

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00PM by **Cncl. Pres., Joseph P. Marino, III** in the Courtroom 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 (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Adequate notice was placed in the official publications for the Township of Monroe (i.e.: South Jersey Times, Courier Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., Joseph P. Marino, III 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 THE FLAG

Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Cncl. Wolfe** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present (<i>excused @ 9:15 pm</i>)
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present
Cncl. Carolann Fox	Present
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Patrick O'Reilly	Present
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe	Present
Cncl. Pres. Joseph P. Marino, III	Present
Mayor Richard DiLucia	Present
Deputy Mayor, Joseph DiLolle	Present
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea	Present
Dir. of Code Enf./Comm. Dev., Ralph Manfredi	Present (<i>excused @ 9:14 pm</i>)
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer	Present
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Brent Salvadori	Present
Dir. of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz	Present
Dir. of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado	Present
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese	Present
Deputy Police Chief Michael Rebecca	Present
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- Grant Sunshine Cleaning – Natasha Grant

Natasha Grant, Grant Sunshine Cleaning noted they are a full service residential and commercial cleaning service located in Williamstown, NJ. Grant Sunshine Cleaning is located at 375 N. Main Street, Suite A2, Williamstown, NJ, phone number is 856-629-6285 and their website is www.grantsunshinecleaning.com. Ms. Grant stated that they have been located in Williamstown for the last year and a half, but has been in business since 2004. Grant Sunshine Cleaning opened in Ms. Grant's hometown of Orlando, Florida and three years ago, they opened in New Jersey. **Cncl. Falcone** thanked Ms. Grant, noting that she cleans her office and always does a great job. Ms. Grant thanked the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce for honoring her and her business.

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A.) OPENING CEREMONIES (cont'd)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session of September 14, 2020, the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2020 and the Closed Executive Session of September 14, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council, with the exception of **Cncl. Garbowski**, who Abstained.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

C.) RESOLUTIONS

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to open the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak, **Cncl. Wolfe** made a motion to close the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:150-2020 through R:154-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:150-2020 THROUGH R:154-2020

R:150-2020 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:151-2020 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of September 28, 2020

R:152-2020 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2020 Walmart Community Grant Store #4722 – Police Department

R:153-2020 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Performance Surety Bond for Hamilton Greene Subdivision #1823, Phase 3 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

R:154-2020 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2019-2020 Junkyard License from Midway Auto Parts to Tilghmans Auto Parts II, LLC

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolutions R:150-2020 through R:154-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:155-2020 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Disapproving the Removal of Ralph Manfredi as Director of Code Enforcement and Director of Community Development

Mayor DiLucia noted that this Resolution asks for whether Mr. Manfredi should be removed as a Director or if Council, under the Faulkner Act, can override his recommendation as the Mayor, for removal. The Mayor stated, he would have preferred to handle this as a personnel matter, and not at a public meeting, and when he sent the communications to Council of his intentions to remove Mr. Manfredi, no one from Council contacted him for an explanation. Mayor DiLucia explained that Mr. Manfredi serves as a Director under his appointment and he appointed Mr. Manfredi, because he felt he was the best person for the job. He believes, if Mr. Manfredi would have applied himself, he would have done a good job. The Mayor noted, he is well aware of the Ordinance dealing with attendance for Directors and members of the Boards and Commissions and this removal has nothing to do with Mr. Manfredi's lack of attendance at

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C.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

