

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 26, 2015

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. DiLucia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Gerald Finess** of the **Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine		Excused
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Dave Cella	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis	Present	
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS - Williamstown Fire Company

PRESENTATION - Certificates of Recognition - *Community of Caring Gardens*

(Due to inclement weather the Williamstown Fire Company Officers Swearing in Ceremony and the presentation of Certificates of Recognition - for the participants of the Community of Caring Gardens were postponed until the February 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting)

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Teefy appointed **Sandy Keen** to an unexpired term of December 31, 2017 and **Janet Mead** as Alternate # 1 member for the unexpired term of December 31, 2015 to the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. He also appointed **Charles "Chipper" Cotton** as an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Planning Board for an unexpired term of December 31, 2015.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- Limousine License - Cross Keys Coach, LLC

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the Limousine License for **Cross Keys Coach, LLC**. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** 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:38-2015 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To The Municipal Engineer For Landfill Compliance Monitoring For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, For The Year 2015

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:38-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:39-2015 A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Changing The Designation Of Custodian For The Monroe Township Police Department Records

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:39-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:40-2015 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A contract With Township Physicians For Workers' Compensation For The Year 2015

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve R:40-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:41-2015 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Township Physician For The Year 2015

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve R:41-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:42-2015 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor Of The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract For An Alternate Township Physician For The Year 2015

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:42-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:43-2015 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:43-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:44-2015 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of January 26, 2015

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:44-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:45-2015 Approval To Submit And Execute An Incidental Modification To Project Scope/Limits With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Winslow Road Phase V Project

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve R:45-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:46-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Shared Services With The Gloucester County Improvement Authority And The County Of Gloucester, New Jersey

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve R:46-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Dilks.** Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinances O:01-2015 and O:02-2015. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Miller made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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

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., Caligiuri made a motion to approve Ordinance O:01-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:01-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (McIlvaine)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:01-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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

Second Reading: The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve Ordinance O:02-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:02-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT (McIlvaine)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:02-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:03-2015 Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
(First Reading & Publication)

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:03-2015 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. DiLucia reported President Obama proposed in his State of the Union Address that the Federal Government pay for the first two years of education in community colleges as long

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as the student maintains a 2.5 grade point average. Cncl. DiLucia noted he has advocated and spoke about the importance of education on many occasions because he believes everyone in this country deserves the opportunity to get an education that will allow them to rise to a higher level in life. Anything that cost additional money is always a concern to the Congress and Senate but the President made it very clear that for the first time in the history of the United States one percent of the population controls more than fifty percent of the wealth in this country. The reason for that is because we have more and more billionaires. Cncl. DiLucia noted he does not begrudge anyone that has been successful enough to make that kind of money but he does begrudge them due to the fact that we all pay our fair share of taxes and most of them don't. He added he agrees and concurs with what the President was saying and he hopes the Congress and Senate will do something proactive and give those people a slight increase in taxes to pay for education because many kids in this Country will not get an education based on the cost of it. The debt owed by college graduates is astronomical and in many cases they won't pay off those debts in their lifetime. Cncl. DiLucia noted he was very unhappy to hear the Republican response to the president's address and also the comments Orrin Hatch gave to the Better Businessmen's Bureau that morning before the president's speech. Senator Hatch said he knew they could not repeal the national healthcare bill known as Obama Care now but they could chip away at it. Cncl. DiLucia felt he should have said they want to improve it because by saying they wanted to chip away at it means they want to take away benefits, weaken the bill and make it so that it really doesn't help anyone. Cncl. DiLucia noted what was said really bothers him so we need to watch carefully as the new congress and new senate move forward in terms of all the things the president addressed that will help the middle class, which is the people in this township.

Cncl. Miller reported "Hoops for Hunger" will be taking place on Friday, January 30th. Cncl. Miller noted he will be participating along with the Mayor, Solicitor and Cncl. Heffner and the Mayor only has three days in which to teach him how to play basketball. Also taking part in the event, which will benefit local families in need, are first responders and school officials. Cncl. Miller reported attending the Strategic Planning Meeting for the Monroe Township Public Schools on Saturday. Some really good discussion took place at the meeting. Jim Bonder from Parks and Recreation has been involved, Kevin Heydel has gotten them numbers and everyone is working well together to put together a plan that really addresses the needs of the community. The plan will be presented to council in the near future. Cncl. Miller thanked the School Board for allowing him to participate and noted another meeting will be held on January 31st at 8:00 AM at the High School. The mayor will be attending and he encouraged council members to attend as well to participate in this process.

