

**MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JANUARY 2, 2011**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Council of the Township of Monroe was called to order by **Township Clerk, Susan McCormick** at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex as 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e: Gloucester County Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

**SALUTE TO FLAG AND INVOCATION**

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** lead the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **V.J. Agnesino** offered the Invocation.

**B.) SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

**Township Clerk, Susan McCormick** welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting and Swearing in Ceremony for the year 2011.

**Mayor**

Mrs. McCormick requested **Mayor-Elect Michael Gabbianelli** come forward to the podium with his family. **New Jersey Senator Fred Madden** administered the oath of office to **Mayor-Elect Gabbianelli** while his grandson **Michael** held the Bible and his wife **Janet**, son **Michael** along with his wife **Tara** and daughter **Haley** looked on.

**Council-At-Large Members**

Mrs. McCormick requested **Council-Elect Ronald Garbowski** come forward to the podium with his family. **New Jersey Senator Fred Madden** administered the oath of office to **Council-Elect Ronald Garbowski** while his wife, **Kathy** held the Bible. **Cncl. Garbowski** was asked to take his seat at the podium.

Mrs. McCormick requested **Council-Elect William Sebastian** to come forward to the podium with his family. **New Jersey Senator, Fred Madden** administered the oath of office to **Council-Elect William Sebastian** while his wife **Janet** held the Bible. **Cncl. Sebastian** was asked to take his seat at the podium.

Mrs. McCormick requested **Council-Elect Daniel Teefy** to come forward to the podium with his family. **Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** administered the oath of office to **Council-Elect Daniel Teefy** while his children **Madison** and **Daniel** held the Bible and his wife **Linda** looked on. **Cncl. Teefy** was asked to take his seat at the podium.

**ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Bryson  
Cncl. Caligiuri  
Cncl. Dilks  
Cncl. DiLucia  
Cncl. Garbowski  
Cncl. Sebastian  
Cncl. Teefy

Mayor Gabbianelli  
Clerk, Susan McCormick  
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Weed

**C.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for President of Council. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**C.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (cont'd)**

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Cncl. Marvin Dilks as President of Council. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri. With no one else wishing to make a nomination Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to cast the vote for Cncl. Marvin Dilks as Council President. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council. Cncl. Marvin Dilks was duly approved as Council President for the year 2011.

New Jersey Senator Fred Madden administered the oath of office to Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks while his grandson Michael held the Bible.

Outgoing Cncl. Pres., William Sebastian presented the incoming Council President, Marvin Dilks with the gavel Mary Mazza Duffy donated in 2001 to all future Council Presidents.

**D.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Cncl. Frank Caligiuri as Council Vice-President. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski. With no one else wishing to make a nomination Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to close nominations for Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to cast the vote for Cncl. Frank Caligiuri as Vice-President of Council. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council. Cncl. Frank Caligiuri was duly approved as Council Vice-President for the year 2011.

At this time New Jersey Senator Fred Madden administered the Oath of Office to Cncl. Vice-Pres., Frank Caligiuri while his wife, Elaine held the Bible.

**E.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO OPEN GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion to open General Public Discussion was duly approved.

With no one wishing to speak Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**F.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Michael Gabbianelli noted his appointments would be made at the first Regular Council Meeting in January and until then everyone would be a holdover. Solicitor Fiore advised everyone could be a holdover with the exception of the people that have specific terms. To allow the Planning Board to reorganize Mayor Gabbianelli made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

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**F.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)**

Class I	<u>Mayor Gabbianelli</u>	4 year term	12/21/14
Class II	<u>Dan Kozak</u>	1 year term	12/31/11
Class IV	<u>Tim Brown</u>	4 year term	12/31/14
Class IV	<u>V.J. Agnesino</u>	4 year term	12/31/14
Alternate # 1	<u>No appointment made</u>	2 year term	12/31/12

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

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to open the Public Portion-Resolutions Scheduled portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to close the Public Portion-Resolutions Scheduled. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:01-2011 through R:09-2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:01-2011** Resolution Adopting Temporary Budget Appropriations For The Year 2011 For The Township Of Monroe

**R:02-2011** Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Services Participation Between The Township Of Monroe And The County Of Gloucester, For Cooperative Purchasing For The Year 2011

