

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 8, 2016

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:30 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Cody D. Miller** 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., Miller 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. Dilks led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Pres., Miller** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walt Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Cody D. Miller	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth, ARH	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Michael Calvello	Present	
Dir. Community Dev., Rosemary Flaherty	Present	
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION

- **Eagle Scout Recognition - Jared Kern**

Cncl. Pres., Miller and **Mayor Teefy** presented a Certificate of Recognition to **Jared Kern of Boy Scout Troop 234** in acknowledgement of completing his Eagle Leadership Project "The Courtyard in Meadowview Nursing Home" and for obtaining the highest and most covenant rank in scouting "The Eagle Scout". Jared explained Meadowview Nursing Home had a rundown courtyard and his project consisted of opening it up and building four raised flower boxes and some benches for the residents to relax and enjoy themselves.

- **Cheerleading Awards - Spirit Cheers Academy**

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres., Miller** presented a proclamation to **Coaches Kimberly Sacco, April DeAngelis, Kimberly Nichols, Megan Whitely** and **Tara Park** of the Spirit Cheers Academy in recognition of the Sparkles, Glitter, Twinkles and Dazzle Cheerleading teams winning a Grand National Champion Title, two National Champion Titles, four First Place Trophies, one Second Place Trophy and one Third Place Trophy in their first season of competition. **Coach Sacco** noted Spirit Cheers Academy was established in 2013 due to her passion for cheerleading and developing young athletes and the first gym was opened in

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Williamstown in the spring and we are excited to be part of this community. Ms. Sacco thanked the Mayor and Council for this recognition and noted she is proud of her athletes.

Cncl. Pres., Miller and Mayor Teefy presented a Certificate of Recognition to the **Dazzle Cheerleading Squad** for winning First Place in the Cheerleading Finals in Virginia Beach, five 1st Place Individual Finishes and a 3rd Place Cheerleading Award, to the **Shimmer Cheerleading Squad** for six 1st Place Wins during the 2015-2016 season and a 4th Place finish in Virginia Beach, to the **Sparkles Cheerleading Squad** for five Individual 1st Place Cheerleading Finishes, 2nd Place - US Finals in Virginia Beach and Grand Champion - Battle Royale` and to the **Twinkles Cheerleading Squad** in recognition of Outstanding Performances in three cheerleading competitions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Session of July 11, 2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Dilks** who **Abstained**.

B.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Domenic Burgess of B&B Auto Repair noted he spoke to his insurance agent who told him that on-hook insurance is issued exclusively to companies that only do towing. If a company does auto repair there is "*Garage Keepers Liability*", which covers any vehicle in their possession. **Cncl. Heffner** requested Mr. Fiore to look into that.

Kelly Heins of the Friends of Victory Lakes Association was in attendance to request a resolution from Council to waive the electric permit fees for their 501C3 non-profit organization, which need electric installed in order to hold community events/fund raisers. Ms. Heins spoke of Victory Lakes being recently named "Monroe Township Neighborhood of the Year. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** advised the resolution will be scheduled at the next Regular Council Meeting.

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

C.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

D.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cncl. Miller noted Resolution R:155-2016 and R:164-2016 would be removed from the agenda.

R:147-2016 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2016/2017 Municipal Alliance Grant Program

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:147-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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R:148-2016 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2016 Click It Or Ticket

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:148-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:149-2016 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution R:149-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:150-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Cancelling Tax Sale Certificate Number 94014 And Adjusting Tax Records

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:150-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:151-2016 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe Planning Board To Conduct A Preliminary Investigation To Establish A Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area At The Intersection Of Route 322 & Fries Mill Road Within The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

Cncl. Caligiuri made a motion to approve Resolution R:151-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

