

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JUNE 28, 2011**

**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., Marvin Dilks** 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.: Gloucester County 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.

*Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks stated the Clerk has placed a sign in sheet at the rear of the Court Room. If anyone would like to address Council during the Public Portion, please sign in and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Kindly state your name for the record.*

**SALUTE TO FLAG - INVOCATION**

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. William Sebastian	Present	
Cncl. Daniel Teefy	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks	Present	
Mayor Michael Gabbianelli	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Chris Rehmann	Present	
Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Community Affairs, Cassandra Dilks		Excused
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Certificate of Recognition - Alma Alexander**

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** along with **Director of Finance Jeff Coles** presented retiring **Tax Collector, Alma Alexander** with a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation of 43 years of dedicated service to the township. Mrs. Alexander extended her appreciation to Council noting she has worked with wonderful people during her 43 years with the township. She also questioned why American flags were not flying along Main Street for the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Mayor Gabbianelli noted the flags were up for Memorial Day and were taken down to preserve them, as the township does not have the funds to keep replacing flags.

At this time outgoing **Chief Dan Pontano** requested the Monroe Township FOP Honor Guard to present the Colors.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

- **Chief of Police**

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** administered the Oath of Office to **Monroe Township Chief of Police Joseph Smart** while his wife and mother held the Bible. Mayor Gabbianelli noted Chief Smart was hired by the township in 1986 as a police officer, served on the Gloucester County Swat Team, was assigned to the Detective Bureau with duties that included narcotic investigations, internal affairs investigations and undercover investigations for numerous agencies. During his career Chief Smart has been awarded two Distinguished Service Awards, a Meritorious Service Award and an Exceptional Duty Award. He has completed numerous supervision and command training courses and has served as Chairman of the MTPOA for over ten years. In August 2004 he was promoted to Detective Sergeant supervising the Narcotics Unit, the Community Resource Unit and the School Resource Officers. In January 2009 he was promoted to Detective Lieutenant, in May 2010 he took over the position of Operations Commander as Acting Captain, was promoted to Captain in January 2011 and took over as Acting Chief on May 1, 2011 when Chief Pontano retired.

- **Police Captains**

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** administered the Oath of Office to **Captain Howard Wiemer** while members of his family held the Bible. The Mayor noted Captain Wiemer's father-in-law, Bob Voigt is a retired lieutenant from the Monroe Township Police Department. He went on to give some background information regarding Captain Wiemer noting that he was hired in August 1988 with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the Burlington County Police Academy in 1989, served as a member of the Police Officers Association Labor Negotiations Committee for 20 years, volunteered as a Police Explorer Advisor for 3 years, was promoted to Corporal in Patrol in 1997, assigned to the Neighborhood Watch Program in 1998, assigned to the Traffic Safety Bureau as Corporal in February 1999 and became a Certified Crash Reconstructionist in December 2000. He was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division in November 2001, assigned to the Traffic Safety Bureau as Sergeant in Charge of TSB in May 2004, promoted to Lieutenant in the Patrol Division in October 2005, assigned to the Traffic Safety Bureau as Lieutenant in January 2009 and is currently assigned to the position of Operations Commander.

**Mayor Gabbianelli** administered the Oath of Office to **Captain John McKeown** while members of his family held the Bible. The Mayor noted Captain McKeown was hired in October 1991 as a Patrol Officer, promoted to Corporal in 1998, to Sergeant in 2004 and Lieutenant in 2007. He served as Training Coordinator for the Police Department and managed the overall operations of a police platoon. He is currently serving as Patrol Commander supervising the Patrol Division and the SRO's. He was a founding member of the Monroe Township Entry Team serving from 1999 to 2008 holding the positions of Team Training Coordinator and Tactical Group Leader. He served on the Monroe Township Safe Streets Bicycle Unit from 1997 to 2002, was a member of the Gloucester County Special Weapons and Tactics Team from 1994 thru 2011 holding the positions of Team Commander, Tactical Group Leader and Tactical Squad Leader. Captain McKeown has been an instructor at the Gloucester County Police Academy since 1994 teaching firearms and tactics, has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice from Glassboro State College, earned a Masters of Administrative Science degree and Graduate Certificate in Law and Public Safety Administration from Farleigh Dickenson University in 2010 and has been an Adjunct Professor at Gloucester County College since 2010 teaching Criminal Law and Theory. Captain McKeown served as a representative for the Monroe Township Police Officer's Association for 8 years handling labor and contract issues, has completed over 95 in-service police training courses including 9 command and supervision courses and 20 instructor courses. He received the Academic Excellence Award from Burlington County Police Academy in 1992, was awarded the Combat Cross Award, two Distinguished Service Awards, three Unit Citations and an Outstanding Service Award. He has also been a volunteer for Boy Scouts of America Troop 234 and Pack 70 since 1998. The Mayor added Captain McKeown's son, John, recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