meetings. **Mayor DiLucia** pointed out for the record *“that there were ample opportunities to attend meetings during the time of COVID-19, when the meetings were held virtually. Mr. Manfredi is well capable of using a computer as demonstrated as his position on the MUA and having not missed one virtually held MUA meeting. In saying that, if in fact he does not attend 70%, there is a procedure and that procedure would be to send him a letter warning him of his non-attendance. I have not done that to any Director because of the COVID-19.”* Mayor DiLucia noted, the reason he recommended the removal of Mr. Manfredi, was the inability of the Administration to receive responses from Mr. Manfredi when requests were made to him. The Mayor has provided the Municipal Clerk with 8 copies of emails that came out of Administration, requesting Mr. Manfredi to respond on critical matters to the operations of the Township and received no response. Mayor DiLucia asked the Municipal Clerk to read the emails he provided aloud, so they could be a part of the record. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** stated that he will not ask the Municipal Clerk to read the emails into the record as Council has just received the emails and some are not legible. Mayor DiLucia expressed his concerns and reasons for removing Mr. Manfredi as the Director of Code Enforcement/Community Development. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** advised, he is prepared to not remove Mr. Manfredi at this time, until the Mayor is able to provide Council with all of the information and Mr. Manfredi is able to have his due process. **Cncl. Wolfe** clarified that the attendance of Directors falls under Chapter 4-32 of the Township Code and not under Chapter 4-29, which refers to members of Boards and Commissions. Regarding the copies of emails and text communications that Council just received from the Mayor, **Cncl. Wolfe** noted that he would not feel comfortable making any determinations this evening until he had a chance to review said documentation. He noted, Council is under a twenty-day rule according to the law and he would make the motion to approve Resolution R:155-2020 and moving forward, if the Mayor wants to present the documents and go through the process in the future, he would be open to that. **Cncl. Wolfe** believes that Mr. Manfredi is entitled to his due process. Mayor DiLucia stated, the Resolution is in the hands of Council to approve, he cannot vote on it as Mayor, but the recommendation for removal that he made, is based on good and sufficient cause, which is explained in the proof that he provided earlier this evening. The Mayor is in favor of due process and suggested extending the time until the next Regular Council Meeting, so Council has time to review the documentation provided to them this evening. **Cncl. Wolfe** mentioned Resolution R:154-2020, which authorizes the transfer of the 2019-2020 Junkyard License from Midway Auto Parts to Tilghmans Auto Parts II, LLC; this approval is part of Mr. Manfredi's job, which he completed. Mayor DiLucia expressed his concerns with numerous other occasions where Mr. Manfredi did not respond nor perform his obligations as a Director. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** noted, he is in favor of due diligence and would like to take the time to review the information presented to Council this evening, along with any other information that the Mayor would like to share, and have the opportunity to speak with Mr. Manfredi before making a decision. Mayor DiLucia stated, let the record show, *“he forwarded the required notification to Council and Mr. Manfredi stating his intent to remove. He never received any word back from the Council or Mr. Manfredi challenging the notification, until he received the Agenda on Friday which showed Resolution R:155-2020 reversing his decision for removal.”* Mayor DiLucia noted that he will not pay anyone, no matter who they are, if they are nonresponsive to the responsibilities they have to their job. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** said, he will poll Council to see if they are in favor of tabling Resolution R:155-2020, provided that nothing happens until the next scheduled Regular Council Meeting where they will have a chance to speak with Mr. Manfredi, receive all of the information from the Mayor, and have time to review said information. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** asked Mayor DiLucia for his word on the record *“that he will not do anything until the next meeting.”* Mayor DiLucia explained that he believes in due process and whatever it takes to come to the right conclusion on this, he is willing to do, within the law, he will extend the time as long as Council needs to make a decision. **Solicitor Trimble** advised, the Statute does not allow for extensions under Council's removal and read aloud the Statute which states that ultimately, there is not a right to extend and the law is clear that the Mayor at his discretion may remove any Department Head and subject to any general provisions, the law concerning term of office or tenure, any other municipal executive officer who is not a subordinate departmental officer. Prior to removal, the Mayor shall first file written notice of his intention with Council and such removal shall become effective on the 20th day after the filing of such notice, unless the Council, prior thereto, have adopted a Resolution by a 2/3 vote of the whole number of

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C.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

Council disapproving the removal. **Solicitor Trimble** explained, if Council votes to override the Mayor's discretion, the question would arise if another notice of removal is filed, can Council go back and litigate things prior to today? **Mayor DiLucia** said, he is willing to do whatever it takes to give due process but he is not willing to wipe away all of the evidence which supports his position for removal. **Solicitor Trimble** advised, if the Mayor were to withdraw his motion of intent for removal this evening and then resubmitted it again tomorrow along with the evidence, the twenty-day timeline would begin again. The Mayor advised that as long as his evidence will still be admissible, he is willing to table/withdraw his intent for removal at this time, in order for the Council to have the opportunity to review all of the provided information and come to a fair and just decision. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** polled Council and all were in agreement to table Resolution R:155-2020 based on the Mayor's discussion regarding the notice to remove.

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to table Resolution R:155-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:156-2020 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Solicit Bids for the 2020 Monroe Road Program

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:156-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:157-2020 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Safety & Stabilization Guarantee, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Monroe Substation (Atlantic City Electric), Site Plan #500, Block 12901, Lots 1, 3, 4, 11 & 13

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:157-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres. Marino turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Wolfe**.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the meeting to the public for ordinances listed on the agenda for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak on the Ordinances for Second Reading, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:20-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 226 Entitled "Parks and Playgrounds"

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:20-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance **O:20-2020** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:21-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 230 Entitled "Peddling and Soliciting"

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:21-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –
7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:21-2020 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:22-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Establishing Chapter 205 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Parades"

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:22-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –
7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:22-2020 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:23-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter § 4-93.3.4 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Criminal History Background Checks Concerning Township-Sponsored or Cosponsored Recreation and Sports Programs."