Cncl. Bryson requested an explanation on what the Planning Board would do with this and what benefit it would give. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** explained this is a study to see if the area meets the criteria to be a redevelopment site. **Cncl. Bryson** questioned whether the lots included in this were formerly owned by **Paparone**. **Solicitor Fiore** explained this is part of the redevelopment process and includes all four corners, the golf course piece, the **Paparone** piece, the **Hargrove** piece and the piece previously approved for the **WAWA**, at the intersection of Rt. 322 and Fries Mill Road. The Planning Board will perform a study to determine whether or not these four lots meet the criteria of redevelopment. The reason for it is to provide a more favorable funding mechanism when the improvements to the intersection are approved. The township would be the applicant applying for the loan to make up any shortfalls to fund the project and redevelopment gives us the ability to perhaps enter into pilot programs and long term plans where we would be able to recoup our money. One concern that was discussed at a meeting was the litigation with **Paparone** but there is a settlement agreement so the residential portion will not be affected. The process is a resolution is approved, it is sent to the Planning Board for their review and they undertake a study and send a plan back to Council for approval. **Cncl. Bryson** noted about three months ago the State approved milling and repaving Rt. 322 from Glassboro to Tuckahoe Road but that plan did not expand any of the lanes. He questioned whether that plan was still in effect or would the lanes be expanded to four. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** explained the intersection is being designed by a third party working for the property owners of the four corners but we have received copies of the plan that went to DOT and it does have left hand turning lanes to try to alieve some of the traffic congestion there.

Cncl. Heffner questioned if this was being sent to the Planning Board to find out if we can do a redevelopment area. **Mr. Fiore** explained in order for an area to be declared an area in need of redevelopment certain statutory criteria steps must be followed. The first step is Council approves a resolution saying it looks like a good idea and requesting the Planning Board to do its "due diligence" under the Municipal Land Use Law to undertake a study to tell us whether it meets the criteria of redevelopment. Then it would ultimately come back to the Council for their final determination vote for a plan. It is up to the Planning Board to make the determination but it gives us a lot of flexibility with respect to funding. Right now we have \$2,000,000.00 sitting on a shelf at the DOT for a project that will come in more than that but hopefully the State or the Federal Government will come up with the additional money. If not, we will have a tool in place that can be used to fund the project to recoup some or all of our money from the redeveloper.

With no further questions Resolution R:151-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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R:152-2016 Resolution Cancelling Tax Sale Certificate Number 28-88 And Authorizing The Reimbursement To The Third Party Lienholder All Sums Paid Plus Accrued Interest

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:152-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:153-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Solicitor For The Township Of Monroe To Foreclose, In Rem, Certain Tax Sale Certificates Held By The Municipality

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:153-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:154-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Recommending The Monroe Township Planning Board And Monroe Township Zoning Board Adhere To The Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Prepared By Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Dated June 30, 2016

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:154-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:155-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Proposals (RFP) For Fire & Emergency Medical Services Study (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

R:156-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Proposals (RFP) For Marketing Analysis/Public Relations Campaign

Cncl. Caligiuri made a motion to approve Resolution R:156-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

Cncl. Bryson noted he thought this marketing analysis/public relations was already part of our Economic Development and it was in their budget and he questioned whether this was something additional. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** advised the money is coming out of their budget.

Cncl. DiLucia questioned whether a company was already hired. **Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel** explained last year a company did Phase 1 and that was under the bid threshold. The estimate coming in for Phase II is over the bid threshold so we have to do a Request for Proposal. **Cncl. DiLucia** questioned didn't we hire an attorney who was supposed to be a public relations person. **Mayor Teefy** noted Suasion Communications did Phase I and this deals with the second phase. **Cncl. DiLucia** questioned whether the contract with Suasion has expired so that they are no longer billing us. **Mr. Heydel** advised yes, Phase I of the project has been completed. **Cncl. DiLucia** questioned what the total cost of Phase 1 was. **Mr. Heydel** replied \$10,000.00.

With no other questions Resolution R:156-2015 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:157-2016 Resolution Releasing The Maintenance Bond Posted For "Carriage Glen", Section 2, Subdivision #1696, Block 10301, Lot 16

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:157-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

Cncl. Bryson noted there have been situations in Carriage Glen where the roads have not been completed and yet we still let the maintenance bonds go. He questioned whether the roads in Carriage Glen were finally completed or not. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** advised Section 2 has received top course paving and has gone through the maintenance period. Inspections have been done and nothing more is needed. Signs have been posted so construction traffic will not

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travel on the Section 2 roads and Paprone has agreed to still plow Section 2 until the development is 100% done that way we will not have Public Works plowing only a section of the road. The rest of the development is not built out so the other roads do not have to have the final paving. Sections 1, 3 and 7 are off performance bonds.

With no other questions Resolution R:157-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:158-2016 Resolution Authorizing The Release Of The Performance Guaranty For "Walmart Retail Site", For Site Plan #416-BSP, Block 3901, Lots 1, 38, 38.02, 39, 40 And Part Of 1.01 For Certain Onsite Improvements

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to approve Resolution R:158-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:159-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Appointing Douglas Long, Esquire As Special Counsel On Behalf Of The Township Clerk Of The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:159-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Dilks** who **Abstained With Cause**.