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**APPOINTMENTS** *(cont'd)*

Mayor Gabbianelli congratulated Chief Smart, Captain Wiemer and Captain McKeown on their promotions; noting they will work well together and will continue the progress the Monroe Township Police Department has experienced over the last few years.

At this time the FOP Honor Guard was dismissed and a brief recess was taken.

• **Boards/Commissions**

Mayor Gabbianelli made the following appointments:

**Parks and Recreation-Advice & Consent of Council**

- Shawn Massey - unexpired term - 12/31/15
- Colleen Reitz - unexpired term - 12/31/12
- Kelly Fleming - unexpired term - 12/31/15
- Theresa Moore - 5 year term - 12/31/16
- Jeanne Leighton - 5 year term - 12/31/16
- Cody Miller - unexpired term 12/31/11

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Frank Caligiuri and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Economic Development Commission - Advise & Consent of Council**

- Sherene Ginyard - unexpired term - 12/31/14

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Municipal Alliance Commission - Advice & Consent of Council**

Cody Miller - 3 year term - 12/31/14  
Kelly Fleming - 3 year term - 12/31/14  
Colleen Reitz - 3 year term - 12/31/14

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Municipal Alliance Commission. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Daniel Teefy and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Open Space Committee**

Elaine Moore Wright - unexpired term - 12/31/13  
Jerry Carey - unexpired term - 12/31/11

The Mayor noted there are still openings on other boards/commissions for anyone interested in volunteering their services.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of May 24, 2011 and the Special Council Meeting of June 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Ronald Garbowski and approved by all members of Council with the exception of Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks who Abstained on the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 1, 2011.

**B.) CORRESPONDENCE** - None

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

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

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to bracket for consideration by Consent Agenda Resolutions R:117-2011 through R:124-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTIONS R:117-2011 THROUGH R:124-2011**

**R:117-2011** A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Designating A Custodian For The Monroe Township Police Department Records

**R:118-2011** Resolution Certifying That The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County In The State Of New Jersey, Has Reviewed The General Comment And Recommendation Section Of The Report Of Audit For The Year 2010

**R:119-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of A Certain Plenary Retail Consumption License Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**R:120-2011** A Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey In A Safe And Secure Communities Program Administered By The Division Of Criminal Justice Department Of Law And Public Safety

**R:121-2011** Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township To Discuss An Active Litigation Matter (Blaze Mill Development)

**R:122-2011** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**R:123-2011** Resolution Amending Resolution R:111-2011 Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**R:124-2011** Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of June 28, 2011

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolutions R:117-2011 through R:124-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R:117-2011 THROUGH R:124-2011  
ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Resolutions R:117-2011 through R:124-2011 were duly approved for adoption.

**R:125-2011** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And Chief Of Police Joseph Smart

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** made a motion to approve Resolution R:125-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:125-2011  
6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN WITH CAUSE (Sebastian)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Resolution R:125-2011 was duly approved for adoption.

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

**R:126-2011** Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Change Order # 2 For Neri Construction & Rentals, Inc. In The Decreased Amount Of \$6,765.10 For The Downtown Drainage And Pedestrian Safety Project II In The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:126-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:126-2011 - 7 AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Resolution R:126-2011 was duly approved for adoption.

**R:127-2011** Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan For Engineering And Survey Services Associated With The Charms Road Intersection Project For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve Resolution R:127-2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:127-2011 - 7 AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Resolution R:127-2011 was duly approved for adoption.

