

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JUNE 26, 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 **Cncl. Miller** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski		Excused
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
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	Present	
Sgt. Mark Burton	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

- **Eagle Scout** - Mark R. Tell

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** presented **Mark Tell** of **Boy Scout Troop 234** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing his Eagle Leadership Project "Design, Plan and Manage the Building of a Prayer Garden" at Our Lady of Peace Parish and for attaining the highest and most coveted rank in scouting "Eagle Scout". Mark explained his project includes two statues, two benches with a cross in the middle and some hedges on each side and the front.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Special Council Meeting and Closed Executive Meeting of June 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Miller** who **Abstained**.

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

R:165-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing Issuance Of Renewal Of Soil Removal License To Sahara Sands, Inc. T/A Sahara Sand Of Monroe II (Block 7001, Lots 2,3,4,5 & 7 and Block 7101, Lot 3)

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:165-2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marino.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:165-2017
0 AYES, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT

At the time Cncl. Heffner voted he stated "not until the applicant meets the criteria set forth by ARH".

Tally: 0 Ayes, 6 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Resolution R:165-2017 was not approved.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to bracket for approval by Consent Agenda Resolutions R:168-2017 through R:182-2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. DiLucia and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:168-2017 An Interlocal Services Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Board Of Education For School Resource Officer Services For The School Year 2017-2018

R:169-2017 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of June 26, 2017

R:170-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 Walmart Community Grant - Ambulance Squad

R:171-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 "U Text. U Drive. U Pay." Grant

R:172-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 Clean Communities Grant

R:173-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 2017/2018 Municipal Alliance Grant Program

R:174-2017 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract Renewing Membership In The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

R:175-2017 Resolution Establishing Police Department Change Fund Township Of Monroe, County of Gloucester

R:176-2017 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:177-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Purchase Of Emergency Medical Equipment Under The National Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

R:178-2017 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses Within The Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

R:179-2017 Resolution Certifying That The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County In The State Of New Jersey, Has Reviewed The General Comment And Recommendation Section Of The Report Of Audit For The Year 2016

R:180-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Appointing Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates As The Licensed Site Remediation Professional For The Landfill Within The Township Of Monroe

R:181-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Rejecting Bids For Owens Park Irrigation Within The Township Of Monroe As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

R:182-2017 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss *Matt Mills v. Monroe Township, et al Litigation and 2017-2019 Towing Applications*

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions R:168-2017 through R:182-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

O:27-2017 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Rescinding The Redevelopment Plan For Block 901, Lots 2-7 Inclusive, Block 2101, Lots 5 And 5.01 And Block 2201, Lots 5-11 Inclusive

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:27-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:28-2017 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" (*Chapter 267-55. Schedule XXII: Bus Stops*)

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:28-2017 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. Dilks reported attending the Music Festival on Saturday, June 3rd. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department and all the volunteers for the work they did to put on this event. He noted it was the best Music Festival yet and there was a record crowd.

Cncl. DiLucia also congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for putting on a good music festival. **Cncl. DiLucia** reported there is new legislation regarding national

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healthcare insurance and if that passes it is estimated twenty-two million people in this Country will be without health insurance. He felt if the present system is not working it should be improved and built upon but the intention of this legislation is to enrich the rich. Many people that are underemployed, unemployed or disabled will suffer under this new bill. Shortly thereafter they also intend to come out with a tax revision that will transfer the money saved through the elimination of health insurance coverage for those that need it to the very rich of this Country and that is a disgrace. Cncl. DiLucia noted he was taking a nonpolitical position on this strictly from the standpoint on whether it's good or bad for the Country and this is a mean spirited piece of legislation. He noted he recalls the President promising that he would never do this and he called upon him to keep his word and not sign this bill. He felt the bill will pass and it will set the Country back a long way and will further divide it along economic lines.

Cncl. Heffner reported attending the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. The crowd was great, the weather was beautiful and it seems each year more and more people come out to honor our veterans as well as those currently serving in the military. He noted he worked at the Music Festival on June 3rd. He thanked the Police, Fire, Ambulance, EMS, Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments and the ROTC for doing an outstanding job. He noted the Parks and Recreation Committee headed up by Jim Bonder are all volunteers and without them this would not happen. The Committee is always there at every event and they are the first ones there and the last ones to leave. He gave a special thanks to Marvin, Jimmy Park and Pierson Construction for loaning the generator that ran the electric for the stage. Without that the bands would not have been playing and the light show would not have happened so it was nice to see people come together at the last second to get things done for the community. Approximately 13,000 people attended and according to the Police Department there were no incidents. Cncl. Heffner reported on June 17th he attended the funeral of a Williamstown resident, Private First Class Walter Piper who died in the Korean War in 1951. It took a friend of his sixty-six years to get his body home. Farnelli Funeral Home handled the funeral and Private Piper was driven down Main Street where people were waving and saluting. A service was held at the Gloucester County Veteran's Cemetery and it was very well attended by the citizens of this town. Cncl. Heffner noted he was exceptionally proud that day of where he lives. He reported attending the Williamstown High School graduation on June 21st. Approximately four hundred and fifty kids graduated, the rain held off and a double rainbow appeared over the graduation. Cncl. Heffner invited everyone to attend the July 4th fireworks and he wished everyone a good summer.