Mayor Teefy spoke of the plan OEM, Director Smart, Director Avis and Supervisor of Roads Mike Calvello have in place to deal with the anticipated snow storm. The Mayor reported he attended a meeting with the MMUA to discuss rumors that they were not going to help plow snow like they had in past years. During the meeting good conversation took place. The MMUA is going to pay their workers to plow certain areas of the township and will be communicating with the township workers during the storm to get things done. The Mayor reported during his first twenty-three days in office a Facebook page was created, which will update residents on township matters. The page was updated today advising court has been cancelled for tomorrow and with information about snow removal. If Councilmembers would like to post information it should be emailed to the Mayor as there is a three person check before information is posted to make sure the information is posted right. We are also trying to respond to citizen questions and have updated the events calendar on the Monroe Township website page with all Township meetings and events so residents can know what is going on. The Mayor reported he promoted Christine Scola, Personnel Assistant/Claims Coordinator to Human Resource Officer, as she has been doing the job of two people for the last four years. Christine has done a tremendous job and is the right person to move us forward in the HR office. The Mayor thanked the Public Works Department and the Parks and Rec Department for taking down the Christmas decorations in a timely manner. He reported tonight Council abolished the Acme Redevelopment Plan, that the Redevelopment Committee will meet soon to discuss new plans for that area and that he has had discussion with developers and is working to get the old Quality Furniture Store demolished. He is also setting up a meeting with Susan Grogan of the Pinelands Commission to discuss our plans for Main Street and our Redevelopment Zones to make sure we are all on the same page in

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regards to compliance. He also reported a meeting was held with Chief McKeown to discuss his plans for staffing and areas of town that are of concern. The Police Department is using a new law enforcement model called *Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)*, which can crunch data and tell them where trouble zones are. They are beginning to use this in their 2015 tactics and some staffing will be needed, which will be included in their upcoming budget. A Main Street Committee was put together and approximately thirteen people attended the first meeting. The Police Chief and both Captains attended and went over their plans and what will be done with the DDACTS Program. The Mayor reported he and the Business Administrator have reviewed the benefits package and have talked to some vendors and will bring the proposals that are coming in to Council. Two vendors have submitted proposals to perform a onetime cleaning of the municipal building and once the building is thoroughly cleaned ceiling tiles in the courtroom will be replaced, the walls will be painted and new carpeting will be installed to improve the building. A part-time employee from the Tax Office will be moving into the Zoning Office but during this tax quarter she will be working in the Zoning Office in the morning and the Tax Office in the afternoon. This will help get the Tax Office through this tax quarter and still give the employee the opportunity to learn the duties of the Zoning Office. Two part-time positions were advertised, one for the Tax Office and the other for the Department of Community Affairs and job applications are now available on line on the Township website. The Mayor reported meeting with the Board of Education engineers regarding the high school basin and noted when he hears "I hope and I think it will" he knows they need to go back to their plans to get them right. He also met with Gerry Moore and Ralph Manfredi of the MMUA regarding the fire hydrant bill. That bill was lowered by \$9,000.00 and it will be revisited again down the road. The Mayor reported a survey, which included the estimated cost, was sent out to Crystal Lake residents to see if they want public sewer extended to that area of town. The information obtained from the survey will allow us to see if we can help those residents. The Mayor reported a list of township owned properties that will be on a future land sale has been prepared, the first Mayor's meeting was held two Fridays ago at 7:30 AM and the second will be held this Friday. The Mayor noted since he has a full time job 7:30 AM meetings work for him. He noted Jim Bonder has developed signs for the Marvin Wagner Church Street Field and they will be brought before the Parks and Rec Commission for their sign-off. He noted he had a meeting with Bob and Jim to discuss employee issues and he will be going to other departments to find out what their needs are as well. The Mayor also thanked his wife for cleaning his office and steam cleaning the carpets, which has made the office much nicer.

Director of Public Safety Jim Smart reported he spoke to all the volunteer chiefs and Mike Calvello and everything is in place for the upcoming storm. If the weather gets bad the volunteers will be in all three main stations and will remain throughout the night if need be. He added much of this was coordinated through the Office of Emergency Management and the chiefs have purchased food for the volunteers that will be working during the storm. **Mayor Teefy** thanked everyone for all they have done to prepare for the storm.

Director of Public Works, Bob Avis reported twenty-five pieces of equipment and the men are ready to go but due to the way this storm has been forecasted the plan is to wait until we have four inches of snow before Public Works begins plowing.

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri noted he stopped in the municipal building on Sunday and ran into Mayor Teefy and his wife who were cleaning the mayor's office and he complimented the Mayor on how good the office looked. Mayor Teefy noted those compliments need to go to his wife, Linda, not to him.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

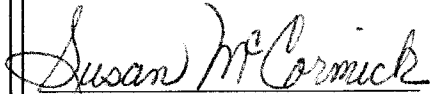
Cncl. Miller made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded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

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G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Heffner and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



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 26, 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
Approved as corrected _____

Date 2/9/15
Date _____