**D.) ORDINANCES**

**Cncl. Pres., Dilks** turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. William Sebastian**.

**O:18-2011** Ordinance Mandating The Connection To The Public Water System And The Sealing Of Potable Wells For Properties Within Williamsburg Village

**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., Marvin Dilks** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:18-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Bryson** and **Cncl. Garbowski** who **Abstained**.

**O:19-2011** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-113 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe With Regard To Homeowner Associations Within Certain Developments

**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. Walter Bryson** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:19-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** who voted **Nay**.

**O:20-2011** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 230 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Peddling And Soliciting"

**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. Daniel Teefy** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:20-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)**

**O:21-2011** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 74 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Fees" (Chapter 74-26 Peddling & Soliciting)

**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. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:21-2011 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Cncl. Walter Bryson** reported at the end of July a 3-day little league tournament for the Little League State Championship will be held at the Church Street Complex. He urged residents to attend this event, as winners will continue on towards the Little League World Series. Cncl. Bryson advised the township has a sign ordinance in place that requires political signs to be removed within ten days after an election and he urged political candidates whose signs are still up from the November election to take them down. Cncl. Bryson extended his appreciation to Chief Pontano for being a terrific Police Chief who always responded whenever Council needed anything and welcomed Chief Smart. Cncl. Bryson spoke of the water issues in Ward 3 and he urged residents to cut back watering lawns or to run sprinklers at 2:00/3:00 am when no one is using water. He thanked George Creel, the president of the Fries Mill Civic Association, for bringing that point to the attention of the residents in that area. He noted water problems have been a continuing issue in that area that the MMUA has tried to resolve and watering lawns is one of the key issues involved in this problem. Cncl. Bryson commended Alma Alexander for doing a great job as Tax Collector and extended best wishes for a happy retirement.

**Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** reported attending Planning Board Meetings on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. An application from the Country Village at Whitehall was heard on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This development was previously approved as an age-restricted development of 246 units that included duplexes and apartments. New Jersey recently passed legislation, the "Conversion Law", that grants developers the right to change age-restricted approvals to market rate approvals. This law was established because developers presented a case to the State that indicated the market for age-restricted developments had declined and they would be unable to develop their age-restricted sites. The Planning Board through some vigilant work on the Mayor's part was able to negotiate successfully with the developer to reduce the 246 units to 192 single family homes, which is a reduction of approximately 20%. Cncl. Caligiuri noted that was a strong accomplishment, plus single family homes will be more in-tune with the rest of the area. Cncl. Caligiuri congratulated Chief Pontano on his retirement; noting he did an excellent job. He also extended best wishes to Chief Smart in his promotion. Cncl. Caligiuri read a memo from the New Jersey House Keeping Mortgage Finance Agency announcing the New Jersey Home Keeper Program, which is funded by a grant from the United States Treasury Hardest Hit Fund. This program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment. The program provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan repayable only if the homeowner sells, refinances, transfers or ceases to occupy the subject property within ten years from the date of the assistance loan. New Jersey Home Keeper proceeds may be used to cover arrearages and or approved amounts of the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment including property taxes, property insurance and mortgage insurance. Housing counselors are also provided to prospective applicants at no cost. Eligible homeowners may receive financial assistance up to \$48,000.00 for a period not to exceed 24 months. The toll free telephone number is (855) NJKEEP1.

**Cncl. Rich DiLucia** also extended best wishes to Chief Pontano in his retirement and Chief Smart in his new position as Chief of Police. Cncl. DiLucia referred to the new State legislation dealing with public employee pensions and health insurance and noted both of those