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:23-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –
7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:23-2020 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:24-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter § 4-97 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Award of Contract or Purchase"

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:24-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –
7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:24-2020 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:25-2020 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township Of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$9,325,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$8,858,750;

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

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. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:25-2020 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) NEW BUSINESS

Cncl. Falcone read aloud a letter, which she presented to the Municipal Clerk, regarding the removal of two Board Members of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority. *“Pursuant to the bylaws and regulations of the Monroe Municipal Utilities, Board Member Ralph Manfredi should not have voted on the recent appointment of the current MMUA Superintendent. More importantly, he violated local government ethics rules. Ralph Manfredi should have recused himself from the vote because there was a conflict of interest. His son is employed at the MUA and would be supervised by the Superintendent. For this reason, I am making a motion to remove Ralph Manfredi for potential misuse of the authority and breach of ethics. I ask for a second on this motion so Council can start the investigative process pursuant to Monroe Township Code Section 4-29. I would like the hearing to be scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.”* **Cncl. Garbowski** seconded Cncl. Falcone’s motion to remove Ralph Manfredi for potential misuse of the authority and breach of ethics. Cncl. Falcone asked for a separate motion to remove Board Member Robert Simone for the same reasons and would like the hearing to be scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 6:00pm. Cncl. Falcone provided a copy of the May 20, 2020 MMUA Board Minutes, which reference the vote for the MMUA Superintendent to the Municipal Clerk for evidence. Cncl. Garbowski seconded Cncl. Falcone’s motion to remove Robert Simone as a Board Member of the MMUA. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** noted, as MMUA liaison, during the vote, the Chairman, Mr. DiLolle had asked their Solicitor if everything was in order with the vote and the Solicitor ruled that there was not a problem with the voting taking place.

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion for the removal of an appointed MMUA Board Member, Mr. Joseph DiLolle, Jr.. This motion is based on the report Council received from an independent investigation which was conducted by the independent law firm, Cooper Levenson. The investigation was regarding employee complaints pertaining to the conduct and activities of Mr. DiLolle at the MMUA, with the conclusion stating that Mr. DiLolle violated the MMUA political activity policy. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O’Reilly** seconded Cncl. Wolfe’s motion for removal of Mr. DiLolle as an appointed MMUA Board Member. Cncl. Wolfe recommended the hearing be scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 7:00pm along with the hearings requested by Cncl. Falcone. **Mayor DiLucia** will provide representation for Council for the October 12, 2020 hearings.

F.) OLD BUSINESS

Mayor DiLucia noted that Cncl. Pres. Marino stated for the record that the Solicitor for the MMUA responded for their vote. The Mayor asked the Municipal Clerk to OPRA Request the May 2020 MUA Board Meeting Minutes to verify the accuracy of that statement. Mayor DiLucia stated for the record *“there was no discussion, either yes or no about conflict”*. He believes, the appropriate thing to do, is to request a copy of the May MMUA Board Meeting Minutes.

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G.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor DiLucia reported that he had the pleasure of marrying three (3) couples in September. He attended a Chamber of Commerce event, along with a Ribbon Cutting at a facial salon, which recently opened for business.

Deputy Mayor DiLolle attended the Ribbon Cutting for the new business located across from CVS Pharmacy. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce event, which was held at the Blue Cork Winery. Deputy Mayor Dilolle encouraged everyone to continue to support the local businesses.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Kurz mentioned that the Police Department will be supporting Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October. Fire Prevention Night with both Fire Departments has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Mr. Kurz announced that EMS is currently hiring for part-time positions.

Deputy Police Chief Rebecca reported, for the month of October, the police officers will be wearing pink shirts as part of their uniform in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The FOP Lodge 125 is once again sponsoring this event and they have expanded their Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirt sales by opening it to the public. This is a non-profit event, with 100% of the proceeds going towards breast cancer research. Deputy Chief Rebecca noted, also in October, the Police Department will be partnering with the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office in the Straight to Treatment / Road to Recovery Program which provides assistance to those suffering with addiction. On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, the Police Department will be going mobile for National Night Out. Due to COVID-19, several groups of police officers will be traveling to various locations throughout the town from 3pm to 9pm.

Cncl. Falcone spoke regarding the PPP loans, which helped keep many businesses afloat during the pandemic. She reported that the PPP loans are coming to an end; they were extended providing the option for an eight-week period or a twenty-four-week period for payroll forgiveness. At this point, it is a possibility that if a loan was taken for \$150,000.00 or less, they may be forgiven as the banks and the State of New Jersey are pushing for forgiveness, because they do not have enough employees to process the loans. Cncl. Falcone attended the Chamber of Commerce event at the Blue Cork Winery where the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Township Chamber were also in attendance. Between the three Chambers, they are trying to form a consortium of businesses, as many residents in Monroe Township also want to do business outside the borders and vice-versa. They will be working together in 2021 to help all of the businesses be even more successful.

