

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
DECEMBER 12, 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., 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. DiLucia led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Jeff Tilden of Cross Keys United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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

PRESENTATION

- Presentation to Cncl. Frank Caligiuri

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres. Miller** presented **Cncl. Caligiuri** with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift in recognition of his dedicated service as a Councilman for the last twelve years. **Cncl. Caligiuri** extended his appreciation for the recognition and stated it has been an honor to serve his neighbors and friends in this community.

- Certificates of Recognition - "Active Shooter Participation"

Mayor Teefy, Cncl. Pres., Miller, Chief McKeown and **Sgt. DeHart** presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Sunrise Rotary, Police Explorers and township employees who participated in the Active Shooter Drill held on Thursday, September 29th.

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• **Presentation of Check to FOP**

Mayor Teefy noted during Thanksgiving the Williamstown Middle School reached out to the township for help in providing about 200 families with food for Thanksgiving. Rosemary Flaherty asked him if the township could help so we reached out to our employees, residents and business owners and were able to put over 80 food bags together for those families. The Mayor then presented Officer Clidy of the Monroe Township FOP, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Costello of the Williamstown Middle School with a check in the amount of \$842.00 from the money left over from those Thanksgiving donations. Officer Clidy accepted the check and noted the money will be used to purchase toys for tots.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted to the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of November 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Garbowski 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. Heffner 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.

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to bracket for approval by Consent Agenda Resolutions R:235-2016 through R:242-2016 with the exception of R:242-2016 that was removed from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:235-2016 A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Changing The Designation Of Custodian For The Monroe Township Police Department Records

R:236-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester Accepting An Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Grant

R:237-2016 Resolution And Notice Of Council Work Sessions, Regular Council Meetings And Ordinance Committee Meetings Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2017

R:238-2016 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2016 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - Labor Day

R:239-2016 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2016 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

R:240-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement For Use Of Community Development Block Grant Funds Between Gloucester County, New Jersey And The Township Of Monroe In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 For Installation Of ADA Compliant Automated Doors At The Pfeiffer Community Center And Township Municipal Building Within The Township Of Monroe

R:241-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Safe And Secure Communities Grant Program SFY2017 Application For Funding For Additional Law Enforcement Personnel Within The Township Of Monroe

R:242-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Consenting To The Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment Entitled Smithfield Estates, Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. 130007, Gloucester County Utilities

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

Authority Wastewater Management Plan Proposed Amendment To The Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

R:243-2016 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:244-2016 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss The B & B Litigation And A Personnel Issue *Chapter 65-17 Extension of Disability Benefits*

R:245-2016 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 2016 Walmart Community Grant Store #3774 - Police Department

R:246-2016 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of December 12, 2016

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:235-2016 through R:246-2016 (R:242-2016 was removed). The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

D.) ORDINANCES

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Caligiuri reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, December 8th. Site plan waivers were granted for Motor Cross Mechanical Services located at 6 West Black Horse Pike, for Fitness Kick Boxing Studios located at 6 West Black Horse Pike and for a Tax Preparation Office at 1085 North Black Horse Pike. A major subdivision was also approved for Grandview Mews for 78 single family attached homes and one two story single family detached home located on Grandview Avenue. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted this is his last meeting and he thought it would be appropriate to recognize people that affected his success as a councilperson. **Cncl. Caligiuri** introduced and extended best wishes to Joe Marino who will be the Ward 4 councilperson and spoke of working with Mayor Mary Duffy, Jack Luby, Mike Gabbianelli and Mayor Teefy while he was a councilperson. He shared his sentiments regarding councilmembers he served with over the years including Loretta Winters, Len Dramesi, Rich Gledhill, Winnie Sharp, Kathy Simon, Bill Julio, Shawn Rutter, Rick Coe, Dave Cornell, Bob Schober, Tony Ayers, Ron Garbowski, Bill Sebastian, Marvin Dilks, Walter Bryson, Rich DiLucia, Bob Heffner, Cody Miller, Bart McIlvaine. He spoke of working with Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, Assemblywoman Gabriela Mosquera, Senator Steve Sweeney, Senator Fred Madden, Deptford Township Mayor Paul Medany, Washington Township Mayor Barbara Wallace, Gloucester Township Mayor Dave Mayer, Freeholders Heather Simmons, Frank DeMarco, Joe Chila, Bob Damminger, former Washington Township Councilman Giancarlo D'Orazio, Assemblyman Doug Fisher, Congressman Rob Andrews, Senator Bill Bradley, Superintendent of Monroe Township Schools Robert Terrell, Bill Gilson Republican Candidate for Council, Mike Milam head of the Democrat Committee and Chairman of the MMUA and noted he got to know Pennsylvania Governor Ed Randell when he was Philadelphia District Attorney. He spoke of his accomplishments including founding the Victory Lakes Association along with Mike and Dee D'Angelis and Barry Straga, working with the Lower Victory Lakes Property Association and the Diamond Lakes Association regarding their dams and helping Gloucester County 4-H Association obtain property in Monroe Township for their Nature Preserve. As a Planning Board member he changed the requirements of building lots in the R-2 Zone to one acre and helped advance legislation for the development of age-restricted zoning, which minimizes the impact of student population. He advanced the dedication of the Petro Kiryk Property as open space, developed a way to stabilize electric power and minimize outages in the lake area, created the Economic Development Committee, developed legislation to guarantee a minimum of open space funds to be used for the acquisition of new open space and served on numerous committees including the Gloucester County Improvement Authority. He noted over the last twelve years he served as Council President three times and changed physically, mentally and spiritually and

