

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
SEPTEMBER 25, 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. Garbowski 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		Excused
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
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		Excused
Police Chief, John McKeown		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

- **Eagle Scout - Certificate of Recognition**

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** presented **John Piccione, Jr. of Boy Scout Troop # 161** with a Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of completing his Eagle Leadership Project "Design, Construction & Installation of a Flag Drop Box" at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1616 and attaining the highest and most coveted rank in scouting "Eagle Scout"

- **Certificates of Recognition**

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** presented **Ava Toppi** a Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of her quick thinking and immediate action in contacting the Gloucester County 911 Communications Center to obtain emergency medical assistance for her father.

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PRESENTATIONS *(cont'd)*

Mayor Teefy and Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine presented a Certificate of Recognition to Cynthia Phillips, Public Safety Telecommunicator in acknowledgement of her professional and calm response when nine year old Ava Toppi called the Gloucester County 911 Communications Center to obtain emergency medical assistance for her father.

Mayor Teefy also introduced Joey Howell and Chris Davis the EMT's that assisted Ava's father.

- **Spotlight on Business** - SPG Solar Store,

Mary Lou Smith owner of SPG Solar Store an electrical contracting business located in the Amish Market that specializes in solar and generators spoke of the products offered and how the company helps to bring down utility usage and educate the public regarding power usage. Cncl. Miller thanked Ms. Smith for being involved with Sustainable Monroe Township, the gardens and in their efforts to get Monroe Township more sustainable.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Teefy appointed Dr. Barbara Chamberlain, Richard LoRusso Jr, and Joe Fisona to the Municipal Alliance to fill existing vacancies. The terms will expire December 31, 2017.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session, Regular Council Meeting and Closed Executive Meeting of September 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marino and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- **Carnival Permit** - Williamstown Braves HS Football Huddle Club

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the Carnival Permit for the Williamstown Braves HS Football Huddle Club. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to bracket Resolutions R:222-2017 through R:229-2017 for approval by Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

R:222-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement To Participate In The Alliance To Prevent Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Between Gloucester County, New Jersey And The Township Of Monroe

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

R:223-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2017 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - Labor Day

R:224-2017 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of September 25, 2017

R:225-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester Expressing Opposition To Legislative Proposals Regarding The Open Public Meetings Act And Open Public Records Act

R:226-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To Transport Agreement Between Monroe Township And Virtua Health, Inc.

R:227-2017 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:228-2017 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:229-2017 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Towing

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions R:222-2017 through R:229-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** 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:30-2017 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Establishing Rates Of Compensation To Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe **RECONSIDERATION OF MAYOR'S VETO**

Solicitor Fiore explained the Mayor vetoed Ordinance O:30-2017 and according to the Township Code in order to override the Mayor's veto a motion must be made by Council to reconsider the ordinance and a 2/3 (5 members) vote of Council is required to overturn the veto.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to overturn the Mayor's veto of Ordinance O:30-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO OVERTURN THE MAYOR'S VETO OF ORDINANCE O:30-2017
5 AYES, 1 NAY (Heffner), 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. The Mayor's veto of Ordinance O:30-2017 was overturned by a 2/3 vote of Council.

O:32-2017 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 74 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Fees"

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:32-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:33-2017 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:33-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. DiLucia reported attending the MMUA Meeting. Jerry Moore, the Director of the MMUA for the last fourteen years is retiring but will stay on as a consultant during the transition period. The Director will not be replaced so those duties will be shared by Superintendent Ed Haaf who will be in charge of operations and Wendy Mahoney who will be in charge of administration and they will report directly to the MMUA Board. The Board approved this immediately as it will be a saving in excess of \$150,000.00 a year. **Cncl. DiLucia** spoke of some of demonstrations going on throughout the Country and how out of the tragedies of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes people from all walks of life were united.

Cncl. Garbowski reported the Historical Society is having a Lenni Lenape Pow Wow on October 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Ireland House. He urged residents to attend to experience the culture of the Lenni Lenape Tribe. He reported the Library newspaper "Out and About" is the guide to what is happening in and around Williamstown and he urged residents to attend Mirarchi's Williamstown Inn's 50th Anniversary celebration on October 14th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Cncl. Heffner reported attending the Planning Board Meeting of September 14th where a site plan waiver for a minor subdivision on Whitehall Road was approved, a site plan waiver for a medical treatment center on the Black Horse Pike was denied, a site plan waiver was approved for a new tenant at 408 North Main Street, a site plan approval was granted to Dr. Maycock who will be expanding services at his chiropractic office on Washington Avenue, a change of tenant site plan waiver was granted for Litz Nails at 1203 South Black Horse Pike and the Faith Temple Baptist Church on Malaga Road was approved. **Cncl. Heffner** reported attending the POW/MIA Ceremony at the Pfeiffer Center on September 15th and the Town Hall Meeting at Williamstown High School. Mayor Teefy, Congressman Norcross and Freeholder Lyman Barnes were in attendance to answer questions from the people in attendance and a special recognition was given to Jeff Simpler for his military service and for the services he provides to the veterans in Monroe Township. He also reported the Fall Festival will be held on October 21st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and at 7:00 PM the Halloween Parade will be held.

