and banners down Main Street.

Mike Spano suggested waiting on the video project until the new High School media teacher is instated.

Tony asked for suggestions if there is money left after the signs and flags. Christine suggested a brick walk, where people would purchase a brick that has their name on it and it could be installed on the sidewalk on Main Street. Manny said he would like to replace the banner that is hanging across Main Street, at both ends, with something that is more permanent. Jared suggested having new hardware installed so that they stay hanging the way they are supposed to hang.

Jared said that Freeholder Heather Simmons wanted to come back to a meeting, Jared is going to contact her after the October meeting.

Manny suggested having a theme for the commission, so that the improvements are connected. Natalie thinks a decision needs to be made where the attentions needs to be, either the Black Horse Pike or Main Street. Tony would like to have the newly elected Mayor at an upcoming meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn Jared made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 15, 2014. The motion was seconded by Manny; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00pm.

***These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 15, 2014 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.***

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_