**R:03-2011** Resolution Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved State Contract Vendors For Contracting Units Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**R:04-2011** Township Of Monroe Cash Management Plan

**R:05-2011** Resolution To Establish A Petty Cash Account For The Township Of Monroe In Gloucester County For The Year 2011 "Various Departments"

**R:06-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer To Refund Certain Escrow Balances And Various Other Revenues On Deposit With The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2011

**R:07-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Include Municipal Liens From Various Departments Of The Township Of Monroe In The Annual Tax Sale

**R:08-2011** Resolution Designating Official Publications Of The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

**R:09-2011** Resolution Authorizing Use Of U.S. Government General Services Administration Supply Schedules For Reprographic Equipment Or Services Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12b And N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.6

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:01-2011 through R:09-2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:10-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to open nominations for a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Cncl. William Sebastian and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Walter Bryson nominated Rene Pandola as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski.

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**G.) PUBLIC PORTION – RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** nominated **Agnes Yocum** as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RENE PANDOLA AS A MEMBER OF THE  
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** **Rene Pandola** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

**R:11-2011 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Agnes Yocum** as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **Agnes Yocum** as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Agnes Yocum** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

**R:12-2011 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health**

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to open nominations for a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** nominated **Bob Johnston** as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **Bob Johnston** as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Bob Johnston** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

**R:13-2011 Resolution Appointing Alternate Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health**

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to open nominations for an Alternate member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

With no nominations **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Solicitor Fiore** advised the Alternate member position on the Board of Health remains open.

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**G.) PUBLIC PORTION – RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)**

**R:14-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Marvin Dilks** nominated **Tony Langella** as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **Tony Langella** as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Tony Langella** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

**R:15-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** nominated **Mike Stalba** as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to cast the vote for **Mike Stalba** as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Mike Stalba** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

**R:16-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Chuck McGlynn** as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **Chuck McGlynn** as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Chuck McGlynn** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Commission.

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**G.) PUBLIC PORTION – RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED (cont'd)**

**R:17-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee (Unexpired Term 12/31/11)

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** nominated **James Muth** as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **James Muth** as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **James Muth** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Commission.

**R:18-2011** Resolution Appointing Alternate # 2 Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** made a motion to open nominations for an Alternate # 2 member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

With no nominations **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no nominations the Alternate # 2 position on the Monroe Township Open Space Committee remains open.

**R:19-2011** Resolution Appointing Member Of Council To The Monroe Township Planning Board (Class III)

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a Class III member of the Monroe Township Planning Board. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** as a Class III member of the Monroe Township Planning Board. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to cast the vote for **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** as a Class III member of the Monroe Township Planning Board. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** was duly approved as a Class III member of the Monroe Township Planning Board.

**R:20-2011** Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Phil Price** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

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With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to cast the vote for **Phil Price** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Phil Price** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**R:21-2011 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment (Unexpired Term 12/31/13)**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Ralph Manfredi** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to cast the vote for **Ralph Manfredi** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Ralph Manfredi** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**R:22-2011 Resolution Appointing An Alternate #1 Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment**

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for an Alternate # 1 member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** nominated **John Fitzgerald** as an Alternate # 1 member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to cast the vote for **John Fitzgerald** as an Alternate # 1 member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **John Fitzgerald** was duly approved as an Alternate # 1 member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**R:23-2011 Resolution Appointing Member To Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority**

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Michael Milam** as a member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri**.

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With no other nominations **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to cast the vote for **Michael Milam** as a member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Michael Milam** was duly approved as a member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

**R:24-2011** Resolution Appointing Alternate Member To Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** nominated **Domenic Mercurio** as an Alternate member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to cast the vote for **Domenic Mercurio** as an Alternate member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. **Domenic Mercurio** was duly approved as an Alternate member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

**R:25-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Auditor Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2011

**Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to open nominations for Auditor of the Township of Monroe for the year 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Nick Petroni** as Auditor of the Township of Monroe for the year 2011. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF NICK PETRONI AS AUDITOR FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR THE YEAR 2011 - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** **Nick Petroni** was duly approved as Auditor for the Township of Monroe for the year 2011.

**R:26-2011** Resolution Appointing Members To The Ordinance Committee And Naming Chairperson For The Year 2011

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** made a motion to open nominations for Ordinance Committee Chairman for the year 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** nominated **Cncl. William Sebastian** as Ordinance Committee Chairman for the year 2011. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.