Cncl. Fox welcomed and congratulated Dr. Susan Ficke on her appointment as the new Superintendent of Schools, which was effective on September 14, 2020.

Cncl. Garbowski reported, at Thursday's Planning Board meeting, the site plan for Allied Painting was granted. He noted that Allied Painting is one of the largest painting contractors in the State and they will be building a 40,000 to 50,000 square foot building on the Black Horse Pike.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly spoke in reference to the Solar Initiative Project. The MMUA, School Board and the Township have been going through an extraordinary amount of engineering work and the Library, along with Town Hall, should start construction in the next 90 days. The schools and the MMUA are a little bit behind that time schedule, as they are dealing with Pinelands approvals. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly spoke regarding the Landfill, stating that he is hopeful the contractor will be confirmed to close the landfill by Summer of 2021.

Cncl. Wolfe attended the LEPC meeting on September 17, 2020. The Office of Emergency Management is currently stockpiling supplies in preparation of a possible second wave of COVID-19 in the Fall. Cncl. Wolfe attended the Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 9, 2020, where they discussed the possibility of a Christmas Parade, since the previous events this year had been cancelled due to COVID-19. Cncl. Wolfe asked Mayor DiLucia if the Veteran's Day Parade is still scheduled. **Director of Community Affairs,**

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G.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Brandee Derieux advised that presently, the Veteran's Day Parade is on hold and decisions on holding the parade are still being made.

Cncl. Pres. Marino asked if a decision has been made with regards to Trick or Treating. **Mayor DiLucia** said that a Trunk or Treat is being organized to be held possibly at the Pfeiffer Center. The Mayor noted, he is still awaiting the official guidance from the Governor on whether or not Halloween will be cancelled or not. **Director of Finance, Lorraine Boyer** suggested hosting the Trunk or Treat at the Williamstown High School, as it is a larger area for the cars to be able to space out. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** thanked **Director of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado**, **Director of Finance, Lorraine Boyer** and Council for Ordinance O:25-2020, which appropriates monies for road paving and the Williamstown Fire Department.

H.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Joseph DiLolle, Jr., 545 Greenbriar Drive addressed **Cncl. Pres. Marino** regarding the confidential report, which Council received concerning him. He questioned **Cncl. Wolfe** why he mentioned his name and cited two Statutes during a public meeting, when the matter is confidential. **Cncl. Wolfe** stated, the process is to make a motion stating the charges during a meeting that is open to the public. **Mr. DiLolle** asked when he should expect to receive a copy of said report. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** advised, it is not in the purview of the Council to release the report, it is at the discretion of the MMUA attorney. **Mr. DiLolle** spoke regarding the MMUA May Board Meeting Minutes; he believes that he asked **Mr. Cappelli** if he had any comments, to which he answered no.

Chelsea Valcourt, 201 Buckhorn Drive addressed Council to express her concerns with several members of Council being in correspondence with prominent members of the Board of Education in not the best of ways. Due to the special nature of these relationships, several members of Council have been granted access to otherwise confidential information. She read aloud District Policy 0196-1, 8320, and Chapter 4-33 of the Township Code. **Ms. Valcourt** expressed her concerns with why Closed Session Minutes of a Board of Education meeting was shared with a Council Member who is not the Liaison. **Ms. Valcourt** believes that several members of Council and the Board of Education are abusing their powers, privileges and overstepping their duties defined under Article 2 of the Township Code. **Ms. Valcourt** asked the Mayor and Council to conduct an investigation based on Code 4-30, as she believes it is necessary and owed to the residents of Monroe Township. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** noted, Council and the Board of Education have a good relationship and they work together to benefit the Township through the newly formed shared service agreements. **Ms. Valcourt** believes that, some of the relationships go beyond the parameters of which they were established for, which is creating a power transfer.

Joe Broderick, 404 Trinidad Blvd. stated that he is running for Ward 2 Councilman. He noted that he is the President of the Holiday City Association, which has over 1,000 members. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** explained that the Regular Council Meeting is not the place to campaign for the election, noting he does not want to politicize the Courtroom.


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

I.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 28, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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Respectfully submitted,


Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Municipal Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Regular Council Meeting of September 28, 2020 and serve only as a synopsis of the proceedings. The official recording may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification, pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

Approved as submitted asc
Approved as corrected _____

Date 10/12/2020
Date _____