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entities needed change, as they could not continue in their present state. Cncl. DiLucia spoke of the State not paying their portion of pension contributions for 15 out of the last 17 years while all employees, all municipalities and all other governmental agencies have. As a result of that underfunding, as well as the stock market crash, there is a shortfall in the pension system and the State is now establishing a board that includes an equal number of employees and collective bargaining representatives to oversee the pension system. He noted that type of board should have been created years ago, as that could have found and reported the deficiencies in the pension plan and prevented it from being underfunded for so many years. Cncl. DiLucia noted the State now says it is going to put \$500 million into the pension plan and he questioned where that money is coming from, what the total amount of underfunding is and if this is just an attempt for people in Trenton to finish their term of office and move on or run for bigger and better things. He noted residents are being told this will cut taxes but he felt that will not happen unless controls are placed on insurance companies that raise the cost of health insurance 8% to 10% on an annual basis while the cost of living has remained at zero for the last two years. He questioned why legislators are not addressing the problem of accelerated costs for health care from the providers (doctors, hospitals, etc) or prescription drug companies, which have large lobbies that contribute large amounts of money into political campaigns. He noted unless the cost of the product is controlled the 1%, 2% and 3% employee contributions cannot fund 8% annual increases. Cncl. DiLucia noted he has not seen the plan but understands that over seven years, employee contributions will go up according to a formula that is based upon income. Cncl. DiLucia added he has a problem with the end of collective bargaining in the areas of health insurance and pension, as it would have been much more affective and the outcome would have been more directed to fixing the problem if there would have been real bargaining over these issues. No one has a more vested interest in preserving these two entities than the people who benefit from them and their representatives would not sit back and watch the pension system go bankrupt. Cncl. DiLucia spoke of how arbitration settles disagreements during negotiations, how arbitrators would have ruled on the underfunding of the pension system, what it would take to correct the problem and how long a period of time would be given to correct it. He noted in this situation a few things are going to happen and that is, there will no more negotiations on pension, no way to control the cost of health insurance, the contributions that were negotiated will fall far short of what will be paid and now that collective bargaining has ended, there is no one to oversee the process. He noted this legislation was finalized through bargaining when the republicans and the democrats sat down and argued, debated, tweaked and changed it in the final hours to settle the issue of going out of state for medical care. He noted if bargaining can work between them why can't it work in the system that has been in place for years. He noted workers did not fail on these issues; the legislators failed because they refused to recognize the problem that was before them in black and white. They ignored it and are now are trying to blame the problem on everyone else but themselves. Cncl. DiLucia noted the governor was on television saying how every state should learn from this landmark legislation and the by-partisanship that was developed between the two political parties. Then a day later he stated he would not sign and would veto an amendment the democrats were calling for that would re-initiate the millionaire tax and the republicans would stand firmly against it so the legislators will not be able to override his veto. Cncl. DiLucia noted it seems there was only cooperation on the one issue that denies people the right to bargain and that was done because they thought it was politically popular and that it would elevate them to look like they were doing something good for taxpayers. Cncl. DiLucia noted he is waiting to see if taxes go down as a result of what was done. He felt that will not happen until they address the unconscionable cost of health insurance in this State and County.

Cncl. Ronald Garbowski congratulated Chief Smart, Captain McKeown and Captain Wiemer and extended best wishes to former Chief Dan Pontano in his retirement. Cncl. Garbowski reported the Library Board met June 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed their return on investments survey, which is done every five years. In 2005 for every dollar the Library spent \$5.48 was returned and in 2010 for every dollar that was spent their rate of return was \$8.63, which is an 863% return. Cncl. Garbowski commended everyone in the Library, as that is a great return on investment. The Library summer reading program, which began June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until August 31<sup>st</sup>, is in full swing and the "Buy-A- Brick" campaign is continuing. The Economic Development Commission met on June 20<sup>th</sup> and is working on a business directory with the help of volunteers from the school and the library. The commission is also working on two

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"Welcome to Monroe Township" signs, which will be located on Route 42 at the Washington Township end of town and on Route 322 near the Atlantic County entrance to the township.

**Cncl. William Sebastian** extended best wishes to outgoing Chief Dan Pontano on his retirement and congratulated incoming Chief Joe Smart and Captains John McKeown and Howard Wiemer. He noted he has worked with these men on numerous occasions during his years with the Monroe Township Ambulance Square and he is happy that they are at the helm of our police department.

