

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michele Schreffler - Perez at 7:19pm in the 1<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Monroe Township Free Public Library. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Michele Schreffler - Perez led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**, Jeanette Remsen, Donna Gaudio, Sue Pace, Michele Perez, Jamie Rebecca, Elaine Moore-Wright, Charlene Maycott, Patricia Covington, Jose Lugo, Cody Miller, Joe Clidy, Quandell Iglesia, Andy Pease

**Absent:** Chris Scott

**Excused:** Amanda Potopchuk, Robert Centola, John Tucker

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Donna made motion to approve the April minutes with corrections, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, floor closed.

**Old Business:**

Donna motion to open old business, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, all in favor, floor open.

- The forum May 11<sup>th</sup> was very successful
- John got the signs for advertising, Donna and Andy did a great job getting this event planned and executed.
- Dr. D was getting choked up watching her son act out the accident scene
- Quandell said from the kids feedback from the high school was it was the best assembly that they have been to.
- Donna said that she is getting more kids coming to her about their friends at school.
- Michele said we need to change the “normal” mindset from the elementary level and confirm the teaching at the middle school & high school level.
- Pat said it’s great that we are getting the word out and we are doing it more often.
- Jeanette noted that we have done more in the last 2 years with the Municipal Alliance Commission, than they did in the 10 years she had been on it.

Jamie motion to closed old business, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor closed.

**New Business:**

Patricia motion to open new business, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor opened.

Lead day:

- Officer Clidy – June 14<sup>th</sup> at Owens Park 9am-12pm, rain date June 15<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> graders BBQ lunch, inflatables, photo booth, water ice.

- Jamie said we need to be there with a table and be present. What do we need to do to be there?

#### Music Festival:

- Jeanette asked if Michele filled out the paperwork yet for Music Festival?
- Michele requested Tiffany send paperwork to her for Music Festival.

#### Senior Prom:

- June 16<sup>th</sup> at the High school
- Quandell is putting a flyer together for it with Donna.
- Orders will be placed with Fun express vendor, theme is the night at the movies

#### More education:

- Michele wants to see if the Municipal Alliance Commission can be added onto report cards?
- Charlene said can we have something that gets sent out with the elementary school paperwork i.e. bus schedules registers for kindergarten teachers, welcoming letters?
- Maybe having a table set up at kindergarten registration?
- Joe suggested the human rope, All people that have been affected by drugs, they all line up throughout a busy road in town and wear all the same shirts and set up tables to educate the people about the rope and have give a ways.

#### National Night Out

- Sue asked did we decide where the National Night Out will be held at and on what date?
- All in favor for moving it to Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> with a possible Baseball tournament?
- 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes
- Having it at Owens instead of Pfeiffer Community Center
- 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes
- Quandell smile, flash, print reached out to him to see if we want to use them again.
- Michele asked if anyone can donated an enclosed trailer, Andy said to reach out to Sam's club and asked them for a donation.
- Michele and Donna spoke about the new housing for long term help. Amazing Grace church on RT 47 & Delsea Rd, the old camp ground with 267 acres. 1 section for Vets, 1 section for Women, 1 section for men, etc...

Jeanette made a motion to close new business, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor closed.

#### **Treasure Report:**

Sue Motion to open Treasure Report, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor opened.

Minutes for Tiffany was paid. Donna, Michele & Jeanette need to meet and go over the transition for Treasure. No other invoices at this time.

Jeanette made a motion to close Treasure Report, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor closed.

#### **Public**

Pat made a motion to open to the public, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor opened.

John Fisona:

- Michele introduced John Fisona; a guest speaker from Maryland to our meeting. He gave a brief synopsis of his background. He was a commissioner and then he was the mayor for 12 years. He made a Mayor's Drug Task Force to try and stop the drugs. He is very impress with what we are doing because we are in the schools educating the young

children and in Maryland they are not allowed. He would like to exchange ideas with us, we can help him and they can help us "pick each other's brains".

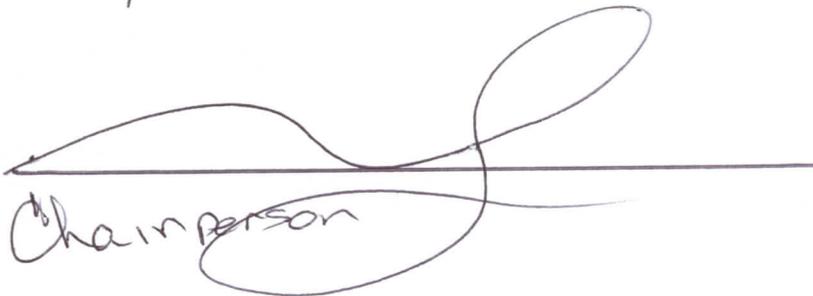
- Charlene asked do you have people in the town to help out.
- Donna said everything is run in Maryland by county and there are no townships down there.
- Joe explained that's why he put together the Mayor's Drug Task Force to get all the Mayors involve and fight the drug problem. They also have a 1% bail.
- Andy Pease said we have had that too but 450 drug arrest in 2 years in Monroe twp. We need there to be mandatory rehab for help.
- Cody said the government doesn't want to fund the recovery process.
- Michele said that communication is the key, getting the word out there to parents and kids and having the forums showing people the problem is all around and what the warning signs are. Other counties are doing the forums too because they have seen our success with it.
- Cody thanked the Municipal Alliance Commission for doing the best job. He gets to travel and different people are always asking him how we are "doing it" our numbers are down and that's amazing.
- Sue suggestion for Joe was to come up the National Night Out and see firsthand what we do and get a better idea how we educate.

Donna made a motion to close to the public, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, floor closed.

**Adjourn**

Donna made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> it, all in favor, floor closed  
9:00pm meeting was close.

V-APPROVED

  
Chairperson

7/18/14  
Date