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learned a lot by listening. He went on to say elected officials know they are doing a good job voting their conscience and being objective in their decision making process when people go back and forth being a friend and enemy.

Cncl. Dilks noted in 2005 he, Bill Julio, Frank Caligiuri and Walt Bryson were four rookie councilmen but we learned quickly and it has been an honor to work next to Cncl. Caligiuri. He extended best wishes to Cncl. Caligiuri wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Cncl. DiLucia noted eight years ago when he was getting ready to take office and really didn't know what was in store for him he received a letter from Cncl. Caligiuri along with a book of Robert's Rules of Order and even though he had had years of experience with this book he called Cncl. Caligiuri and thanked him for the gesture. Much of that conversation was about voting your conscience, not going along with the crowd and doing what you think is right. Many times we have been on different sides of issues, have had disagreements as well as agreements and served on many committees together. He noted Frank did a good job, as he served with his heart and believed in whatever it was he did. Sometimes when legislating it becomes a very emotional debate that becomes a war of words and people say things they regret but all of us are here for the same reason. Cncl. DiLucia noted contrary to what Cncl. Caligiuri said he (*Cncl. DiLucia*) does like him even though there have been times when he wanted to strangle him. He added he hopes they will remain friends, he hates to see him go and wishes him all the luck in the future.

Cncl. Garbowski noted Cncl. Caligiuri served the residents of Monroe Township very well and he thanked him for that service. He also extended holiday wishes and a happy, healthy New Year.