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With no other nominations Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri made a motion to cast the vote for Cncl. William Sebastian as Ordinance Committee Chairman for the year 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council. Cncl. William Sebastian was duly approved as Ordinance Committee Chairman for the year 2011.

**R:27-2011** Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner For The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:27-2011 (*appointing Kevin Heydel as the Fund Commissioner and Frank Campisi as the Alternate Fund Commissioner*). The motion was seconded by Cncl. Walter Bryson and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:28-2011** Resolution Appointing Municipal Tax Search Officer For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:28-2011(*appointing Joan Rumpf as Municipal Tax Search Officer*). The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**H.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS 2011**

Board of Health	<u>Cncl. Walter Bryson</u>
Economic Development	<u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u>
Environmental	<u>Cncl. Frank Caligiuri</u>
Historical Society	<u>Cncl. Walter Bryson</u>
JIF Safety Committee	<u>Cncl. Rich DiLucia</u>
Library Board	<u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u>
Local Emergency Planning	<u>Cncl. Daniel Teefy</u>
Municipal Alliance	<u>Cncl. Walter Bryson</u>
MMUA	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>
Open Space Advisory	<u>Cncl. William Sebastian</u>
Parks & Recreation	<u>Cncl. Daniel Teefy</u>
Planning Board	<u>Cncl. Frank Caligiuri</u>
Redevelopment Committee	<u>Cncl. Frank Caligiuri</u>
Senior Commission	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>
Zoning Board	<u>Cncl. William Sebastian</u>
School Board	<u>Cncl. Rich DiLucia</u>
United Veterans	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>

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**I.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2011**

Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks distributed to the members of Council a list of his Council Committee appointments and explained that he was not going to read them into the record as he would like to address the number of Council Committees at the January Ordinance Committee Meeting to see if some could be combined.

**J.) MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** gave the following State of the Municipality Report:

Members of council, friends, neighbors and fellow residents, thank you for joining me today as we begin my third term as mayor. I am grateful for the support, humbled by the confidence and inspired by the faith that you have entrusted me to serve at this time when challenges are great and the stakes are high. While the economic environment/financial climate in our nation and our state have changed dramatically since the first day I was sworn in the driving mission behind this administration is not to quit, it will be to continue to control the things we can control and position Monroe to be prepared for the things that we cannot control. We will work diligently each day to find saving through efficiencies and protect the financial future of our community. We will continue doing the things both big and small that improve the quality of life for our residents. Also, we have to keep out tax base in mind so we will continue to govern with boldness as we face the adversities and continue to show that persistence will lead to bringing in our new Wal-Mart, which will be breaking ground this spring. We will continue to use the same innovation and creativity in economic development that lead to the groundbreaking PILOT Program that was done for Williamstown Square, a 400,000 square foot shopping center located next to the Norton Funeral Home. We have worked hard focusing our resources and preparing for the future. It is because of these efforts along with the foresight and vision of the Council, the dedication of the township employees and professionals and the ingenuity of our boards and commissions and the partnership of our business community I am proud to say the state of the municipality is strong even in the face of the unprecedented challenges. The state of the municipality is strong and a better future lies ahead if we properly negotiate through the rough waters ahead. Monroe Township is not immune from the negative forces affecting local governments throughout the state. At this point we have managed to stay above the territorial tide pulling towns apart. While towns gutted public safety, we continue to set the standard of community protection. While some towns cut programs, we have provided athletic fields, new parks, improved services to our seniors, including a brand new state-of-the-art Library. The state of our municipality is strong because we have done what is right, we have done what we needed to do and we have worked together. While the coming year brings a promise of seeing all our past work coming to fruition, it will also bring adversity and challenges that are now too familiar to families and local governments in New Jersey. The challenges were never desired or caused by our government or our residents. While we did not ask for the challenges each one of us has taken an oath to overcome them. We are going to continue to make difficult decisions balancing between what we want to do, what we need to do and what we have to do. While we cannot control the continuous cuts the governor is making to our municipality we must continue to make sure our government is the size that our residents can afford. We cannot control the State mandated payments to our pensions, the rising cost of health care and fuel but we will commit to continue to find new revenue streams to offset these burdens. We will continue to keep our budget stable and avoid one shot budget gimmicks. I came here eight years ago to write a new page for Monroe and I want to personally thank everyone for their efforts in turning this community around. To my friends on Council, your dedication and service is unmatched. To our partnership there has been progress, to our disagreements there has been innovation, for our vision and your vision there has been new horizons. No one could have imagined the challenges we have overcome together. I am proud to call you my friends and colleagues. This year we will share many victories, some long overdue. We will also face new unprecedented challenges that will test our resolve and test our will. As long as we continue to do the right thing the future of Monroe is in good hands. So, as we begin 2011 let us roll up our sleeves and continue to get the job done. Thank you very much.