R:160-2016 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number - 1 For Bay Head Investments, Inc. D/B/A VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialist In The Increased Amount Of \$736.00 For Services Associated With The 2016 Ford E450 Remount/Refurbishment

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:160-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson**.

Cncl. Heffner questioned what this change order was for. **Mr. Heydel** noted there was a reduction in the stretcher cost and they added in the cost for the installation of an air horn.

With no other questions Resolution R:160-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:161-2016 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of August 8, 2016

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:161-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**

Cncl. McIlvaine questioned whether the fire hydrant bill was included on this bill list. **Mr. Heydel** replied no.

With no other questions Resolution R:161-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:162-2016 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract To OMNI Recycling LLC, For Disposal Of Recycled Materials Effective September 1, 2016 Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:162-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**

Cncl. Bryson questioned whether this was the same recycling company we have been using over the years. **Mr. Heydel** answered yes it is and went on to explain that we will not be getting paid for recycling due to the market being saturated with recyclables but they have agreed to take our recyclables and not charge us for them.

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With no other questions Resolution R:162-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:163-2016 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. For Engineering Services Associated With The Lower Victory Lakes Dam Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:163-2016. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**.

Cncl. Caligiuri commented the Lower Victory Lakes Dam is located on Whitehall Road and that is a County road and he questioned whether the County would be contributing to this cost. **Ms. Cornforth** explained the roadway itself is a township road. The breakdown is the County owns the structure, the township owns the road and whatever is in the right-of-way in terms of the embankment, the rest is owned by the Lower Victory Lakes Association and it was her understanding that this cost was coming straight from the township. This is a Class II dam that is required to be inspected every two years. Previously the spillway was determined to be inadequate. Dam Safety has just reviewed the latest inspections from last year and they are no longer going to allow us to say things will be done eventually. They are saying they want plans submitted by June of next year saying the owners will allocate a quarter of a million dollars for upgrades. We have talked to them because of the calculations we have done and they are willing to entertain a reduction in the hazardous classification if we can prove it by doing additional calculations. If the hazard class is reduced they will probably back down on the upgrades but if not that money will have to be allocated. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted dealing with the refurbishment he was assuming it was a County bridge. **Ms. Cornforth** replied yes, the dam structure per Dam Safety is owned by the County. Over the years many times the County has said they have no plans to do anything there and the township has incurred the cost to prevent fines being imposed. **Cncl. Caligiuri** questioned who would incur that fine. **Ms. Cornforth** explained it would be distributed to all of the owners, which includes the township. **Cncl. Caligiuri** questioned whether the County would also be part of that. **Ms. Cornforth** replied that is correct. **Cncl. Caligiuri** then questioned whether the County's bridge structure is based on support from the way the dam was originally designed. **Ms. Cornforth** replied that is correct. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted if we did nothing the County would have to reengineer the entire support structure for that bridge. **Ms. Cornforth** noted they would probably have to do some type of underwater inspection to see the condition of it and how much work they would have to do structurally to make it adequate. The regular inspections do not require that so we just assess what we can see. **Solicitor Fiore** added this has been an issue for the last ten years and one of NJDEP's threats was that they would drain the lake. **Ms. Cornforth** replied yes and if we can't get the hazardous threat reduced and the township or any of the owners do not submit permit applications that is one of the things they are threatening. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted he understands that but what he is saying is in the event the township didn't have the money and the County was responsible for maintaining that bridge without that dam it would probably cost them about twice if not three times more money to engineer a support system for a new bridge and he questioned whether that was correct. **Ms. Cornforth** noted she was not sure of that but she knows it would be very expensive. **Mr. Fiore** noted the County controls the dam structure and they are making a distinction between the dam structure and the roadway and have taken the position that they have no involvement with it what-so-ever except for the structure so if we do nothing it will be interesting to see if the County gets cited. There are only about twenty-five homeowners in that association and they are having difficulty raising the money to do what is necessary. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted several years ago he had a meeting at Dam Safety with the County present and he posed that very same question. Dam Safety agreed that it would be very costly and the County should participate in the cost. **Solicitor Fiore** thought the rating of the dam had been raised from a Class 1 to a Class 2 in 2004/2005 when there were breaches in the Medford dam. At that time Dam Safety came to life and started citing everyone in South Jersey saying the dams needed improvements. **Cncl. Caligiuri** noted in the event we have to reconstruct that dam we should go back to the County and pose that question again. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** noted in 2012 a funding application was submitted to Dam Safety but that application was denied. The 2012 estimate was three quarters of a million dollars just in construction so it would be a million dollar project once all the soft costs were added. That is a lot of money for the township to incur so we need the class rating reviewed.

