

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

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., Daniel Teefy** 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.

Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy 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. Rich DiLucia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. William Sebastian** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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| Cncl. Walter Bryson | Present | |
| Cncl. Frank Caligiuri | Present | |
| Cncl. Marvin Dilks | Present | |
| Cncl. Rich DiLucia | Present | |
| Cncl. Ronald Garbowski | | Excused |
| Cncl. William Sebastian | Present | |
| Cncl. Pres., Daniel Teefy | Present | |
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| Mayor Michael Gabbianelli | Present | |
| Solicitor, Charles Fiore | Present | |
| Business Adm., Kevin Heydel | Present | |
| Engineer, Dave Cella | Present | |
| Dir. Finance, Jeff Coles | Present | |
| Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz | Present | |
| Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart | Present | |
| Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis | Present | |
| Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick | Present | |

PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of January 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

R:47-2013 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Change Order For Jottan, Inc. In The Increased Amount Of \$2,097.00 For The Municipal Building Re-Roofing & Sheet Metal Work Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:47-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson**.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks questioned whether that work was already completed and if so i there were any leaks from all the rain we recently had. **CFO, Jeff Coles** replied the work has been completed and that he has not heard of any leaks in the building.

With no other questions Resolution R:47-2013 was unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:48-2013 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior To Adoption Of The Budget, Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester (*Emergency Temporary #2*)

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:48-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:49-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To The ODB (Old Dominion Brush) Company For Two (2) 25 Cubic Yard Trailer Mounted Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collectors As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Department Of Public Works, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:49-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:50-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Musco Sports Lighting, LLC For Services Associated With The Complete Sports Lighting System At The Church Street Field As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:50-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:51-2013 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Adopting Rules And Regulations For The Monroe Township Police Department

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:51-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:52-2013 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of February 11, 2013

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:52-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:53-2013 Resolution Authorizing An Alternate Calculation Of The Reserve For Uncollected Taxes Pursuant To *NJSA 40A:4-41c(2)*

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:53-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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

R:54-2013 A Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Opposing *Senate Bill 2511* Which Proposes Amendments To The Open Public Meetings Act

Cncl. Rich DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:54-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Walter Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:55-2013 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

Cncl. William Sebastian made a motion to approve Resolution R:55-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:56-2013 Resolution Supporting Participation In The Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program In The Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey.

Cncl. Marvin Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:56-2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. William Sebastian** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

O:02-2013 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

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:02-2013 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Solicitor Fiore reported the Fairness Hearing for the Blaze Mill Project has been put off until mid June due to the illness of court appointed COAH Master, Marybeth Lonergan.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Walter Bryson made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Mary Cote, 1710 Biden Lane questioned if there was a reason our crime log is no longer printed in the newspaper. **Mayor Gabbianelli** explained the paper solicits that information and decides what they will publish. **Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart** indicated that information was previously posted on the township website where there is also a link to the Police Department Facebook page. Mr. Smart noted that information is supposed to be periodically updated and he will check to see if that is being done. Mrs. Cote also questioned whether the Library will ever adjust their hours and open earlier even if only for one day a week. Mayor Gabbianelli explained the Library has had those hours for years because they are related to after school activities and he suggested Mrs. Cote speak to the new Library Director about the hours if she would like them changed. Mrs. Cote also questioned whether there were any plans to

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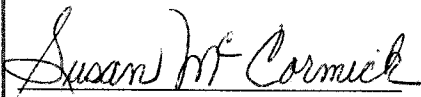
improve the Pfeiffer Center. Mayor Gabbianelli noted the best thing to do with that building would be to knock it down and start over but there is no money to do that. Mrs. Cote agreed and questioned whether money was being saved to do that in the future. Mayor Gabbianelli explained what we need to do is pay off our existing bonds and move forward from there. Right now we are just maintaining the Pfeiffer Center but the Library property has seven acres of ground where a new community center could be located in the future. The Mayor spoke of how the Library is discussing creating meeting rooms in the unfinished portion of the building where commercial was previously considered. Mrs. Cote questioned the status of the improvements to the intersection of Route 322 and Fries Mill Road. Engineer Chris Rehmann explained the Fries Mill Road Project has received the planning approval from the Department of Transportation, which means the right and left hand turn lanes have been established. The Mayor and Council got the four property owners to agree to donate the right-of-way necessary for the expansion and that will cut approximately 18 to 24 months off the roadway improvement schedule. The DOT has given the township a two million dollar grant to help construct the roadway and the traffic engineer has agreed to reduce his cost so that the four property owners will only need to pay approximately \$25,000.00 each to complete the construction. Once the property owners agree to that and we respond to a few comments from the DOT and they grant approval we will be able to go out to bid for the project. The Mayor noted this entire process has been frustrating for the township because Fries Mill Road is a county roadway and Route 322 is a State highway and they are leaving it up to us to get it done. We are very close right now as long as the property owners come up with the funding. If the property owners do not fund the project, then we will need to bond for the money but when those owners come in to develop their corners, they will need to pay their fair share. Mr. Rehmann added a meeting was held with the property owners approximately three weeks ago and he expects them to agree to fund the improvements. It will then take approximately four to six months to complete the plans and then we can request help from Senator Madden to push the DOT to approve those plans. Mrs. Cote also questioned what residents need to do to get the passing lane changed to a no passing zone on Route 322 at the Whispering Woods Drive intersection, as there have been 41 accidents there in the last seven years. Mayor Gabbianelli noted that is a State highway and the DOT would need to be contacted to change that. Mr. Rehmann advised he would send a letter to the DOT on behalf of the residents requesting that a traffic inspector be sent out to that location to review the area.


With no one else wishing to speak **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Rich DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. William Sebastian** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marvin Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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 February 11, 2013 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 2/25/13
Date _____