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**K.) COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Cncl. Walter Bryson welcomed back the Mayor and the Council-at-Large and extended congratulations to Cncl. Pres., Dilks, Cncl. Vic-Pres., Caligiuri and Ordinance Committee Chairman Cncl. Sebastian. Cncl. Bryson extended to all the residents of the township a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and went on to make the following comments:

With the financial condition of the State of New Jersey being as grave as it seems to be we here in local government have a tough job ahead of us in the upcoming year balancing services with our one and only revenue source, real estate taxes. More mandated cuts in our State funding are most likely assured and to use a tool box with only cutting tools placed in it so far will not make our job pleasant. A tool box needs more than just that, it needs tools to build, it needs tools to reconstruct and it needs tools to redevelop. That is why while others may have priorities related to providing additional facilities, my priority this year is to put together an effort to lobby Trenton for real real estate tax relief for Monroe Township residents as well as all New Jersey residents. We need to have our governor and law makers in Trenton become creators and redevelopers not demolitionists. As I mentioned in November I am looking for grass root, non-political input on what can be done to cut this intolerable burden once and for all. There is enough criticism to go around so please give me solid ideas and each month I will send out an e-mail letter to Senator Madden, Assemblyman Moriarty and Assemblyman DiCicco with your inputs. Ultimately my hope is to be able to put together a resolution for statewide distribution with the best suggestions. It cannot hurt and it could possibly produce the long needed solution evading the experts in state government for so long. So please, help make this year, the year where real property tax reform takes place. In my opinion this is the most critical issue facing all New Jersey residents and what has been done so far is far short of being any kind of solution to the real reduction of local taxes. It is costing our citizens too much all around to live here in New Jersey and it does not have to be that way. Thank you very much.

Cncl. Frank Caligiuri noted during one of the televised Council Meetings before the General Election, Cncl. Dan Teefy challenged the voters to come out to vote, for or against the incumbents just to let us know what people are thinking. A larger than average number of voters came out and indeed did tell us what was on their minds. Cncl. Caligiuri noted even though he was not up for election he was listening along with the entire Council body and there was indeed a message in the election results. Cncl. Garbowski, Cncl. Teefy and Cncl. Sebastian all won by comfortable margins, which told him that this Council enjoys a loyal following among the residents who believe in things like stability and experience in government. By the same token a larger than expected number of new voters and unaffiliated voters sent a second message, not necessarily a conflicting message, but just looking at the big picture and based on the things that Cncl. Bryson also observed, my own interpretation is that the voters appreciate this group on Council but would like us to solve the problems and address the issues brought about by social economic change. They want stability in government but they need good quality services and reasonable property tax. In order to fix anything we first need to acknowledge that something is broken or wrong and as soon as we are able to acknowledge that, we can start thinking about ways to fix things. Acknowledging that something is wrong is essentially as easy as looking at our own property tax bills and noticing that they have been on the rise; there is no denying that. Whether other towns, are doing better or worse than us is not a concern; we only compare ourselves to ourselves. The difference between a leader and a follower is a follower uses his resources to find excuses why things are wrong and inevitably it is someone else's fault and beyond his control. A leader takes the bull by the horns, implements new creative ideas and solves problems. If there is one thing we can count on, it is cause and effect. So if we continue to do the same things, the same ways, we can only anticipate the same results. There are three ways to solve tax problems; we cut services, we find new sources of revenue or we find a balance between those two. Cncl. Caligiuri spoke of working for Radio Shack when to cut expenses as a percentage of sales personnel and excess inventory were cut and not only were expenses cut but sales were also cut. A new district manager came along with a longer term plan to hire more people, add inventory and make the stores more attractive. His philosophy was to lower expenses as a percentage of revenue by attracting new sources of revenue and it worked. He commended his district manager, Rick Boyer, for planning to succeed and acknowledged the existing process was not working as good as it should and he saw a need to start doing things differently. Cncl. Caligiuri noted to my friends and neighbors,

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I extend a happy 2011 and thank you for affording me the privilege of representing you on Council. To my colleagues I think we have a challenge and we need to get to work, as we have a lot to do.

