

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
DECEMBER 28, 2015

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:09 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 **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** 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	Present	
Engineer, Chris Rehmann	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Michael Calvello	Present	
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

• Monroe Township Police Department

Mayor Teefy, Deputy Chief Rumpf and Capt. Farrell recognized Police Officers VanLeer, Sharp, Pintozzi and Heffner for the awards they received while at the Police Academy. Mayor Teefy spoke of interviewing the candidates and of what he learned about the Police Department while working with the interview committee. These four men were chosen to attend the eighteen week academy, which thirty-four people started and twenty-eight graduated. The Mayor noted he attended the graduation ceremonies and was proud to see Officer Heffner leading the procession. He welcomed the new officers to the Police Department and noted they will be a great asset to our community. Deputy Chief Rumpf spoke of how proud he was to watch these men graduate from the academy and receive six of the nine awards given out. He introduced each officer; noting Officer Sharp received the Marksman Award, Physical Fitness Award and Director's Award, Officer Pintozzi received the Admin Merit Award and Officer Heffner received the Physical Fitness Award and also the Class Leader Award, as he basically ran the entire class at the Gloucester County Police Academy for eighteen weeks. Deputy Chief Rumpf congratulated the officers for their accomplishments and noted he was looking forward to working with them. Mayor Teefy spoke of Senator Madden, who runs the academy, commenting that no township has ever had police officers walk away from the academy with that many awards. Mayor Teefy thanked the officers and wished them the best of luck in their careers.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of December 14, 2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Miller 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. 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.

R:200-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend The 2016 Tower Rotation For The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:200-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:201-2015 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting December 28, 2015

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:201-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:202-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Person To Person Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0811-44-018-005 From Pound Cake, LLC T/A Maro Brothers To Williamstown Buy Rite, LLC

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:202-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:203-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Transferring Funds For The Budget Year 2015

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:203-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:204-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Termination Of The Developer's Agreement With Cross Keys Monroe, LLC For Site Plan #444-SP, Block 101, Lots 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:204-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:205-2015 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Termination Of The Developer's Agreement Barclay Glen At Cross Keys, LLC As Nominee Of Pizzo And Pizzo, Inc. For Site Plan #444-SP, Block 101, Lots 3

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:205-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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 Ordinances

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:38-2015 and O:39-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri**. 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:38-2015 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Participating In The Cooperative Business Assistance Program

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:38-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:38-2015 - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:38-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:39-2015 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend chapter 162 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Housing Standards"

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:39-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson**.

Cncl. Heffner questioned whether much of this was changed because of State law. **Solicitor Fiore** replied that is correct.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:39-2015 - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:39-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Bryson wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. He added he would like to see everything that happened this year be put aside so there will be more harmony, more peace, forgiveness and mercy from people as we move into 2016.

Cncl. Dilks thanked the Clerk's Office for the job they did in 2015. He noted he says every year that Sue, Sharon, Aileen and Karen are the best around and it is true. He also thanked all township departments for a job well done; noting that he knows the Road Department will do a great job during the upcoming winter months just like in the past. **Cncl. Dilks** also thanked his colleagues for giving him the opportunity of being Ordinance Committee Chairman, **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** for the job he did and Mayor Teefy for doing an excellent job during his first year as mayor. **Cncl. Dilks** also extended New Year wishes to everyone.

Cncl. DiLucia expressed best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. He also extended his appreciation to the Clerk and her staff for the work they do to help Council function the way it does. He also wished the Mayor and other members of Council a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Cncl. Heffner noted he hoped everyone had a nice holiday and is looking forward to the New Year. He added his first full year on Council has been very interesting. When he first took his seat someone commented that this is an easy job because the town runs itself and there will be no problems. They were right, it is an easy job if you don't care, but if you do, it takes a lot of work, time and energy to see things through. With advice from some of the senior Councilmen,

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the Clerk's Office and the Zoning Office his life has been made a little easier. Council has argued over some things but in the end we do enjoy this and at the end of the day we are still pretty good friends. He thanked everyone for helping him through the transition and noted he looks forward to another three years as a Councilman to keep the momentum going to move the town forward.

Cncl. McIlvaine noted as a retired Monroe Township Police Officer he was very proud when he attended the Police Academy graduation and watched as our officers received award after award. It was also really impressive to see Officer Heffner flawlessly lead the group, as it is not easy to belt out those marches in front of a couple hundred people. Cncl. McIlvaine also thanked the Williamstown Fire Company and the Monroe Township Police Department for using their own time to take Santa around town in the fire trucks. He noted he had the opportunity to drive one of the fire trucks and it was nice to see how the people really enjoyed it. He also thanked the Mayor and the Main Street Committee for the Snowman Contest and noted he is proud of how they are trying to bring back Main Street. He thanked all the residents that purchased Christmas trees from the Fire Company and spoke of how most of the tree buyers are repeat buyers who come out to specifically support the Williamstown Fire Company. As a firemen he appreciates that because everything the firemen do is for the people of this town.

