

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JUNE 13, 2016**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Cody Miller** 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 and also on the Monroe Township website.

**Cncl. Pres., Miller** stated the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet in the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council please sign in and you will be recognized during the Public Portion. Kindly state your name for the record.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**Cncl. Caligiuri** led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Jerry Furniff** of the **Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Walt Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Chris Rehmann, ARH	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Michael Calvello	Present	
Dir. Community Dev., Rosemary Flaherty	Present	
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

**PRESENTATION**

• **Police Promotion Ceremony**

**Chief John McKeown** thanked the Mayor and Council for giving the Police Department the opportunity to promote a deserving officer and called the FOP Honor Guard to present the Colors. Chief McKeown noted Captain Michael LaPorta retired after twenty-five years of service in the Police Department and it is critical to maintain positions of responsibility in the command level to ensure a continuity in the Police Department. He spoke of the Police Department accomplishing many things in the last few years because of the partnership with the Mayor, Council and the Administrative Team. At this time the Chief called forward Lt. Steve Boyd who was to be promoted to the position of Captain and noted that as Captain he will be assigned to lead the Records Division, to be the custodian of records, to lead the community policing function, to be the public information officer and to oversee purchasing and the K-9 Unit. Lt. Boyd is a United States Marine Corp veteran of Operation Desert Storm and has served honorably with the Monroe Township Police Department for twenty-three years. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the New Jersey State Police Command and Leadership Academy, which is a semester long leadership program modeled after West Point and is a graduate of the New Jersey Certified Public Manager Program. Chief McKeown noted twenty-three years ago he had the honor of training Lt. Boyd and right from the beginning he was hard

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to keep up with and has maintained that eagerness and aggressiveness not for just solving crime and helping the public but also for making the Police Department better and we are looking forward to him being part of the Administrative Team. At this time Chief McKeown invited Lt. Boyd's family to the podium while Mayor Teefy administered the Oath of Office promoting Lt. Boyd to the position of Captain of the Monroe Township Police Department. Once congratulations were offered to Capt. Boyd Chief McKeown dismissed the Colors.

- **Spotlight on Business** - Williamstown Chamber of Commerce

**Katherine Falcone, President of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce** thanked Council for allowing her to speak this evening. Ms. Falcone noted she has been self-employed for over twenty years and originally worked and raised her family in Washington Township. She moved to Williamstown about ten years ago, was the builder for her home on North Main Street and opened the SOS Group (Safety Outfitting Services) on the Black Horse Pike. The SOS Group is certified in ADA compliance offering stair lifts for multilevel access, ramps, grab bars and medical equipment to keep a person at home and out of nursing/assisted living facilities. She has seen firsthand what a Chamber of Commerce has offered businesses in the Washington Township area and also what the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce has to offer other businesses in surrounding towns. Not only do they encourage buying local in your town but Chambers provide educational and economic knowledge to sustain business. As a member of the Washington Township Chamber she found many people from Williamstown were attending their events and the Chamber was actively promoting their businesses with those from Washington Township at golf outings and the town directories of businesses that were made available to residents. At the same time she was helping adults and children with muscular dystrophy after she was diagnosed with a rare disease five years ago that slowly robs her of muscle function. She wants to hold the first Muscular Dystrophy Walk in South Jersey, as there seems to be many families affected by ALS and forty-three other diseases that are labeled Muscular Dystrophy. She spoke to Jim Bonder and told him she wanted the walk to go down Main Street so he directed her to the Main Street Committee and that is where she first got involved with Ernie Carbone of the Main Street Committee and the businesses on Main Street. Behind the scenes she realized one of the ways to strengthen could be from the unity of all businesses in town and that is when she thought we really needed a Williamstown Chamber of Commerce. It was born November 2015 and only a few months later we are going strong with about seventy members. Businesses join the Chamber and pay membership dues based on the number of employees employed by the business and this is the main source of income for the Chamber, which is a 501C6 entity with a tax-exempt status. We have a board of directors made up of nine legal business people. The Board of Directors are Annmarie Norton from the Norton Funeral Home, Scott Sileo of Allstate Insurance, Ernie Carbone Chairman of the Main Street Committee, Shannon Morgan Leonen from Investors Bank, Tony Langelo Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and owner of Antony and Cleopatra Caterers, Barbara Berkowitz of the SOS Group and Stephanie Ambroselli of Remax Associates. Cody Miller was also voted in as an honorary member of the Chamber. The Board of Directors serve one to three year terms and at this time we are in need of a Chairman of the Board. The Chamber office is located inside the SOS Group office on the Black Horse Pike and we are actively looking for an office intern and an executive membership director to help guide our membership to keep the Chamber growing. Our events are called Good Morning Williamstown and Talk of The Town and they are basically one and a half hours long with a minimum of two events a month. They take place at a Chamber member's business in an effort to visit and learn what their business is all about. Business people learn from each other and a support system is developed to guide them and to develop valuable relationships. Mayor Dan Teefy has also granted the Chamber the opportunity to welcome and perform the ribbon cuttings for all new businesses locating in Williamstown and the Chamber is asking for continued support from Council to attend these events when possible. While the new business looking for a ribbon cutting does not have to be a Chamber member we believe the business will see the advantages of joining. Also when EDC is talking to new businesses looking to locate in our town smart business owners recognize that a Chamber in town equates to a strong business community. The Chamber sends out a current events email with dates scheduled for the upcoming year and that is updated as events are booked. Our events this year have been held at Dynamic Tint, Mirarchi's Restaurant, Allstate Insurance, the Grand Theater Guys and Dolls Event, BF Landscape Factory, The ARC at Camp