Cncl. Rich DiLucia spoke of the rhetoric in the newspaper and the expectations that have been raised for our residents in terms of how we were going to live under the new 2% cap. He noted the unemployment rate publicized at just under 10% understates the realistic unemployment in this State because unemployed people no longer on the unemployment rolls that cannot get a job are not being counted. They discount the fact that there is tremendous unemployment or underemployment of middle class people who were earning \$50,000.00 a year, were laid off for a long time and wound up going to work for \$8.00 or \$9.00 per hour because there was no service industry left in this country. Cncl. DiLucia noted somehow we decided to do it cheaper in Taiwan, Korea, China or wherever labor could be found cheaper then here. He noted income has dropped in this State because of unemployment or underemployment causing revenue that normally would be expected to run the State, is adversely affected. That money is not there anymore so the governor, in his attempt to be elected, promised not to cut aid to the schools, not to cut aid to the municipalities, not to touch the homestead rebates or the rebate checks for senior citizens and he promised that he was going to fund the pension. We find today that he has kept none of those promises. The one thing he says he is going to keep is a cap on all of us at 2% and when you count the numbers that is virtually impossible. The things a governor could control or at least speak to would be the State insurance underwriters who are not held to the same standard. He noted when the municipality as well as its citizens get their new insurance premiums they are normally increased by 5%, 6% or 10%, which is well above the inflation rate. Seniors were told the inflation rate is zero because they received no increase in their income. Gas prices have increased in the last six months from \$2.30 a gallon to \$3.00 a gallon and it is predicted to go up to \$4.00 a gallon. Those same expenses are incurred by the municipality in terms of fuel to run the vehicles used by the Police Department, Public Works and the Fire Department. The governor has also blamed a bigger part of the problem on the employees of municipalities and the school districts. Cncl. DiLucia noted he had a problem with the way the governor was going to fix that by making sure that arbitrators cannot give a bigger increase than 2% irrespective of what the cost of living would be at the time or what the consumer price index is. He spoke of arbitration originating after World War II to take the load from the courts, which were dealing with all types of wage, hour and working condition cases. Arbitration was the standard that was supposed to be an unbiased person making rulings. Now, we find today, whether unionized or not, the best proposal that can be made is 2% and all of us know that healthcare costs are accelerating quicker than 2%. Cncl. DiLucia noted he did not know how that would work because it dwarfs the right to collective bargaining but that 2% is viewed by all residents as something that is going to happen. Now, we hear the governor may again not fund the pension plan, which has not been funded by the State for fifteen of the last twenty years. Anyone that knows actuaries knows that the only way a defined benefit plan can work is if the employer funds it so if no money is put into it, there cannot be anything but a deficit. So, on one hand the governor says he is going to fix it and that it is the workers fault for being over compensated and on the other hand, he says he is not going to pay into it. Cncl. DiLucia noted expectations and actuality are two different things; anybody can identify a problem but to find the right solution is true leadership. He noted if Council works real hard, is not gutted with more reimbursements and do everything possible to pinch pennies, we will be able to keep it under 2% this year, but that is not going to happen indefinitely because the things needed to run this township, such as insurance, cannot be controlled. Cncl. DiLucia noted the governor has some influence over the people who write insurance in this state and if he allows them to continue to increase their profits there will never be controls. He noted he wanted the residents to understand that the expectations are unrealistic and he did not think what the governor has put in the toolbox meets the needs or can accomplish what he has set out as a parameter and that will cause this to be a very difficult year for the Mayor and Council. Cncl. DiLucia extended best wishes for a happy, healthy and (*hopefully*) a prosperous New Year to all the residents of the township especially to the families of the men and women serving in the armed forces.

