

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JULY 1, 2015

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:35 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri** in the Second Floor Meeting 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., Caligiuri** 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 - INVOCATION**

**Cncl. Miller** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks		Excused
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Wright	Present	

**B.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open the General Public Discussion and also questions concerning ordinances. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**C.) ORDINANCE**

**O:26-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Deleting Chapter 104, Article V Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Registration And Maintenance Of Vacant Or Abandoned Properties" And Establishing Chapter 104, Article V Entitled "Abandoned Real Property"; Providing For Purpose, Intent And Applicability Of The Ordinance; Requiring The Registration And Maintenance Of Certain Real Property By Mortgagees; Providing For Penalties And Enforcement, As Well As Regulation, Limitation And Reduction Of Abandoned Real Property Within The Township Of Monroe; Providing For Severability, Repealer, Codification, And An Effective Date

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:26-2015 with the changes discussed during the Ordinance Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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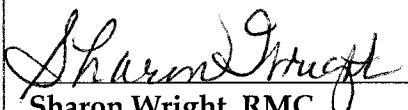
• Mayor Storm Update


Mayor Teefy updated Council regarding the wind storm that hit the township on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He noted volunteers from the fire companies and ambulance association did an outstanding job and not enough guys from the Public Works Department showed up but the ones that did come in did a heck of a job cleaning things up. They have been cleaning up all week and thought they would be on the trash schedule but they are falling a little behind. If questioned Council can let people know that anything damaged by the storm will be picked up by Public Works but it may take a few weeks to get everything due to the amount of debris throughout the township. The Mayor reported as of right now all roads are open, there is one problem on Malaga, today Mike Calvello took down a tree on Winslow Road and a lot of information has been received through social media, which has helped the Police and the Public Works Department. There were some additional temporary electric outages again and Bert Lopez from Atlantic City Electric called to say transformers were starting to blow so they were backing off getting the trees off the wires to work on their transmissions to keep everyone up so next week they will begin removing trees from the wires. ACE did not touch Jones Kane Road until Monday because that was a smaller section of town. The Mayor noted he tried to push ACE to Jones Kane Road but Bert told him they first look at areas where major amounts of people are affected and if a crew was moved to that location to get 20 people service 400 people in the other area would not get their service back. ACE had eight substations go out from the storm and then the second storm on Saturday night set them further back because 8,000 more homes went out. Cncl. Bryson questioned whether tree limbs needed to be cut into four foot pieces to be picked up. Mayor Teefy replied no but if they can break them up and put them on the curb it would be helpful and anything in trash containers should weigh no more than 40 pounds. Cncl. Heffner added a Bobcat and dump truck is being used to pick up the branches and Winzinger will take them as long as they are clean. The amount of stuff to be picked up is staggering and Public Work's employees are not going into yards to get the branches they must be on the curb. The Mayor noted he was going to meet with Bob Avis in the morning to discuss a pick up schedule because there is no way all the debris can be picked up behind the regular trash schedules as anticipated. Cncl. Heffner noted the Crystal Lake area really took a beating and there is a lot of heavy stuff out there but in developments such as Saddlebrook Farms there are no big trees just a lot of debris and brush. Everything will not be able to be picked up right away because in another two days calls will be coming in about cutting grass and we can't pull guys away from this to go do that. Residents need to be patient, it is not unsafe to have limbs in the front yard. The Mayor added we do have summer employees so that is helping us and a couple of Councilmen helped out with the Gordon Avenue tree problem. Mink Lane was closed off due to a tree pulling up the sidewalk and cracking an MMUA pipe, which eroded the area and now it looks like a sink hole is opening up. Cncl. Heffner and Mayor Teefy spoke of the storm damage other towns experienced and noted once this is done a meeting will be held with OEM, the Public Safety Committee, Jim Smart and all the chiefs to go over everything to find out what can be improved upon.

D.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of July 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Heffner and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon Wright, RMC  
Deputy Clerk

  
Presiding Officer

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of July 1, 2015 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 sw  
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Date 7/27/15  
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