Cncl. Marino reported attending the Economic Development Committee Meeting on June 19th. The discussion included spotlighting a business at the June 24th Council Meeting and streetscapes and restriping Main Street for better parking. The Committee also wants to implement their website with "Come Growth With Us" with the Chamber of Commerce so they can put it all on the Monroe Township website. The Tax Card Program was also discussed and tonight Council has agreed to re-advertise the RFP for that. He reported attending the Board of Education Meeting on June 1st where presentations were made to two seniors that wrote a book "We Are All Different Here. Proceeds from the book were all donated to a charity. Cncl. Marino also attended the Williamstown High School Graduation and noted it was a great event for him because many of the kids he knew and had coached in football or baseball since they were five or six years old. Many of the kids are going to college but many are also going into the military. It looked like it was going to rain but a double rainbow came out that looked like the center was over the kids. In the front row was Ricky Amandeo, whose dad RJ had passed away last year and the rainbow seemed like a positive sign from RJ and it was nice to see that happen. Cncl. Marino reported the Friends of Victory Lakes will hold "Jam OnThe Dam" on July 15th between 12:00 PM and 10:00 PM. This event will be held on Victory Avenue and Lakeside Drive and is a free event that includes live music.

Cncl. Miller reported Monday he had the opportunity to attend a candlelight vigil in Washington Township. He thanked Municipal Alliance Chairperson Michelle Perez for speaking at this event and noted the two Municipal Alliances are working together to combat the opioid issue. He also reported attending the Williamstown High School Graduation and echoed the sentiments of Cncl. Heffner and Marino and noted many of the students are staying local and will be going to the County College and Rowan University. He also reported he had the opportunity to be one of six judges for the Miss New Jersey Pageant. This is much more

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than just a beauty pageant, these women are extremely intelligent, they are brave and confident and much of it was based on interviews and the talent portion. A Williamstown resident Sandy Hilla was among the top ten finalist and it was great to see someone from town representing us in the State. On June 23rd he attended the WHS wrestling benefit. Proceeds from this event went to their summer camp and to purchase wall mats for the high school. Cncl. Miller reported Senate President Steve Sweeney and the Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto reached a deal in regards to school funding. If the governor agrees it would provide an additional \$100,000,000.00 in school aid and \$25,000,000.00 to preschool education. The adjustment aid formula currently being used is based off of enrollment patterns and has been the same for a long period of time. A school district like Washington Township where enrollment has been down is actually receiving the same amount of money as when it was higher while Monroe Township which has seen an increase in enrollment has been getting the same as when it was lower. This agreement would reallocate money so Monroe Township would see a few million dollars and that would offset tax increases on the residents. He asked residents to call the governor's office to urge him to support this bill as it will really benefit our community and our school system.

Mayor Teefy commented that Cncl. Miller's report was good news because restructuring of how school money is spent throughout the State is needed. The Mayor noted he was unable to attend the high school graduation this year because he was stuck in traffic on the Walt Whitman Bridge but he did get to participate in Project Graduation like he has for the past twenty years. The kids were great again this year and they should be proud of themselves. The Mayor reported the Music Festival was really good and a lot of fun for everyone who worked it. He noted comments were made that the fireworks cost \$20,000.00 but the actual cost was \$7,000.00 and the ones that will be held on July 4th will be about \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00. He spoke of knowing Cncl. Heffner for years and how if you want something done you go to him, as he always gets the job done. He thanked Cncl. Heffner for getting the generator for the Music Festival. The Mayor noted he is very proud of the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS for coordinating with the Farnelli Funeral Home for the Walter Piper funeral. Ralph Delaney a resident and friend of Walter Piper has been working since 1996 to find the remains of Private Piper. There is a facility in Hawaii that has thousands of bodies and through DNA Walter Piper's remains were identified and were sent home. The Mayor wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th.

Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth reported the Owens Park Irrigation Project will be re-advertised tomorrow and bids will be submitted in time for the next Council Meeting.