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Sun and Fun and our successful spotlight on Monroe Township that was held in conjunction with the Gloucester County Chamber and the Gloucester County Economic Development Committee. A ribbon cutting is scheduled on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Williamstown Arts Center and Kevin Karcher's Tent Rental is sponsoring a summer barbeque on July 14<sup>th</sup> that will be showcasing all their party items available to rent. Bianca's Kids, a non-profit wish organization for children will hold their ribbon cutting on July 28<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber will host the first Muscular Dystrophy Walk on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and that will be combined with the Vendor Fair being held on Main Street. We are working with a ten person committee that includes people from outside the Chamber to coordinate this event. We still have open dates for business owners interested in joining the Chamber to host an event at their location. A Chamber is a place where people go for tourism or recreation and people call daily looking for good restaurants or a place to hold a child's birthday party. The Chamber has a Facebook page but needs a website developed to list businesses under the categories of what they do, hours of operation, etc. The Chamber would like to ask the town to share any recently acquired information on businesses in town for purposes of going forward with this website. Another idea that would be unique to our town would be to develop a Williamstown tourist and informational center and that could be in a building the town might have vacant that is costing the town money to maintain. In that respect the EDC, the Main Street Committee and the Chamber of Commerce could be moved all to one location because while we are all working on different projects we all have the same purpose and would benefit everyone if we worked together. It could be a central hub where residents could go to get information on events happening in town and general business information. If the tax card program is put into place this could be the place residents go to pick up their tax card and find out all the benefits of buying local. An electronic sign updating residents of what is coming up could be located on the property and businesses could pay to advertise on that sign. The ideas are endless. The Chamber has a unique business logo and our newly adopted slogan is "Work Together Grow Together". This is what we want to do for Williamstown and we believe the Chamber is the perfect complement to the brand initiative recently adopted by the town.

**Cncl. Pres., Miller** noted he attended an event with Ms. Falcone at Washington Township and she said it wasn't right that all the Williamstown businesses were a part of the Washington Township Chamber because it was no benefit to our community. She said she wanted to start one here, which she did and he thanked her for doing that. She noted she would be willing to work on an Informational Center/Visitors Bureau and figure out a way to have it at no cost to the town. While the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit it still has profit so that money could be shared with the Main Street Committee and the EDC and the three committees working together could be successful in helping the town. **Mayor Teefy** felt it is a great idea and indicated we will find a spot for that. Ms. Falcone noted Washington Township or Hammonton don't have this so we would be different and have something new.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Cncl. Bryson** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Pres., Miller** who **Abstained**.