Cncl. Marino reported attending the Board of Education Meeting on September 7th. The Board approved an exchange student from Brazil and Christine Stanton was promoted to Vice-Principal of Williamstown High School. He reported attending the Economic Development Committee Meeting on September 18th and that on October 18th between 2:30 and 5:30 PM the EDC will hold a trolley tour for developers to promote development in the township. Next week a pre-bid walk through will be held at the fire house for architects and engineering.

Cncl. Miller reported Sustainable Monroe Township in partnership with the township will hold the Green Fair/Farmers Market Shred Event on Saturday, September 30th. He reported attending along with the Mayor, **Cncl. Marino** and **Cncl. Dilks** the Grand Reopening Ceremonies of the WaWa on the Black Horse Pike and along with Police Officers participated in the Bag for Hunger Program at Shop Rite. He thanked the Police Department for participating in that program. **Cncl. Miller** spoke of the upcoming election and noted the candidates in Monroe Township are running for school board.

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E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Teefy reported after two years of planning and fund raising the Williamstown Sunrise Rotary is scheduling November 11th to erect the playground at Duffy Field. Hopefully volunteers will come out to help with this project. The new owners of Geet's Diner are working diligently to make the diner perfect when it opens. No true date has been scheduled but they feel it will be sometime in November. The Mayor thanked Dave Sullivan for the work he did arranging the Town Meeting at the high school. He reported attending the WaWa Grand Reopening and the Shop Rite Bag for Hunger. Howard Eskin from WIP also helped bag. He spoke of doing a Comcast News Maker to talk about the trolley tour taking place on October 18th to promote business in the township. He reported attending John Piccione Eagle Scout Ceremony at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, September 23rd and that registration will be held on Saturday, October 14th for the 3rd Annual Scarecrow Contest. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Halloween Parade. The Mayor urged everyone to vote on November 7th for the school board candidate of their choice. He reported a second article "Williamstown Come Grow With Us" will be in the September edition of the South Jersey Biz Magazine.

Director of Finance, Karyn Piccione thanked the Mayor for attending her son's Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart referred to the recipients of the Certificates of Recognition; noting the Boy Scout program is fabulous and the nine year old is a testament to fire prevention training in schools. Children from pre-school and up are taught what to do in the event of an emergency and this was one of the times that training paid off. We also got to meet the County dispatcher and hear about the emergency services provided to the town. He reported Emergency Services have been getting rocked in this town and tonight was a display of how the system actually works.

Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello reported the township completed the paving project on Janvier Road in one day and South Shore Drive, Kirkwall and Forest Drive are in the design stages and will be the next roads to be paved.

Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth added Council had authorized her office to design Kirkwall, Forest Drive and South Shore Drive and they are in the process of completing that. We are waiting to hear if we get the grant money and once we know we will be ready to go out to bid.

Mayor Teefy noted he will be contacting the Chief or Deputy Chief to put a patrol on Janvier Road because once the road is paved people will begin speeding.

Director of Community Development, Rosemary Flaherty reported she listened to the 911 tape and is super proud of Ava Toppi. She congratulated Ava and her family for the recognition received tonight.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine reported he also listened to the 911 tape and found it to be very emotional and a testament to Ava, the dispatchers in Gloucester County and the EMTs. He noted EMTs, the fire departments, police department and the dispatchers do a great job answering thousands of calls each year. Police departments throughout the Country are coming under fire. Some of it is justified but the majority of it is not. He urged residents to thank the volunteer firemen, EMTs and police officers for their service as they leave their families on holidays, midnights and weekends to protect and serve. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine reported attending the POW/MIA Ceremony on September 15th at which time Private First Class Walter Piper, who was missing in action since the Korean War, was honored. A lifelong resident, Ralph Delaney who was a Marine, worked with the family and through DNA testing Private Piper was brought back to Williamstown where he was born and raised. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine thanked Ralph Delaney for making that happen. He reported attending the Town Hall Meeting on September 18th and he congratulated the Mayor, Congressman Norcross and Freeholder Barnes for doing a fine job. He reported registration for the Scarecrow Contest will be held October 14th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Pfeiffer Center and that on September 19th he attended the Main Street Committee Meeting where they discussed getting new banners for Main Street that businesses will be able to sponsor and have their name on. He urged residents and businesses to get involved in these events.

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Dr. Barbara Chamberlain, 1618 White Cedar Lane, noted Council appointed her to her second term on the Board of Health, to her first term on the Library Board and tonight to the Municipal Alliance and she wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for having faith in her. She also thanked them for paving Corkery Lane and for their service.

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


CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION


Solicitor Fiore noted Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session that took approximately fifteen minutes. No formal action will be taken by Council tonight. Action will be taken at a Council Meeting in October.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 25, 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 September 25, 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 10/9/17
Date _____