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**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** congratulated Cncl. Pres., Dilks, Cncl. Vice-Pres., Caligiuri and Ordinance Chairman Cncl. Sebastian for being elected to their positions. He also thanked the residents for giving him the opportunity to serve them for another four years. He noted council has a tough road ahead of them due the possibility of more cuts and must be creative in order to make things work. He noted he is proud of the achievements and continued progress that this Council has had through the cuts and adversity over the last four years. He noted he is also proud to be a Monroe Township resident and he hoped the residents are too. Cncl. Garbowski extended God's blessings on everyone and wished everyone a happy New Year.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** noted by being at the end of the alphabet he can just say "ditto" to everything that was said so far to cut his comments short. In addition to what has already been said and piggybacking on comments made by Cncl. Bryson and DiLucia regarding municipal aid he noted according to State Statute a certain percentage of real estate taxes is taken for municipal aid. That money can only be used for municipal aid and he questioned what is happening to that money, which is not being distributed to the municipalities. He felt if that money is sitting somewhere growing interest and not helping the people in municipalities then the law should be changed to reduce income taxes. If they could give us the tax break then the monies being sent to a pot somewhere in Trenton could be used to help maintain the 2% in our local municipal government. Cncl. Sebastian extended his appreciation to the members of council for their support during his tenure as Council President. He noted he was a difficult job made easier by their support and he truly appreciated it. He also noted he stands on his record and will put as much effort into the next four years as he did during the last four years and will continue to work for the Township of Monroe. Cncl. Sebastian extended New Year wishes to everyone in attendance as well as those watching the meeting on television.

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** extended his appreciation to the core democrats in attendance and throughout the township that got out the vote during this challenging race and the toughest election he has encountered. He noted the members of Council were glad to be re-elected to work for the residents and look forward to a prosperous New Year. There will be some challenges, but the members of Council stepped up to be elected officials and will address each one. He noted it is easy to vote for boilerplate resolutions but this year there will be tough decisions to be made in order to win the battle. Cncl. Teefy noted this State has a structural problem that was created many years ago and that is why we have too many municipalities and too many school districts. He added everyone wants home rule and it has been great for many years but as the structural and economy changed that environment is just not going to work and some tough decisions will need to be made. Cncl. Teefy spoke of the governor trying to make changes by making superintendents take less pay but he felt some municipalities and school districts need to be consolidated so there are not as many people in administrative positions earning large salaries. He noted state legislators will be challenged to do that and we need to look at our house to see what we can do to improve our services while keeping our budget down and then we can address issues with the legislators. He added as the Mayor said, we did things the right way and were still able to provide a responsible budget after receiving the largest State aid cuts in the county last year. He added during his nine years on Council he has found that the two biggest things Council deals with are the municipal budget and the Board of Education budget. He noted the Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel does a fantastic job and just prepped Council two weeks ago on what the 2011 budget is going be. That told Council there is work to be done and to think out of the box. When the school budget is voted down, which has happened almost every year during his time as a councilman, Council has only two or three weeks to review it and make recommendations to the board. He felt Council and the Administration have done a good job and he commended the employees for working harder explaining that because of attrition three employees are now doing the work previously done by five. He extended his appreciation to the people for supporting him during the election and his appreciation to his wife Linda and his children for their support; noting they have suffered over the years when he was unable to be with them because of his duties as a councilman.

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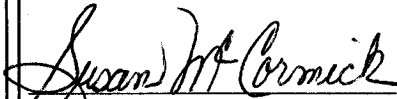
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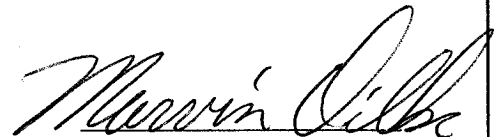
Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks extended his appreciation to Senator Fred Madden for administering the Oath of Office to the Mayor and members of Council and to Council for their support in selecting him as Council President. He noted he will do his very best to do a good job in that position. He also congratulated Cncl. Sebastian, Garbowski, Teefy and the Mayor for winning the re-election. He added without them it would have been a lot harder because they all work together as a team, which is why the township will move forward. He added over the last seven years a lot has been accomplished because everyone worked together to plan for the future and we will remain on that track for the residents of Monroe Township no matter what happens. Cncl. Pres., Dilks extended New Year wishes to everyone.

L.) ADJOURNMENT

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan McCormick, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

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