

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:15 PM by **Cncl. Pres., 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 **Gerald Furness of Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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| Cncl. Frank Caligiuri | Present | |
| Cncl. Marvin Dilks | Present | |
| Cncl. Rich DiLucia | Present | |
| Cncl. Bob Heffner | Present | |
| Cncl. Bart McIlvaine | | Excused |
| Cncl. Pres., Cody D. Miller | Present | |
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| Mayor Daniel Teefy | Present | |
| Solicitor Charles Fiore | Present | |
| Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel | | Excused |
| Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth, 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 | Present | |
| Police Chief John McKeown | Present | |
| Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick | Present | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of October 24, 2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and approved by **Cncl. Caligiuri, DiLucia and Heffner**. **Cncl. Dilks and Miller** Abstained and **Cncl. McIlvaine** was absent.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to bracket for Consent Agenda Resolutions R:210-2016 and R:217-2016 through R:227-2016 with the exception of R:226-2017 that was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:210-2016 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of November 14, 2016

R:217-2016 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To The Municipal Engineer For Phase I Closure Activities For The Landfill Located Within The Township Of Monroe

R:218-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, Supporting Senate Bill 2663 and Assembly Bill 4234

R:219-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Transport Agreement Between Monroe Township And Virtua Health, Inc.

R:220-2016 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:221-2016 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable Balance 2013 *Municipal Alliance Grant*

R:222-2016 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable And/Or Appropriation Balance

R:223-2016 Resolution Canceling Various Grant Fund Reserves

R:224-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Approving The Bus Stop Locations Within The Township Of Monroe Recommended By The New Jersey Department Of Transportation

R:225-2016 Resolution Canceling Grant Receivable Balance 2013 *Emergency Management Assistance Grant*

R:226-2016 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss B & B Litigation And Summerfields West Affordable Housing (**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**)

R:227-2016 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe Planning Board To Conduct A Preliminary Investigation To Establish A Condemnation Redevelopment Area Within The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolutions R:210-2016 through R:227-2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Solicitor Fiore noted without going into great detail he wanted to report upon two issues. He referred to the correspondence Council received regarding the B & B litigation and noted he thought a conference call with Judge Curio would be held prior to this meeting to discuss the legal ramifications of the case but that did not occur. It has been rescheduled for one day next week so it will be more productive to report on this matter at the next Council Meeting in closed session. In regards to the Summerfields West affordable housing the committee met with the developer's attorney who was supposed to have the draft settlement agreement to him prior to this meeting but that has not been received so that matter will also be addressed at the next Council Meeting in closed session.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT

Mayor Teefy appointed Christina Unipan to the Alternate # 1 position and Rebecca Budney to the Alternate # 2 position on the Economic Development Commission.

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MAYOR APPOINTMENT *cont'd*)

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Mayor Teefy appointed **Charlene Maycott** to the unexpired term ending December 31, 2018 and **Katrina Blong** to the vacant position expiring December 31, 2017 on the Municipal Alliance Commission.

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Municipal Alliance Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Mayor Teefy administered the Oath of Office to **Katrina Blong** as a member of the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance Commission.

D.) 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 meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak regarding the ordinances listed for First Reading. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Director of Public Safety Jim Smart questioned why Ordinance O:35-2016 was needed since there is a double yellow line along the pike that makes it illegal to make a left hand turn. **Solicitor Fiore** explained there was an attempt by the Police Department to issue a local violation with a monetary penalty rather than giving a person making a left turn from the pike into Walmart a violation that would give them penalties and surcharges through Motor Vehicles. The State sent a letter indicating our ordinance was preempted by State Statute. Now people will get a ticket for an improper turn and under State Statute they will get points and surcharges. The bottom line is under local ordinance the State gets no money from fines but under State Statute they get half the fine. **Cncl. Heffner** questioned whether this also includes a left hand turn into Peter's Diner. Mr. Fiore replied no because that has not been brought to the attention of the State at this point in time. Mr. Fiore went on to explain the Ordinance refers to three different left hand turns from the pike. One into Forest Hills, one into Peter's Diner and then the one into the Walmart and the only one being rescinded at this time is the one at the Walmart. The local ordinance gives the police a tool to cite people without them getting points or surcharges.

With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. Pres., Miller** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:34-2016 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Conveyance Of Municipal Lands Not Needed For A Public Purpose To Friends Of Victory Lakes Association For Valid Public Purpose

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. Caligiuri made a motion to approve Ordinance O:34-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:35-2016 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" (*Section 267-58.4 Schedule XXIX Prohibited Left Turns*)

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:35-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:36-2016 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" (Section 267-55 Schedule XXII Bus Stops)

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:36-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Heffner had no report but commented that Whitehall Road (*recently paved*) looks fantastic.

Mayor Teefy commended Kathryn Cornforth and Mike Calvello for pointing out that Whitehall Road definitely needed to be repaved and thanked everyone who attended the Veteran's Day Ceremonies on Friday night. He reported that he would be attending a luncheon at the League of Municipalities to pick up an award for Sustainable Jersey and that he attended Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Holiday City on November 5th with a number of Council members and the Deputy Mayor. He noted that ceremony was very moving due to the stories of a veteran.

Kathryn Cornforth reported while there is still no word on the status of the NJDOT approval for Rt. 322 and Fries Mill Road her office has moved forward and contacted the utility companies and a meeting was held with Verizon and Atlantic City Electric to get a ballpark of what it will cost to move all the lines. The next step is to get South Jersey Gas to confirm that they don't need anything and then we will meet with the MMUA.

Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello reported Whitehall Road has been milled and overlaid from the Black Horse Pike to Lakeside Drive and that has resolved many of the problems on the bridge area. The road has been completed and now we are getting prices for stripping.

Director of Community Development, Rosemary Flaherty thanked Scott White and all those who attended on Saturday and helped put the food baskets together from The Holiday Food Drive for the needy. She also thanked the veterans for raising money from a hoagie sale on Saturday.

Cncl. Pres., Miller thanked the Mayor, Main Street Chairman Ernie Carbone and Rosemary Flaherty for the work they did for the "Grow With Williamstown Tour", which was a success. Many people got to see the township and there was a nice article in the Courier that focused on numbers that will show businesses that they should come grow with us.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

William Blong noted he recently ran for Council and from the political pack of "The Friends of DeFelice and Blong and Monroe Republicans for Working Families" he had two checks to donate to the township one for the Monroe Township K-9 Foundation and one for the Monroe Township Municipal Alliance. Council thanked Mr. Blong for the donations.

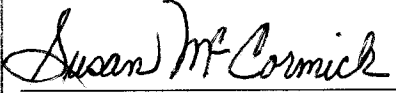
With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. Heffner** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

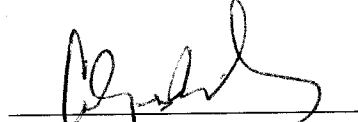
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G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. Heffner** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 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


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 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.

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Date 11/28/16
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