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With no other questions Resolution R:163-2016 was unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:164-2016 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Summerfields West Affordable Housing And George Ruch Building Lease Agreement (**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**)

E.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., Miller turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Heffner**. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Ordinances listed on the agenda for Second Reading. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Pres., Miller** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:20-2016 Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Adopting The Redevelopment Plan For Block 1303, Lot 20, 1030 North Main Street, Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County, New Jersey

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

Cncl. Pres., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:20-2016 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE O:20-2016 FOR SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:20-2016 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:21-2016 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 109 Entitled "Circuses And Carnivals"

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

Cncl. Pres., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:21-2016 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE O:21-2016 FOR SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:21-2016 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:22-2016 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 104 Entitled "Buildings"

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

Cncl. Pres., Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:22-2016 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE O:22-2016 FOR SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:22-2016 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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O:23-2016 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 262 Entitled "Towing"

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. McIlvaine made a motion to approve Ordinance O:23-2016 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel questioned whether payment of the MUA bill would be addressed during this meeting. **Cncl. Pres., Miller** noted it was his understanding from previous discussions that the only way to get the MUA bill paid would be for the individual who made the motion to Table/to withhold the payment to make a motion. **Solicitor Fiore** questioned whether it was formally tabled or was it just removed from the agenda because there is a distinct difference. **Cncl. DiLucia** and the Clerk felt it had been removed. Mr. Fiore advised if it was removed then anyone could make the motion to pay the bill but if it was specifically tabled then the individual who made that motion would need to make the motion to remove it from the table. **Cncl. DiLucia** questioned what **Cncl. Heffner's** recollection of this was. **Cncl. Heffner** noted his recollection was that "*we were not paying that bill, period*". **Cncl. DiLucia** noted the parliamentary question is did you make a motion to table and did the majority vote to table or was it just removed from the agenda. He added his recollection was that it was removed from the agenda but he wouldn't swear to it. **Mayor Teefy** commented that it was not removed from the agenda because then the resolution paying all the bills would have been removed. He felt a motion was made to remove the MUA payment from the bill list and pay the rest of the bills. **Solicitor Fiore** agreed adding it would not have been an individual bill it would have been the entire bill list. **Mayor Teefy** noted the resolution was amended to not pay that bill. **Cncl. DiLucia** questioned whether the point was that we are looking for a vehicle to vote on whether to pay the MUA bill or not pay it. He felt under parliamentary rule someone could make a motion to pay it or not.

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to pay the MUA bill. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson**.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO PAY MMUA BILL
5 AYES, 2 NAYS (Heffner, McIlvaine)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion to pay the MMUA bill was duly approved.

F.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Bryson asked residents to come out and support the Historical Society's fall events.

Cncl. Caligiuri reported attending the July 14th Planning Board Meeting where six applications were heard. An application for a tire retread business at 24 West Black Horse Pike zoned in RDC (*Rural Development Commercial*) was approved, an 1800 square foot multi-use day care building for Holiness Worship Center located at 1480 N. Black Horse Pike was approved, the fee in lieu of sidewalks was removed from the Sidewalk Ordinance due to the Builder's League winning a lawsuit, the Redevelopment Plan that paves the way for the Cross Keys Brewery was approved, an extension of one year was approved for the previously approved final major site plan for LRC Builders and a two year extension was approved for the final major subdivision of Smithfield Estates. On July 27th he attended the Environmental Commission Meeting. The key items discussed were the pending approval of the Sustainable Monroe application that was submitted to Sustainable New Jersey, a promotional program "*Buy Fresh Local*", a website for the commission and an ordinance for tree protection. On August 1st he attended the Environmental Commission Workshop Meeting at which time the Environmental Resource Inventory and the design of drainage basins were discussed. Since many drainage basins are not working properly the Commission wants to consult with the township engineer about possible changes to our requirements for drainage basins.