**B.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Cncl. Caligiuri** made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Dudley Butler, 208 Princeton Place**, noted the last time he was here there was a lady mayor who seemed concerned about those living on Princeton Place near Accurate Industries. He spoke of his daughter being rushed to the emergency room several times from the paint fumes we finally got them to put some chimneys up to take away the paint fumes out. He complained about the noise coming from Accurate and how they don't like to hear what he and his neighbors have to say about them polluting the atmosphere. They also said they do not have lead in their paint but after following their trail to two southern states he found they paint with lead. Mr. Butler noted he is retired and lives with his wife under duress because his children do not allow

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their grandchildren to come to their home on weekdays only on Sundays. His children have all found homes outside of this township when most like to live in the community where their parents live and where they went to school. He noted when he said anything about Accurate those people put nails in his tires and he has proof of that because his son-in-law worked there prior to meeting his daughter and told him they were always watching him. Mr. Butler noted there are two young families living on each side of him and it is sad that their children cannot stay in their homes during the day they must go to their grandmother's home. He spoke of several people on his street dying from cancer and noted we have a cancer cluster there. He noted he has lived there since he married his wife twenty-six years and when he first moved there it felt like the foundation of his house was going to breakdown when Accurate Industries would drop their containers. This has continued because Accurate Industries does what they want. They come in at 1:00/2:00 AM and all night we hear a beeper. Mr. Butler stated we maintain our properties and pay high taxes but we will never get our money back from these homes because Accurate Industries has been allowed to exist. He added the only recourse he sees is if someone sues somebody. He questioned whether the township was getting water from somewhere else and if the ground was ever tested over there. He complained that during the winter months he has to get an exterminator because of all the rats and mice coming from there, that containers along the roadway are rotting away, the trees are reaching for the sun on the other side and of the banging coming from the workers using forklifts to pull steel that they let drop to the ground. He questioned whether the welders are certified or if anyone has ever tested the soil or asked them if they were contaminating our community as a whole. He noted he goes to Florida for a few months to get away from this but his wife will not leave because of their grandchildren being close by. He is concerned about this community but those people have no respect or love for the community. Mr. Butler noted he invited the lady mayor to his home and when she came and smelled all the fumes she said she didn't know how we lived there. He added we live in a war zone against a conglomerate who tried to move to a little street in Glassboro where there were two houses owned by his children's grandparents and great grandparents but he went to Glassboro to tell them about the company and Glassboro didn't allow them to go there. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** explained there are three things the township can do. One is Mr. Butler can file a claim with the Police Department that he is being harassed and another is if the property is not being maintained causing rats to infest his property the Code Enforcement Officer and Board of Health can cite them and make them correct that problem. The third thing that can be done is the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection can be contacted to test the air and ground quality. **Solicitor Fiore** noted this matter came to the forefront when Mary Duffy was mayor and the DEP came down and required the owners to install some type of scrubbers on the towers and the problem seemed to go away for a time. Mr. Butler commented that they never installed the scrubbers. He explained he worked in that business and saw scrubbers used in the coal industry to prevent the environment from being effected. Mr. Fiore questioned whether the issue of the fumes has been going on since Mary Duffy was the mayor, which was fifteen years ago. He added this is the first time this Council is hearing about this and we will look into these complaints. **Rosemary Flaherty** advised the property is actually under violation. The house was demolished and the buffer is getting completely replaced. She noted she went through the property with a fine tooth comb and she promised that Mr. Butler will see a significant difference within the next six months. She is in direct contact with the attorney representing them and she agrees the property does not look the way it should and will make sure that it does. Mr. Butler noted that house was a place where drug addicts hung out every Sunday. He noted he would call the police but the drug addicts would climb over the containers to get into the property and the police couldn't get in because the fence was locked. When that house was recently torn down they left a big hole and didn't act until he went over with a camera to take pictures because the kids walking home from school walked past that and could have fallen into the hole. The next day the hole was filled. Mrs. Flaherty noted the demolition was under a different department but it was always supposed to be excavated back to its original state and plantings were to be done there. She noted she has taken notes from what Mr. Butler said and will make sure everything is taken care of. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** noted we will also contact the DEP to request they look into the problem and correct any thing they find. He added he doesn't know if the scrubbers were installed but it seems that after time things cease to exist or deteriorate so we will readdress this matter. Mr. Butler noted they would rather pay fines then fix the problem and they continue to be in violation by working at 2:00 AM. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** noted if they are working at 2:00 in the morning Mr. Butler should contact the Police

