

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:06 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. Miller led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Deacon Jim Hallman of Our Lady of Peace Parish** 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	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel		Excused
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
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk	Present	
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of October 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:171-2015 through R:177-2015 for approval by Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:171-2015 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Associated With The Old Library Located On Main Street For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey (*Preliminary Assessment, Hazardous Materials Assessment, Bidding Services*)

R:172-2015 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Associated With Handicap Ramp Improvements Located Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey (*Final Design/Public Bid, Construction Management/Inspection*)

R:173-2015 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:174-2015 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2015 Body Armor Grant

R:175-2015 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over 2015 Labor Day Program

R:176-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Purchase Of One (1) Labrie 35 Cu. Yd. Expert Helping Hand Mounted On 2016 Peterbilt 320 RH Chassis Under The National Joint Powers Alliance

R:177-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Shared Services Defense Agreement For The Purposes Of Obtaining A Common Expert For The Mt. Laurel Action

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions R:171-2015 through R:177-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Bryson noted he voted in favor of R:177-2015 conditionally and to acknowledge the fact that this is being done in order to work with other communities to find a fair solution for all New Jersey residents in regard to affordable housing in the State. He added he is approving this conditionally in hopes that it will generate a fair share of affordable housing for Monroe Township that is not unreasonable or without good justification.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Dilks**. **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O:36-2015 and O:37-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. 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.

O:36-2015 An Ordinance To Further Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Establishing Rates Of Compensation To Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe (*Code Enforcement Officer - Trainee*)

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

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Ordinance O:36-2015. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:36-2015
5 AYES, 1 NAY (Bryson), 1 ABSTAIN WITH CAUSE (Dilks), 0 ABSENT

Tally: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain with Cause, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:36-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:37-2015 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Land Management" (Review Solar Energy Systems Requirements Fee)

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:37-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:37-2015 - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:37-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Teefy reported speaking with Nydia Han who gave a report Wednesday night on the Channel 6 news about the high water bills residents are receiving. That was placed on Facebook Town Talk and many comments have been going back and forth but we are not trying to get into a social war with this we are just trying to get the information out. He noted in a South Jersey Times article Sunday night he requested people to send him their water history and bill history and so far he has received about twelve emails from rate payers. Some have sent their water history for short periods of time, others for long periods of time and it's difficult to figure out the bill history because a lot of math needs to be done. The Mayor noted he will be getting back to people on this and he noted if anyone questions Council about how to get their water history they can contact his secretary who has a breakdown which shows how to get that information on the MMUA website. Just reviewing bills over a couple of months does not help we need to look at several years of data to see what the trend was. Tomorrow night we will discuss possibly moving forward with the investigation into the water issues people are talking about. Cncl. Dilks questioned how many people are complaining about their water bills. Mayor Teefy replied approximately 100 have complained but now we are asking others to come forward with their information. He added he has asked the MMUA for the month to month bills of all commercial properties in town from January 2012 to date and the top twenty users from May 2012 to date and that data may show us something. In May there was 108 people that used 40,000 gallons or more but we do not know if some of those people always used that much water until we look at their history. Cncl. Dilks questioned if the MUA ever sat down with those rate payers to help them with their usage or see what the problem is. Mayor Teefy replied he questioned the MMUA on whether they look at high water usage for residential and commercial rate payers before bills are sent out to see if they have used that much water in other months and they don't. The MUA only prints and scans through a report of about 9,000 accounts when it would be easier to sort by a query to see who is at the top. The Mayor added he also questioned their testing results but they had none because they just replace meters.

Cncl. Miller and Mayor Teefy presented a Certificate of Recognition to Alyssa Peacock in recognition of being named Miss Atlantic Shores Little Princess.

Cncl. Bryson urged people to drive carefully and watch out for children leaving school now that it is getting dark earlier.

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

Engineer Chris Rehmann thanked Council for adopting Resolution R:171-2015 authorizing him to perform an assessment of hazardous materials in the old Library in order to prepare specifications to get that building demolished. He also reported he is working with the Mayor and Solicitor on bond recalls and he thanked the Solicitor for his unwavering efforts, as it has been a horrendous task dealing with the bonding people for Amberleigh, Marissa Estates and Serenity Woods. He added if the residents of those developments contact Council they should be advised that we are not going to give up, we are going to continue until this is done. Solicitor Fiore advised a December 24th court date is scheduled if they don't finish the project and the court will decide how much money we will get and the judge has advised that he is working on Christmas Eve morning.

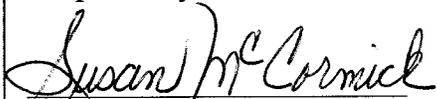
F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

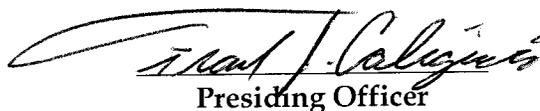
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Bryson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of November 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Cncl. McIlvaine 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 November 9, 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 _____ *SM* _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 11/23/15
Date _____