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Cncl. DiLucia reported he had to utilize ambulance services for the first time when his wife became ill. He commended the two men that responded to his call noting it was a serious situation but due to their professionalism it turned out very well. He added he also had the opportunity to meet Cncl. Heffner's son RJ, who was the police officer assigned to the ambulance call and he was also very professional and did a good job. He again extended his appreciation to both members of the Monroe Township Ambulance squad and to Officer Heffner.

Cncl. Heffner reported attending the Zoning Board Meeting on July 12th where a certificate of non-conformity and a site plan waiver were granted to allow storage of antique fire trucks on the former Norman Fryer property. On July 13th he attended graduation ceremonies of three police officers from Class 48 of the Gloucester County Police Academy. The officers won three awards including the "Director's Award", which was won for the second year in a row by a Monroe Township police officer. The new officers did very well in the Police Academy and are currently training with their Training Officers. On July 14th he attended the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce summer barbeque hosted by Kevin Karcher's Events. This kicked off the Muscular Dystrophy Walk and Vendor Fair to be held on September 24th. On July 18th he met with representatives of the Friends of Victory Lakes Association, Cncl. Pres., Miller and Mrs. Flaherty to discuss the possibility of the Association taking over the George Ruch Building. They would like to bring in some venues for the kids in that area, make improvements to the lake and open up a line of communications with Council. On July 28th he attended the Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting and because it was for new officials asked Mrs. Flaherty to attend with him. The meeting was basically a meet and greet but they did learn a few things and it gave Mrs. Flaherty a direct line to the Pinelands. On August 7th he attended National Night Out, where the Police K-9 Unit gave a very impressive demonstration. Cncl. Heffner spoke of stopping to check on the progress of the old library demolition every night after work and noted they did a great job and he is happy to see that building down, as that project was long overdue and this represents the direction the town is going in. He thanked Public Works Director, Mike Calvello for handling that project, which turned out very well.

Cncl. McIlvaine congratulated and thanked everyone who planned and put National Night Out together because it was very well attended and very impressive.

Mayor Teefy noted tax season is the busiest time of year for the Tax Collector's Office and they do a fantastic job dealing with people who are not pleased to pay their taxes and the Business Administrator has only had to calculate the formula for what was owed and respond to about three people regarding their taxes. The Mayor explained the average increase for the township's portion of property taxes is approximately 1% so for a house assessed at \$300,000.00 the increase was about \$30.00. People who don't want to wait in line to pay their taxes can go to the township website and pay online by check or credit card. This year about 1350 people paid on line, which is about 50 more than last year. The Mayor noted last year the Williamstown Seventh Day Adventist Church honored him as "Man of the Year" and when he came into his office prior to this meeting he found a very nice photograph of his wife and him from that day. He thanked church members Ed Fields and Pete DeLeo for the photograph. He noted Pete is a township employee who is retiring at the end of the month and he plans on becoming more active in the community once he is retired. The Mayor also commended the Municipal Alliance Commission for postponing National Night Out due to the extreme heat and for doing an excellent job putting the entire event together. The Municipal Alliance has also been putting a lot of information out to the schools in order to attack ongoing drug problems. The newspaper article about the drug problem in Williamstown has again been published in the paper without them contacting anyone in town. Instead of putting in the paper what the Municipal Alliance has accomplished for people they printed the same article. He urged the newspaper to do positive articles regarding what the Municipal Alliance has been doing and the hope they are bringing to people. The Mayor noted it was a shock to see Geets close. The township knew nothing about it until it was shut down by the bankruptcy court order. Geets is an icon in the township and we are going to do everything we can to make sure it stays as Geets Dinner because that has always been a focal point of the town. He reported visiting Camp Squantum on opening day and again on Taco Day and how much fun it was talking with the kids about what they liked about the camp. He explained how kids progress through the programs from fifth to 8th or 9th grade to become Counselor's in Training and commended Camp Squantum for doing an excellent job. The Mayor