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Department because we have a noise ordinance and they can't do that. We had that issue with another business that was operating at 4:00 AM and due to our ordinance they can't do that. Mr. Butler noted they have been nice this past week so maybe someone said something to them but we have been through that before and then they go back. Cncl. Pres., Miller stated Mr. Butler will be advised and updated on any action that takes place regarding Accurate Industries.

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

**C.) CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION**

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to bracket for approval by Consent Agenda Resolutions R:119-2016 through R:127-2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**R:119-2016** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Designating Block 11701, Lots 16, 17 and 19, 229-231 South Main Street And Adjacent Lots, In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, As An Area In Need Of Rehabilitation

**R:120-2016** A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Changing The Designation Of Custodian For The Monroe Township Police Department Records

**R:121-2016** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**R:122-2016** Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Credits Under \$10.00 On Property Taxes In The Township of Monroe

**R:123-2016** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Arawak Paving Co., Inc. For Services Associated With The Winslow Road Resurfacing Project - Phase VII As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

**R:124-2016** Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Consumption With Broad Package Privilege, Plenary Retail Distribution And Club Licenses Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**R:125-2016** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The New Jersey Department Of Transportation FY2016 Safe Routes To School Application For Services Associated With The Blue Bell Road Sidewalk Extension, Phase III

**R:126-2016** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing An Agreement With American Fidelity To Provide Flexible Spending Accounts To The Township Of Monroe Employees Effective July 1, 2016

**R:127-2016** Resolution Approving The Bill For The Council Meeting Of June 13, 2016

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolutions R:119-2016 through R:127-2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:128-2016** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Real Estate Acquisition And Amberleigh Agreement

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D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:128-2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Miller turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Heffner**. Cncl. Pres., Miller made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the ordinances listed for Second Reading. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Pres., Miller made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. McIlvaine and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:31-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Granting Renewed Consent And Permission To South Jersey Gas Company To Use The Public Streets To Furnish Gas For Light, Heat And Power In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**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., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:31-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. McIlvaine.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:31-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN WITH CAUSE (Heffner)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain With Cause, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:31-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:32-2015** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Completion Of Various Capital Improvements At Earling E. Owens Memorial Park In And For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$140,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds, Bond Anticipation Notes Or Other Debt Obligations Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$70,000; 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., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:32-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:32-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:32-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:33-2015** Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Various Pieces Of Equipment And Completion Of Various Capital Improvements In And For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$1,310,000 Therefor; 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 \$1,244,500; 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., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:33-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. McIlvaine.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:33-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally:** 7Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:33-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:34-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Establishing Chapter 232 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Invasive Plants"

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

**Cncl. Dilks** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:34-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Miller**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:34-2015 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

**Tally:** 7Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:34-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:18-2016** An Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Creating Chapter 105, Entitled "Crane Use And Operations"

**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. Dilks** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:18-2016 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:19-2016** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" (*Parking Prince Avenue*)

**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., Miller** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:19-2016 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At this time Council went into Closed Executive Session. Upon reconvening the Regular Council Meeting **Solicitor Fiore** noted Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session regarding acquisition of a property and the Amberleigh Subdivision Bonds. No action was taken this evening but perhaps further action will be taken at the July 2016 meeting.