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart reported the Music Festival and the Honor Flight trip to Washington worked out very well due to the work of volunteers. An ambulance manned by volunteers followed the veterans to DC. He reported the Williamstown and Cecil Fire Departments along with Clean Communities held a massive cleanup at the old Wagner Field now known as Olympic Field. The Department of Public Works provided some equipment and Neri Construction provided a backhoe and some triaxles and two of their employees volunteered their time to help with the cleanup. The area now really looks good and he asked the public to keep their eyes open and if they see anything going on out there they should notify the Police Department so that area can be kept clean. Neri took two triaxles of concrete from out there. Part of the reason this area was cleaned up is because on July 15th the Cecil and Williamstown Fire Departments are putting on a Fun Mud Challenge. There will be twelve to fourteen obstacles for people to undertake. Those interested in participating in this event should register at Active.com. The cost is \$25.00 and currently forty-one people are signed up. Fire Department teams are scheduled to start at 8:00 AM and the general public will go at 9:00 AM. **Cncl. Heffner** questioned whether people could register at the event. Mr. Smart noted right now registration is just on line but two weeks prior to the event that might be changed. The event will be held rain or shine. There will be trails through the woods, through sand and it will be a workout but it will also be fun and the Fire Departments appreciate the support.

Director of Community Development, Mrs. Flaherty thanked, on behalf of her family, the Monroe Township Environmental Commission and all the students who maintain the Middle School Caring Gardens dedicated in memory of her mom, Cassandra Dilks. She also extended best wishes for a happy and safe 4th of July.

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Deputy Mayor Potopchuk thanked Mike Calvello for going out on his own time and fixing the flags along Main Street prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine noted the Memorial Day Parade was fantastic. Main Street looked great, the rain held off, the flower arrangements made by Kathy DeFelice were beautiful and there was a great turnout for the parade and hopefully that will continue to grow. He reported attending the Music Festival and thanked the Police Department, the Ambulance Association, the Fire Department, the County Communications, Parks and Rec Commission, Mr. Bonder, Mr. Calvello and the Public Works Department for a wonderful job. He noted he was very proud and honored to be a part of it as a councilman and citizen of Monroe Township. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine thanked Ralph Delaney for putting Private Piper's funeral together with the help of the Police Department and the Mayor. He noted while he was at the services he was thinking he couldn't wait to get home to eat but then he thought about the starvation and beatings Private Piper went through in the POW camp where he died. It is because of people like Private Piper that he can be here and do this job. He thanked Private Piper and all the veterans from the American Legion and the VFW Post 1616 for a great job. He also reported attending the Williamstown High School Graduation and also felt as Cncl. Marino did that RJ Amandeo was there overlooking his son. RJ was a School Board member but could not be there to see his son and the other kids graduate.

Director Jim Smart noted Emergency Management was left out when everyone was thanked and other than the Parks and Rec Department they are the ones who put a ton of time in the preparation of events. They put together an AIP, which is an incident action plan that is put together months ahead of time to ensure everything stays in an orderly fashion.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Council entered into Closed Executive Session. Upon reconvening the Regular Council Meeting Solicitor Fiore stated Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session that ran approximately one hour. There is a complicated issue within the municipality that has been ongoing for the last ten or twelve years. A new Towing Ordinance was adopted in the later part of 2016 taking into account the township's concerns for greater public safety and creating certain standards to protect all the residents of Monroe Township. In furtherance of that there was an application process with a deadline of May 1, 2017 with a date of March 15, 2017 for the submission of the completed applications. This has been a painful decision on behalf of Council and there has been much deliberation over the past several weeks. Comments have been made by Counsel on behalf of two of the applicants. Taking that into consideration Council will take action to adopt Resolution R:183-2017. Mr. Fiore then read into the record the following Resolution title:

R:183-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Pursuant To Chapter 262 Entitled "Towing" Authorizing The 2017-2019 Towing List

Mr. Fiore stated the approved towers are A & A, A-Jack's and B & B. The approval is for a two year period commencing on August 1, 2017. The current tower list will be carried for another month at which time the new towers will come aboard. Any deficiencies set forth in the June 5, 2017 letter must be cured by July 17, 2017. The submission must be to the Township Clerk's Office by 4:00 PM on that date. Resolution R-183-2017 will approve all three towers for the towing list for two years.

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak regarding R:183-2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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PUBLIC PORTION FOR RESOLUTION R:183-2017

Domenic Burgess, 2073 South Black Horse Pike, questioned when the \$2,000.00 payment to the township is due? Solicitor Fiore advised the ordinance is silent to that so that would be required by the July 17th date, as that would give everyone enough notice.

With no one else wishing to speak Cncl. Heffner made a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Motion to approve Resolution R:183-2017 was made by Cncl. Heffner. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:183-2017
6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Resolution R:183-2017 was duly approved.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marino 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 June 26, 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 AmJ
Approved as corrected _____

Date 7/24/17
Date _____