#### A.) **OPENING CEREMONIES**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:03 PM by Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri 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., Caligiuri** 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. Dilks** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Robert Ralph** of the **New Brooklyn United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS		
Cncl. Walter Bryson		Excused
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present	
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Mayor Daniel Teefy	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		Excused
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis		Excused
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Cncl. Dilks** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Regular Council Meeting of December 22, 2014 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance

## B.) <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> - None

## C.) <u>RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION</u>

**Cncl. McIlvaine** made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled – Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:27-2015** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To QC, Inc. For Groundwater Analyses And Reporting Associated With The Monroe Township Landfill For The Township Of Monroe, Council Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, For The Year 2015

# C.) <u>**RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION**</u> (cont'd)

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:27-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:28-2015 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**Cncl. Dilks** made a motion to approve Resolution R:28-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:29-2015** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester To Execute A Grant application On Behalf Of The Municipal Alliance Program For Grant Year 2015 (*Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016*)

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:29-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:30-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With Brown & Connery, LLP As Special Labor Counsel For The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:30-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:31-2015** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open nominations for a member of the Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Caligiuri** nominated **Bill Morrison** as a member of the Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Miller.** 

**Cncl. Dilks** nominated **Bob Simone** as a member of the Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

# ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF BILL MORRISON AS A MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY <u>4 AYES, 2 NAYS (Dilks, DiLucia), 1 ABSENT (Bryson)</u>

**Tally: 4 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Nomination of **Bill Morrison** as a member of the Municipal Utilities Authority was duly approved.

**R:32-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract For A Prosecutor Of The Municipal Court Of The Township Of Monroe Commencing January 1, 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:32-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:33-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract For A Public Defender Of The Municipal Court Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:33-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:34-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Solicitor Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2015

# C.) <u>RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION</u> (cont'd)

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:34-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:35-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Substitute Public Defender For The Monroe Township Municipal Court For The Year 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:35-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:36-2015** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To A Municipal Bond Counsel For The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:36-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:37-2015** Resolution Authorizing The Appointment Of Conflicts Prosecutor Of The Municipal Court Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2015

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:37-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

#### D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri turned this portion of the meeting over to Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Dilks.

**O:01-2015** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property In And For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$707,500 Therefore; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$672,125; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

**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., Caligiuri** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:01-2015 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller.** 

# ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE O:01-2015 - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Bryson)

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Ordinance O:01-2015 was duly approved for First Reading and Publication.

**O:02-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Modifying The Acme Redevelopment Area To Delete The Redevelopment Plan For Block 11301, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 2.02, 3 And 4 And Reestablishing Said Area In Need Of Redevelopment

**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. Miller** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:02-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

#### E.) <u>REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS</u>

**Cncl. McIlvaine** reported Police Officer Anthony Vezza, who was injured when he was struck by a drunk driver, is receiving an award tonight at the FOP Meeting from the Hero Scholarship Fund.

**Cncl. Miller** thanked the Fire Company, Police Department and EMS for responding quickly on Saturday to get people out of a house that was on fire.

Mayor Teefy noted he concluded his first week and he thanked his staff, Sherri McIlvaine, Kevin Heydel and Christine Scola who did a great job in getting him acclimated to the position. He reported attending the NAACP installation of officers on Saturday, January 10th where he administered the Oath of Office to Tiffany Grandus, a girl who played in our basketball league and is now thirty plus years old. He reported a Township of Monroe Facebook page has been started and so far 1,500 people like it. We are trying to update the page with new information every other day. It has a three way approval system, which requires new information to be approved by him, Sherri and Cncl. Miller before any new information is placed on the page. He reported the IT Manager is looking into replacing our 2003 server that handles our emails because after June or July Microsoft will no longer support it. The Mayor noted he has a new phone and will be sending that number to everyone because he is trying to separate his township business from his work business. The Mayor reported no township jobs are posted at this time and he has requested the HR Department to not accept job applications because he didn't want to move forward until an Organizational Chart was prepared so he could see where everyone is slotted. Kevin did a great job putting a chart together and he requested that it be forwarded to the members of Council as it is very helpful. He noted he will be in the office on Friday and will be discussing a couple open positions that need to be filled soon. He has requested Christine from the HR Department and Joe the IT Manager to work on an on-line job application to streamline He noted he will be meeting with the School that process and eliminate paper applications. Board tomorrow to discuss the problems they are having with the high school basin and on Thursday he is meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss his department's needs and getting more police presence on Main Street. Sherri will be contacting the Main Street Committee to schedule a meeting on January 21st at 7:30 PM to start putting things together for that project. He also noted municipal building improvements are needed and they are looking into replacing the court room ceiling tiles, Kevin is looking into a cleaning service that will come in one time and clean the building for the employees. The building has not been painted since 1992 so we will get some bids to see what the cost would be to paint it and then we will see about getting new rugs. The Mayor reported tonight he performed his first wedding and he thanked Sherri McIlvaine for helping him with the process. The groom was 85 and the bride was 78 years old and everything went very well.

**Township Engineer, Chris Rehmann** reported the Cecil Communication Tower Project is on the January 16th Pinelands Commission meeting agenda.

**Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** reported attending the Planning Board Reorganization Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and on January 10<sup>th</sup> he attended the NAACP Director Insertion Ceremony. Loretta Winters, a Monroe Township resident and former Councilwoman, was appointed as President of that association. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri congratulated Bill Morrison on his appointment to the MMUA and noted Bill has a very strong educational background and is very impartial and objective. He noted it is not that the current member did a bad job it is just that the voters in Monroe Township wanted to get some new blood and new faces on some of the commissions to look at things from a different perspective and Bill will do a good job in that respect.

#### F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

## G.) <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan MCormick

Susan McCormick, RMC Township Clerk

Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2015 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

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_