F.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

**Mayor Teefy** reported Winslow Road will be completed within a couple of weeks. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** added this evening Council awarded the contract and tomorrow the contracts will be prepared and delivered to the contractor. It will take about two weeks for them to get all their bonds and then the preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Mayor Teefy noted as part of that contract Princeton and Gordon Avenues will also be repaired. He reported the old Library is scheduled for demolition. Mrs. Cornforth noted the Atlantic City disconnect is still needed. We thought we would get that this week but it will probably be sometime next week. As soon as that happens they will get all the paperwork together and get the permit from the Construction Office and then the building will be taken down. Mayor Teefy requested to be told when a definite date is received as some newspapers want to do an article about it. He noted an article was in the paper and some people wanted to save the building but due to all the mold and mildew it would cost more to rehab it than it will to take it down and if it was rehabbed there may not be enough confidence in it to run a business there. Hopefully down the road that will be a viable lot for another business. The Mayor reported the Memorial Day Parade was held and

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he thanked the veteran's committee, the Main Street Committee and township workers for working together to make it a wonderful day. He added the sound system will be fixed, it will not be that way next year. The township directory map is nearing completion and residents should be seeing that map come to their homes in July or August. The Music Festival and Honor Flight were held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor thanked Pam Pontano and her group for what they do for the veterans. The Music Festival went very well with approximately 10,000 people attending. The Sensational Soul Cruisers did a fantastic job and the Sugar Rush Rocks a local group from town were also great. The Rotary Club did not get 1,000 people to participate in the Shaving Cream Pie Contest but they had a fantastic time. The Mayor noted he got hit pretty good and so did Cncl. Miller and Dilks. He reported the next day he was invited to attend St. Matthews Church along with other dignitaries including Washington Township's Mayor, Senators Madden and Sweeney, Congress Norcross and Assemblyman Moriarty. They presented everyone with plaques and honored us for our dedication to public service. The Mayor reported attending a meeting for Project Graduation Meeting where he was presented with a plaque honoring him for helping them. He noted he donated all the money he received for performing marriages, which was over \$6,100.00, plus funds from the inaugural ball so close to \$10,000.00 has been donated to Project Graduation since he has taken office. Mayor Teefy noted he is one of the oldest people there and has been associated with Project Graduation for twenty years and will run the basketball events after graduation on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Scaffolding is up at Geets Diner and repairs are beginning after the issue was taken to court. The Mayor noted Williamstown has been receiving a lot of good press lately and we have a new Williamstown logo. The Come Grow With Us campaign that came out a few years ago has been added to with a nice logo that features the name Williamstown. We are meeting with the Inquire on Wednesday to do an article on the town, we had an article in the Courier Post and the Philadelphia Biz Magazine. This logo will be an immediate recognizable identifier for the community and a valuable asset to promote the town. We have approximately 200 car magnets of the logo that will be distributed to the public to hopefully get some viable business here.

**Cncl. Bryson** reported attending the Board of Health Meeting where a variance was approved for a resident to have four dogs. Another issue came up about mosquitos and the danger of the Zika Virus especially to young pregnant women. He noted if residents have a problem with mosquitos they should call the Board of Health who will contact the Gloucester County Mosquito Commission or residents can call the County directly. He reported the Historical Society needs volunteers and he invited residents to attend their meeting on the first Thursday of the month. He urged residents to drive safely due to children out playing during the summer months and wished everyone a great summer.