**Cncl. Daniel Teefy** reported the Main Street Music Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup> turned out to be an outstanding event enjoyed by all. He commended the Parks and Rec Commission and Jim Bonder, head of the Parks and Rec Department for a job well done. He noted behind the scene was the Office of Emergency Management, which was set up and ready to go in the event there were injuries or other problems that might happen. Everyone coordinated with each other and on Wednesday night after the event everyone attended a meeting to go over any issues to try to figure out what to do to make this event better next year. He noted each event gets better because planning starts for next year's event within a few days after one takes place, as everything is still fresh in everyone's mind. He thanked Chief Pontano for his years of service and congratulated the new chief and captains. He noted he grew up with Howard and Joe and to see them rise through the ranks is very special.

**Mayor Michael Gabbianelli** reported a good crowd was in attendance at the Memorial Day Parade to honor our veterans. He reported June 4<sup>th</sup> was a very busy day for him beginning at 5:30 AM with the Honor Flight Project. He commended Pam Pontano and the students from the high school for the success of this program, which has expanded to send not only World War II veterans but also Korean veterans to Washington DC. At 9:00 AM he attended the Soapbox Derby on Main Street where all the kids had a good time and in the evening he went to the Music Festival for a while but had to leave early to attend a wedding. The Mayor also reported attending along with members of Council, the Williamstown Rotary Sunshine Club sign "Monroe Campus" dedication at the high school/middle school complex. He reported top paving will be completed on the Pfeiffer Center roadway on June 29<sup>th</sup> and Walmart broke ground and should be starting construction on the site work once all state inspections of the area are completed. The Mayor extended best wishes to outgoing Chief Pontano and congratulated incoming Chief Smart and Captains McKeown and Wiemer for achieving their ranks.

**Director of Finance, Jeff Coles** extended his appreciation to the Mayor for reappointing him to a second term as Chief Financial Officer for the township.

**Cncl. Pres., Marvin Dilks** also congratulated Chief Smart and Captains McKeown and Wiemer on their promotions and extended his appreciation to Chief Pontano for his dedicated service to the township and for always responding to Council's phone calls. Cncl. Pres., Dilks reported the Monroe Township Senior Commission is sponsoring a blood drive at the Pfeiffer Community Center on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and to make an appointment, residents should contact Jeanette Remsen at 856-236-9798 or 728-9800 ext 202.

**F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

**Michael Kretschmer, Chairperson Economic Development Commission and Board Member of the Grand Theatre** home of the Road Company, extended his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the appointments made to boards/commissions this evening. He noted the number of appointments that were made and the citizen participation is very encouraging. He noted he would like to form a chapter in the Toast Masters International, which prides themselves in helping citizens and individuals achieve their personal goals through public



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communication, leadership and public speaking. He noted the town could support that by helping him to locate a place to hold meetings, as he felt it should be in a public space. He explained he is busy recruiting members, as at least twenty are needed to make the club official. This organization would help promote citizen participation in community service and civic leadership and once established more appointments will be able to be made to the township boards/commissions. Mr. Kretschmer questioned who he should contact to find a meeting place. **Cncl. Pres., Dilks** suggested he contact Mr. Heydel on that. Mr. Kretschmer congratulated the people that were appointed to the boards/commissions this evening and also those that were not appointed but who had applied to volunteer their services. **Cncl. Sebastian** questioned whether there was an age limit for members of the club because Mike Hamilton at the high school has a group interested in volunteering their services. Mr. Kretschmer noted members must be 18 years old or older and indicated he would look into the group at the high school. **Cncl. Teefy** suggested Mr. Kretschmer contact Beth Lillie, as the new Library has very nice meeting rooms. Mr. Kretschmer indicated he would do that.

With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close the public portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Frank Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

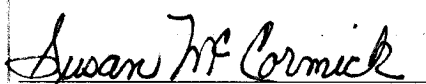
CLOSED SESSION


**Solicitor Fiore** reported Council concluded a Closed Session Meeting where a pending litigation matter involving Blaze Mill was discussed. During the meeting a representative on behalf of the plaintiff made a presentation regarding a proposal to resolve the matter. Council is going to review the matter once again and attempt to formulate a settlement agreement for everyone's review. The second part of the Closed Session involved reporting on other ongoing litigation matters. No action was taken.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

**Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Daniel Teefy** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan McCormick, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of June 28, 2011 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  Date 7/26/11  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_