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reported on July 28th he attend the Grand Opening for Bianca's Kids, which is a non-profit organization located on Carroll Avenue that helps the Make a Wish Foundation, that the Urgent Care located on the Black Horse Pike and Poplar Street will open in September and that the revised plans for the Rt. 322 and Fries Mill Road intersection were sent to the State and hopefully we will hear from them within the next couple of months. A meeting will be held to discuss the intersection project on August 26th and then one will be scheduled each month to discuss the project's progress. Mayor Teefy noted the traffic light timing is very bad at the intersection of Berlin-Cross Keys Road and Rt. 42 and any time you ask the State to check the lights you incur 25% of the cost of the change. He noted he spoke to Officer Burton this evening about this and we are not looking into changing any of the structure just the timing so a resolution requesting the State to look into this will be sent to the Solicitor for review. The Mayor thanked the Public Works Department and members from the Amish Community for moving the Train Station to its new location and reported some ideas such as a fresh produce market on the old library property are being considered or there is a possibility that a developer might want to purchase the property, which looks a lot better now. The curbs on Winslow Road were started this week. The final paving will begin soon so by next week the detours might be up but that information will be posted on social media. An agreement has been reached and Mannington Drive in Willow Woods will be repaved thanks to ARH and the Administration for standing our ground and not accepting the road the way it was. This week is Police Appreciation Week and he urged residents to support the Police Department because they appreciate how citizens have been reaching out to them during the past month. The Mayor read into the record a letter from Diane Zahorchemny of the Lower Victory Lake Property Association thanking Public Works Director Mike Calvello for sending a crew and equipment to clear away debris at the dam that was left by a landscaper they hired. Mayor Teefy thanked Mike and his crew and noted he will put this letter in his personnel file. Mr. Calvello noted he had a copy of the letter and was going to pass it out to the Public Works crew that did the work.

Solicitor Fiore reported Geets Diner filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy under their legal name of NJK Hospitality Inc. about a year to two years ago. Unfortunately they couldn't make payment or reorganize their debts so last week the bankruptcy trustee converted it to a Chapter 7 and a new bankruptcy trustee from Bridgeton named Joseph Marchand was appointed. Mr. Marchand has indicated that he is aggressively trying to find someone to purchase the property and had two entities interested in it so hopefully that will move forward and sell quickly. Mr. Fiore noted in his capacity as Solicitor he also works as the court prosecutor and sees the disrespect people have in the courtroom, which is controlled by the judge but when those people are out on the street they are very disrespectful to law enforcement and have no respect for the law. He commended Chief John McKeown, Deputy Chief Jon Rumpf, the administration and all members of the Police Department for doing a good job. He noted in all professions there are good people and bad but you always hear about the bad and hopefully in the future police officers will again be respected as they were in the past.

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel noted he wanted to clarify to Council the MUA water bill. He explained when the township introduces the budget we have to wait thirty days to have the public hearing and adoption. Questions about the MUA bill came up during the public hearing and at that time if a line item is changed 10% we would have had to amend and reintroduce the budget, postpone the adoption and wait another thirty days. He noted that is when he asked Council that if you don't want this bill paid you take away my authorization to pay that line item and that is what happened during the budget adoption.

Director of Community Development, Rosemary Flaherty reported National Night Out For Crime had an amazing turnout and the Municipal Alliance is a positive organization that is important to this township, which is trying to bring new businesses. She reported the Community Development Department has created a welcome package to provide new residents with information regarding township services, the website information and contact information so they can be updated about township events. Mrs. Flaherty also wished the Clerk a happy birthday.

Cncl. Pres., Miller reported National Night Out was a success and he can't thank the Municipal Alliance Commission enough for the work they did. He noted he serves as the council

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liaison to the Commission and previously served as a member prior to being elected to Council. He noted Michelle Perez coming on board was a God sent and ever since then we have wonderful people such as Amanda Potopchuk volunteering their time to educate the community. Our Commission has members that speak in various schools throughout New Jersey and our municipality was the lead with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office to go into the schools to do the opioid initiative, which is now replicated in every school system in the County. He extended kudos to the Municipal Alliance Commission, to the chairperson and all the members. Cncl. Pres., Miller spoke of an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer and noted Alan Heavens does not usually write second articles on municipalities but he did a second article on this town because he saw the potential it has, loved that we created a Director of Community Development to streamline the business process and how we are trying to be more proactive to market the township. He noted to read the articles people can go to the Inquirer website and look up Williamstown Business Growth to find both newspaper articles.

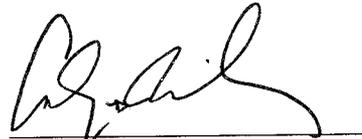
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Bryson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Cncl. McIlvaine 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 August 8, 2016 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.

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Date 9/12/16
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