**Cncl. Caligiuri** reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Issues discussed were Freedom Auto Sales taking over 1982 Black Horse Pike from James Motors, Cross Keys Sky Diving taking over Free Fall Adventures and adding a café and the proposed reconstruction of an antique and repair shop at 1645 Glassboro Road that was previously destroyed by fire. Cncl. Caligiuri also reported he attended the Redevelopment Committee Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cncl. Dilks** reported he had the opportunity to walk in the Memorial Day parade and the veterans were pleased to see that it was well attended from one end of Main Street to the other. Main Street looked awesome with the flags and everything went well except for the microphone but everyone worked through that so it a nice day. The Music Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup> was an amazing day, as people kept coming all day long. Cncl. Dilks showed a picture of Sue McCormick covered in shaving cream from the Rotary Shaving Cream Pie Contest and noted he would put \$10 up anytime to do that again. He noted June 7<sup>th</sup> was Election Day and he congratulated Rich DiLucia from Ward 2, Ron Garbowski from Ward 3 and Joe Marino from Ward 4. He noted Ward 1 is not settled and will not be settled for a while because the vote was tie. He commented on how the two campaigns were run; noting we were gentlemen and have a mutual respect for each other and people should look at that as a way to run against each other. Cncl. Dilks noted we didn't say anything dirty or tell lies we let the voters do the talking and at the end of the day the vote he had 478 and Rick Coe had 476; he was ahead by two votes. The provisional ballots were counted on Friday and Rick received two votes so the vote is now tie, 478 to 478. After four months of walking and knocking on doors that is what it came down to. Cncl. Dilks noted he will be requesting a recount, as he wants every legal vote to count. He told Rick that and they shook hands and wished each other good luck. He added there are rumors out on the street so

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

he wanted everyone to hear this from him. He then thanked those who supported him during his re-election campaign.

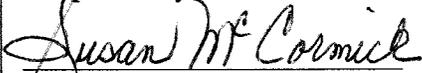
Cncl. DiLucia reported attending the Memorial Day Parade and noted it was well attended, much better than last year but not as well as it could be. People might make an effort to attend for an hour if they realized how important the day is to those who served this County. A World War II veteran in his nineties was next to him and he was so proud to be there it was like he felt he was being individually honored. It is an important day worth going to. He added the only problem was the sound system and that needs to be replaced because it kept going out and the girl singing couldn't be heard. Cncl. DiLucia noted he went to the Music Festival and can't say enough nice things about it because everyone had a great time. The music was great, there were many vendors and lots of food and entertainment. He noted like Cncl. Dilks he spent the last three or four months talking to people while campaigning and he has a much clearer idea of what the residents are concerned with. People are hurting economically and want us to hold the line on taxes and address the abandoned houses in our neighborhoods. He noted he tried to reassure the people that employees are doing the best they can to work on that problem because those home are a blight we want to eliminate from this town. The people who lost their homes are not the problem, it's the banks that gave them mortgages that they never should have been given and they need to be the solution. Another thing residents are concerned about is the speeding in the neighborhoods and he told them that speed humps are not going to happen because they do not work. He told them hopefully the engineers will come up with a solution to make people go slower but the bottom line is we have to educate the people using our communities near main arteries as shortcuts to drive sensibly. No one likes to enforce but we will have to get our Police Department to dedicate some time for that effort done during peak hours when people are rushing to work in the morning or going home at night. We need to identify the locations and the times and then we can maximize our efforts. Basically those are the issues people are concerned about and other than that people are satisfied with our efforts and they understand there are limitations. We need to be cognizant that there are priority issues and economic barriers that we have to deal with that are financially difficult to address and we need to find a way to do that. The turn out of voters in this State was historical. It was one of the best turnouts there ever was in this town. He added that is good because it means more people are putting some effort and thought into the election so we are getting further away from a popularity contest and getting into more of an interest contest. He thanked everyone who came out and voted regardless of how they voted. He added he was honored to be elected for a third term and felt that everyone ran a classy, honest, pure campaign. No one tainted anyone or through mud at anybody and for that he is thankful. He added it was an honor for him to run and he thanked the voters who voted for him and noted he looks forward to serving the residents over the next four years.

Director of Community Development, Rosemary Flaherty reported Community Development is actively promoting all the commercial properties for sale in the township on LinkedIn and people are contacting her to ask questions about the properties.

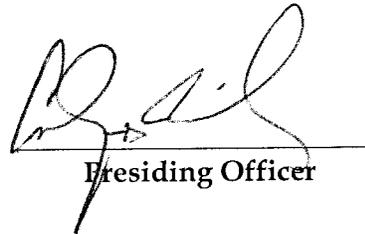
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Bryson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan McCormick, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
Residing Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2016 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 7/11/16  
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