

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 23 2017**

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., Bart McIlvaine** in the Court Room of the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

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

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine stated the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet in the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council please sign in and you will be recognized during the Public Portion. Kindly state your name for the record.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Cncl. Marino led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Deacon Jim Hallman of Our Lady of Peace Parish** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks		Excused
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner		Excused
Cncl. Joe Marino	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth	Present	
Dir. Of Finance, Karyn Paccione	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Michael Calvello	Present	
Dir. Comm. Dev./Code Enf. Rosemary Flaherty	Present	
Dir. Parks & Rec, Jim Bonder		Excused
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Police Chief, John McKeown	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of October 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. McIlvaine** and approved by all members of Council in attendance with the exception of **Cncl. Marino** and **Cncl. Miller** who Abstained.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:238-2107 through R:242-2017 for approval by Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:238-2017 Resolution Appointing Member To the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

R:239-2017 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of October 23, 2017

R:240-2017 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:241-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Various Properties For Failure To Comply With Chapter 295 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe

R:242-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriations N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2017 Body Armor Grant

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions R:238-2017 through R:242-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

O:34-2017 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 37, Article II Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Length Of Service Awards Program"

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:34-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:35-2017 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 65 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Personnel Policies"

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:35-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:36-2017 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic"

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. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:36-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:37-2017 Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Adopting The Rules And Regulations For The Monroe Township Police Department

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:37-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. DiLucia reported the Safety Committee Meeting was cancelled this month. He reported attending the MMUA Meeting and announced that Jerry Moore, the MMUA Director is retiring effective November 1, 2017 but will stay on part-time for about six months to help ease the transition. He thanked Mr. Moore for his service and wished him a happy and healthy retirement. The MMUA will be restructured so that the duties of the director will now be shared by two individuals, one doing the administrative duties and the other will be responsible for the facility management. The MMUA Board has eliminated a number of jobs through attrition and the director position will not be filled, which will amount to in excess of \$150,000.00 a year saving that will be passed on to the rate payers. **Cncl. DiLucia** noted the MMUA Board feels operations will continue as usual but as liaison he will keep his eye on that. He advised the MMUA revenue will be down considerably because this year no one used their sprinkler systems due to all the rain so the savings in salaries will go a long way in offsetting the loss in revenue.

Cncl. Garbowski reported attending the Zoning Board Meetings on October 3rd and October 17th where an application for 52 homes on Mink Lane was denied. He also reported attending the Historical Society Meeting on October 5th, which was the 43rd anniversary of the Historical Society. They are working hard to keep Williamstown history alive and are working with the school district to bring all 4th graders to the historical buildings in Williamstown. **Cncl. Garbowski** reported attending the Library Board Meeting on October 18th. He urged residents to visit the Library website to view upcoming programs/community events sponsored by the Library and he thanked all the Library personnel for setting up programs for kids displaced when the schools closed for mold remediation.

Cncl. Marino reported attending the Board of Education Meeting on October 5th that was moved to the Williamstown High Theater due to the number of people in attendance regarding Holly Glen School closing for mold remediation. One thing that came out of that meeting was that all others schools would be tested. The Board of Education held an emergency meeting on October 9th to introduce TTI an Environmental Engineering Firm and All Risk, a remediation company. A panel was established that will work with the administration, TTI and All Risk in order to get information out to the public. Many people attended that meeting and there was a lot of tension due to all the schools being closed for six days. Whitehall and Holly Glen are still closed but there is a possibility Whitehall may reopen within four to six weeks. **Cncl. Marino** noted hopefully these problems will bring positive change in the way maintenance records are maintained in the future. He reported since Whitehall School is closed residents from Districts 4, 5, 8 and 11 will vote at Open Bible Baptist Church, 1073 New Brooklyn Road for the General Election on November 7th.

Cncl. Miller reported this weekend he attended the Harvest Festival and the Halloween Parade and he thanked the Parks and Rec Committee for their hard work during these events. Both events were successful with approximately 7,000 people attending the Halloween Parade. **Cncl. Miller** noted this year there have been many negative advertisements vilifying candidates so he urged residents to research the candidates prior to voting on Election Day to see who best represents them.

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Mayor Teefy reported the weather was perfect for the Fall Harvest Festival and the Halloween Parade and everyone attending had a fun time. He reported the kids are adapting to being in different schools however their parents are very upset and are going to express that when they vote on Election Day. The Mayor noted he had reserved the court room to meet with parents but the venue was moved to the high school because there was a concern the court room would not be large enough after a 1,000 people went to the Board of Ed meeting. Only 75/80 people came out. He commented when issues die down people stop coming out but there are still some people working to bring positive change to the schools and that is important. He urged everyone to work together for a positive change for the town. The Mayor reported twenty-two developers attended the trolley tour held by the Economic Development Commission and Main Street Committee. The tour took the developers around to available properties with opportunities for commercial development and they were very impressed. Hopefully we will get some leads through this for some of the commercial properties throughout the town. The Mayor commended the Main Street Committee for doing a fantastic job with the Scarecrow Contest. He noted it is a tradition to put the Christmas decorations up along Main Street before the Halloween Parade but this year it stirred up some conversation in town. He reported the Fries Mill Road/Rt. 322 intersection project will be finalized and moved to the State by December 1st and once State approvals are received hopefully the intersection will be rectified in 2018.

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart reported Williamstown Fire Department and Cecil Fire Department held their annual open houses. The public attendance was down from past years but that seemed to be the trend in other towns too. He reported this has been a busy month for all the emergency services. Last night within an hour Monroe Ambulance handled six EMS calls.

Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello reported the township will begin leaf collection the first full week in November. The schedule will be placed on the township website.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee and employees and everyone else involved in putting together the Fall Festival and the Halloween Parade. He also thanked the Public Works Department and Karl Rein, who drives the street sweeper, for cleaning up Main Street after the parade. He also thanked the volunteers from the fire departments and EMS for answering all the calls they receive.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marino and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan McCormick, RMC
Township Clerk



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2017 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 _____  _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 11/13/17
Date _____