

**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**October 20, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:01pm 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, Cncl. Ronald Garbowski  
Absent: Jill Simmermon, Natalie Wentz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Aileen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of July 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jared and approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

Manny made a motion to approve the minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 15, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jared and approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Chairman Tony Langella introduced guests Jim Bonder from Parks and Recreation and Jason Painter from Astro Signs. Jason brought information for the 33 48" by 24" banners the Commission was interested in purchasing for the posts that are already on Main Street. Jason said that the banners and hardware would cost \$8,375. To replace just the banners would cost \$3,960, and that would need to be done every 12-24 months depending on the weather. Jim said that the Parks and Recreation Department may be able to put them up, however it would take some time. He also stated that the banners should have a large graphic or wording, since they will be visible to drivers for a short time. Manny was asked if the Rotary Club would be able to share the cost for the banners, he replied that he would need to speak to the Club and look at their budget, as they do not currently have it budgeted in. Tony and Manny agreed that it may not be something that the Rotary should be responsible for. Jason presented information and diagrams for signs to replace the current Williamstown Business District signs on the Black Horse Pike. Jared stated that he thinks it would be best to have the signs and banners carry the same theme. The cost for each sign would be \$525, that includes installation and uses the current posts. Natalie was getting quotes from 2 other sign companies. Jason also presented information for subdivision signs that would identify subdivisions in the township. Manny and Aileen asked if subdivision signs were a part of Economic Development's responsibility.

Tony spoke with Gabe Donio, of the Hammonton Gazette, he asked if Gabe would add a section in the paper on Williamstown. Gabe said that he would if the information was given to the paper. Manny suggested that we find people within the town to give write ups that could be included in the Williamstown section.

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

Tony wants to wait to meet with the City Council about the Tax Card until after the election.

Tony spoke with George from Mom-Mom’s Café about doing the November Spotlight on Business.

Tony likes the Main Street banners and Black Horse Pike signs and would like to use the 2014 budget to move forward with that.

Jared made a motion to move forward with the banners, signs and inviting the newly elected Mayor to a meeting. Manny seconded the motion and it was approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

Tony asked the Commission for their feelings on the direction of the Commission. Jared thinks the Commission is on the right track. Christine thinks that the banners will brighten up Main Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn Aileen made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of October 20, 2014. The motion was seconded by Manny; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00pm.

***These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of October 20, 2014 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.***

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