Cncl. Miller echoed Cncl. McIlvaine sentiments regarding Williamstown and Cecil Fire Companies and the Monroe Township Police Department taking Santa around town. Cncl. Miller reported on Saturday, April 30th an Arts Festival will be held on Main Street and he thanked the Mayor for his guidance and for putting together the Main Street Committee, which is a group of energized people who are working constantly to try to draw more people and businesses to Main Street. He also thanked all of the township workers for their guidance; adding they have made this year enjoyable for him. He added he really appreciates being able to go to Kevin to discuss issues and hopes that will continue. He added this has been an interesting year. He loves working with all members of Council even though there have been differences in opinions on certain things but that is what makes Council a strong entity. Council may not agree on everything but will do what is in the best interest of the residents we represent. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted he looks forward to three more years of this.

Mayor Teefy noted this has been a good year, which he has enjoyed. He thanked his staff Kevin Heydel, Sherrie McIlvaine and Christine Scola for doing an excellent job keeping information flowing to him and keeping him on schedule. Kevin has been his backbone and he appreciates everything he did. He added it is who you surround yourself with that makes you look good and he has some good Councilmen, township employees and members of various boards and commissions that really helped out. He thanked the township employees for the job they did this year and spoke of leaf collection schedules being put on Facebook to keep people informed. **Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello** noted most leaves have been picked up but Public Works will be going around again the first week in January to pick up piles that were missed. On January 4th the focus will be on Christmas tree collection and that information will be forthcoming for the Mayor to put on Facebook. The Mayor thanked the residents for participating in the Snowman Contest along Main Street and noted he received credit for that but it was actually Sandy Keen and Chris Milam who held the house decorating and the snowman contest. At first there were not enough snowmen so the township employees and some residents jumped in and made some more. The Mayor also thanked the residents who participated in the House Decorating Contest and Sandy and Chris Milam who organized it and gave out the prizes. The Mayor reported a new business, Rocking Jump, which is a trampoline park, has come in for site plan waivers and hopefully by springtime that will be opening next to the Dollar General Store at the Williamstown Shopping Center. He noted busses and trucks keep hitting the banners along Main Street so they will be turned towards the sidewalk so they won't be needing repair all the time. The Mayor reported a meeting will be held on Wednesday to plan the April 30th Arts Festival and that the Office of Emergency Management has been moved to the Police Department. Chief McKeown will now be the OEM Coordinator. He reported we are still waiting to hear from the State regarding the Fries Mill Road intersection improvements. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** added we will follow up on that the first or second week in January. Mayor Teefy noted we will put the push back on and hopefully in 2016 we will see progress at that intersection. He then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Engineer Chris Rehmann thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the people of the Monroe Township. He noted Monroe Township has an excellent professional staff and he commended the Mayor for appointing Mike Calvello as the Director of Public Works. Mr. Rehmann spoke of working closely with Mike and how nice it is to work with someone who has a combination of solutions and suggestions. Mr. Rehmann also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Director of Public Safety Jim Smart agreed with comments made by Cncl. McIlvaine, noting it was great to see the young Police Officers setting examples right out of the gate. He thanked all the emergency services in the township, noting the groups don't always come together but they get the job done, which makes his job a lot easier. That includes the volunteers as well as the paid staff of EMS and Police Department. Mr. Smart commented that he is looking forward to 2016 and the positive changes made by the Police Department taking over Emergency Management. New personnel is supervising EMS as a whole, which is something that was not done before and he thanked the Mayor for being opened-minded to go down roads that we have not been down before. Mr. Smart also extended New Year wishes to everyone.

Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri reported attending the December 10th Planning Board Meeting but there was nothing to report from that meeting. On December 21st he attended the Environmental Commission Meeting where the Shade Tree Federation gave a presentation. From that he learned Monroe Township is compliant and has maintained an approved status with the New Jersey Shade Tree Act. He also thanked Cncl. McIlvaine, Heffner, Miller, Mayor Teefy, Chuck Fiore and 472 residents that emailed him with encouraging words and support. Law and order prevailed and as it turned out he is not so bad a guy after all. Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri noted it is politically correct to thank everybody arbitrarily but he never did aspire to be a politician, as there is a strange stigma about politicians and used car salesmen. He doesn't want to be either of those; he would rather be an advocate for his neighbors. He went on to say about eleven years ago the Council decided to rotate the position of Council President from year to year so no one served as Council President two years in a row. During those eleven years it was an honor to serve three times as Council President and now he can take his gavel and go home because he doesn't have to worry about serving as Council President next year. He wished the best to whoever is selected as Council President and noted he is here to help as much as he can.

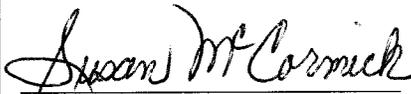
F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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. Heffner and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

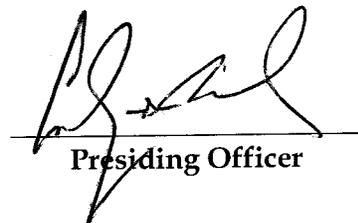
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 28, 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 December 28, 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 1/25/16
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