Cncl. Heffner noted it has been a privilege working with Cncl. Caligiuri for the last two years. Cncl. Caligiuri taught him many things and told him to vote his conscience and since he seems to be aggravating a lot of people he must be doing that. He added we do get emotional and some days you do want to choke people up here but we have to keep in mind that we are all trying to do what is right for the town. He congratulated Cncl. Caligiuri on his retirement from Council and extended best wishes for the future. Cncl. Heffner also wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Cncl. McIlvaine noted Cncl. Caligiuri has done an awesome job and is very calm, intelligent and knowledgeable about many things and the town is better because he served. He added he has learned a lot from Cncl. Caligiuri and at times when he gets heated during discussions envies him and Cncl. DiLucia who keep their calm while getting their point across. He added he wished Cncl. Caligiuri was staying on Council and hopes he stays involved. He wished him well and also extended holiday wishes and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Teefy reported the Sunrise Rotary held a very nice meet and greet at Mirarchi's and a Wreath Ceremony was held on December 3rd at the Veteran's Cemetery. Instead of parking at the cemetery cars parked at the school and the township ran a bus service back and forth to the cemetery. The police handled traffic control and the flow was so much better than during the Memorial Day Ceremony. Later that morning the rink at Owens Park was dedicated to RJ Amadeo. That ceremony was very well attended, which was nice for his family. RJ (*Richard*) was dedicated to this town and we will always remember him with the rink. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony also took place that night and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived on the fire truck. The Mayor commended the volunteers and the Parks and Rec Department for doing an outstanding job and extended a special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Library Christmas Dinner was held last week and he commended the library staff for doing a wonderful job. He noted he is looking for someone to be the Mayor's proxy to the Library Board, as that position was formerly held by Cncl. Garbowski. He also urged residents to support a new business Muscle Maker Grill that just opened next to Rush Fitness. The Mayor thanked Cncl. Caligiuri for his dedication to Monroe Township; noting he was always passionate, thoughtful of everyone and did a tremendous job. The Mayor wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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Solicitor Fiore noted he first met Cncl. Caligiuri when there was a phantom poet from the lakes writing political literature for Mary Duffy when she was running for mayor. The literature was pretty innovative, catchy and caught everyone's attention and Mary was elected Mayor. When he finally met the poet he knew he was destined to run for political office especially in Monroe Township and over the years there have been many accomplishments, debate, disagreement and he has had to be the referee during Work Session Meetings. He added we have learned from one another and we do things together as a team. He added a couple of quotes he has utilized with Cncl. Caligiuri over the years is stop sending emails as a councilperson and even if we are wrong always be consistent. He thanked Cncl. Caligiuri for his service to the township and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel noted it has been a pleasure working with Cncl. Caligiuri over the last twelve years. He added we have accomplished a lot together, he will miss him and wished him the best that life has to offer in the future. Mr. Heydel also wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Engineer Chris Rehmann noted in his position he sees many councilmembers trying to serve their communities but would use Cncl. Caligiuri as an example of how they should dedicate themselves to the residents. He added Cncl. Caligiuri works for a water treatment company and as the engineer in several towns he has relied upon Frank's knowledge to ensure the health safety and welfare of people. He noted in his opinion the best service Cncl. Caligiuri gave to this community is by being on the Planning Board because he was dedicated, thoughtful, fair and inspirational. At times it is difficult to think about what should be done but Cncl. Caligiuri has that imagination and the people of Monroe Township should thank him. Mr. Rehmann noted as a professional he appreciated that and even though we didn't always agree we could debate over a subject we never debated over each other and we could always walk away. Mr. Rehmann offered his best wishes to Cncl. Caligiuri in his next endeavor and on behalf of the residents of Monroe Township thanked him for his service. Mr. Rehmann also wished all Monroe Township employees and residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello wished Cncl. Caligiuri good luck in all future endeavors and extended Christmas wishes to everyone else.

Director of Community Development, Rosemary Flaherty noted it has been a pleasure working with Cncl. Caligiuri, wished Cncl. Pres., Miller a Happy Birthday and extended best wishes for a happy holiday to everyone.

Cncl. Pres., Miller reported he attended along with the Mayor the joint drug reality forum with Washington Township, which was an eye opening experience. He thanked the members of the Monroe Township and Washington Township Municipal Alliances for coming together to try to resolve the drug issues in the townships. Cncl. Pres., Miller thanked Cncl. Caligiuri for all the advice he gave him two years ago when he didn't know the roles and responsibilities of a councilman. He added as Council Vice-President he had a wonderful time working with Cncl. Caligiuri, respects his decision making process and the way he always sticks to his principles and what he values and he thanked him for his service. Cncl. Pres., Miller noted this is the last meeting of the year and his last meeting as Council President. He thanked the members of Council for giving him the opportunity to serve as Council President, as he really enjoyed serving in this role and noted he looks forward to working with and accomplishing great things with the next Council President. He extended a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Giancarlo D'Orazio wished Cncl. Pres., Miller a Happy Birthday and presented a bouquet of flowers to Cncl. Caligiuri as a token of appreciation for his service and for their friendship.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Rena' Morrow on behalf of the NAACP of Gloucester County # 2345 and Loretta Winters, President of the NAACP presented Cncl. Caligiuri with a proclamation in recognition of his service as a community leader.

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fiore noted Council concluded a Closed Executive Session where he reported on the status of the B & B litigation. No action will be taken with respect to that particular subject matter. There is another item and Resolution R:247-2016 will be added to the Regular Council Meeting agenda for formal action to be taken.

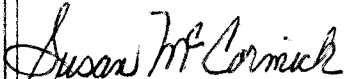
R:247-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Memorializing Motion To Extend Special Considerations To Wayne Jeffrey Rocco

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:247-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** 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 12, 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 _____ *AW* _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 1/10/17
Date _____