

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 29, 2018**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00PM by **Cncl. Pres., Rich DiLucia** 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 (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Notices were placed in the official publications for the Township of Monroe (i.e.: South Jersey Times, Courier Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., DiLucia 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 THE FLAG

Cncl. Marino led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and Offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks		Excused
Cncl. Ron Garbowski		Excused
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Joe Marino	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller		Excused
Cncl. Pres. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor, Teresa Lentini	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Ray Jordan	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Karyn Paccione	Present	
Dir. of Public Safety, Jim Smart		Excused
Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello		Excused
Dir. of Comm. Dev./Code Enf., Rosemary Flaherty		Excused
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Police Chief John McKeown	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

• **Certificate of Recognition – Palermo’s Pizza-40th Anniversary**

Cncl. Pres., DiLucia and **Cncl. Marino** presented a Proclamation to Palermo’s Pizza in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of Palermo’s Pizza.

• **Certificate of Recognition – Miss Teen Gloucester County 2018-Alyssa Peacock**

Cncl. Pres. DiLucia and **Cncl. Marino** presented a Certificate of Recognition to **Alyssa Peacock** for being named Miss Teen Gloucester County 2018.

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- **Certificate of Recognition – Miss Veteran’s Day 2018-Amanda Peacock**

Cncl. Pres. DiLucia and **Cncl. Marino** presented a Certificate of Recognition to **Amanda Peacock** for being named Miss Veteran’s Day 2018.

- **Mayor’s Proclamation – National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

Mayor Teefy and **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** presented a Proclamation to **Christine Gorham** in recognition of declaring the first Friday in June as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- **Main Street Meats**

Main Street Meats was not in attendance to speak at the Council Meeting. **Mayor Teefy** mentioned he had a burger from this establishment, it was cooked on the grill, he thought it was outstanding, and he hopes people will go there and support them. **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** noted the business will be invited again for Spotlight on Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session of May 14, 2018, the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2018 and the Closed Executive Session of May 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- **Carnival Permit – St. Mary’s Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish**
- **Amusement Licenses**

Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar	Rack’s Pub & Grill
Hospitality Creek Campground	Rockin’ Jump
John & Doug’s Liquors	Sharky’s Sports Bar & Grill
Mirarchi’s Williamstown Inn	Trio Tavern

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve a Carnival Permit for **St. Mary’s Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish** and Amusement Licenses for the above listed facilities. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled – Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, **Cncl. Marino** 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 in attendance.

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:112-2018 through R:122-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:112-2018 THROUGH R:122-2018

R:112-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Extension Of A Contract For Services To Be Provided By GranTurk Equipment Co., Inc. For The Year 2018

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

R:113-2018 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of May 29, 2018

R:114-2018 Resolution Of The Governing Body Of The Township Of Monroe Adopting The Form Of The New Jersey Tort Claims Act Questionnaire Required To Be Utilized By Claimants For The Filing Of Notices Of Tort Claim Against The Township Of Monroe In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Tort Claims Act *NJSA 59:8-6* And Designating Qual-Lynx As The Agent For The Township Of Monroe To Provide The Questionnaire To All Of The Claimants And To Receive The Completed Questionnaire From The Claimants

R:115-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding A Contract For The Purchase And Installation Of A Bi-Directional Amplifier, Signal Booster And Associated Equipment To Enhance The Gloucester County Radio System Coverage In The Municipal Building, Within The Township Of Monroe

R:116-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Changing The Designation Of Records Custodian In The Monroe Township Police Department For The Purposes Of Open Public Records

R:117-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Authorizing The Reduction Of Irrevocable Standby Letter Of Credit Posted In The Amount Of \$1,028,958.00 For "Stirling Glen I" Section 2, Subdivision #1713, Block 14201, Lot 1

R:118-2018 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:119-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding A Contract For Up To Six (6) Certified Contractors For Emergency Service Work Within The Township Of Monroe.

R:120-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To Stryker Sales Corporation For Services Associated With The Purchase Of Four (4) Ambulance Power-Load Systems And Cots (Stretchers) As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation.

R:121-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Qualifications For A Vendor To Conduct A Study And Design A Municipal Wide Neutral Host Wireless/Small Cell And/Or Distributed Antenna System Within The Township Of Monroe.

R:122-2018 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Consumption With Broad Package Privilege, Plenary Retail Distribution And Club Licenses Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to approve Resolutions R:112-2018 through R:122-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:14-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 107 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Charities"

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., DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:14-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:14-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 4 AYES (DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine), 3 ABSENT (Dilks, Garbowski, Miller)

Tally: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent. Ordinance O:14-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:15-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Delete Chapter 243 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Signs"

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., DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:15-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:15-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 4 AYES (DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine), 3 ABSENT (Dilks, Garbowski, Miller)

Tally: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent. Ordinance O:15-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:16-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 162 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Housing Standards"

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

Cncl. McIlvaine made a motion to approve Ordinance O:16-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:16-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 4 AYES (DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine), 3 ABSENT (Dilks, Garbowski, Miller)

Tally: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent. Ordinance O:16-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:17-2018 An Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance O:13-2018 Adopted On April 23, 2018 By The Township Of Monroe, In The County Of Gloucester, New Jersey Which Bond Ordinance Provides For Various Capital Improvements In And For The Township Of Monroe, To Replace The Description Of A Capital Improvement Projected Specified Therein

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., DiLucia made a motion to approve Ordinance O:17-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:17-2018 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING – 4 AYES (DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine), 3 ABSENT
(Dilks, Garbowski, Miller)**

Tally: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent. Ordinance O:17-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Heffner reported on events he attended. The Main Street Arts Festival was on April 28, 2018. There was a ribbon cutting on May 12, 2018 at Cross Keys Brewery. The Veteran's service was at Holiday City on May 19, 2018. He also helped the American Legion with placing American Flags for the veterans at the cemeteries in town on May 26, 2018. He attended the Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery on May 27, 2018. The Monroe Township Memorial Day Parade was on May 28, 2018. He said these were all fantastic events and wishes he could see more young people attend these events to honor the Veterans for what they did to provide for what we get to do every single day. He reported the Planning Board memorialized Resolutions at the meeting of May 10, 2018, which were for the fuel station behind Sam's Club, Papson Property Management on the Black Horse Pike in Cecil, and Connecticut Climbing that will be setup inside Rush Fitness. The Planning Board memorialized Resolutions at the meeting of May 24, 2018, which were for DNA Tattoo on N. Black Horse Pike, BHE Tool on Winslow Road, a hair salon on S. Main Street and A-Jack's Towing is adding-on to a building. He also mentioned he attended Rowan University's graduation on May 9, 2018 for his daughter who received her Master's Degree and expressed his joy for her.

Cncl. Marino reported proposals have been submitted to the Township for the architect and engineering services for renovations to the Cecil and Williamstown firehouses. The Telecommunication Committee will review these RFPs and choose which companies we are moving forward with. He thanked Council and the Business Administrator for their support and approval of Resolution R:115-2018, which was in reference to awarding a contract for the purchase and installation of equipment to enhance the Gloucester County Radio System coverage in the Monroe Township Municipal Building. Cncl. Marino also spoke about Resolution R:121-2018, which is in reference to the Township requesting qualifications for the study and design of a municipal wide neutral host wireless/small cell and/or distributed antenna system within the Township. He said Monroe Township is at the forefront of other municipalities and counties in the State that is moving this forward and once this system is up and running, it is going to help with the connectability of electronic devices, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops. He noted if anyone is currently experiencing the drop-off of internet speed and connection, especially in the evening due to an abundance of usage at the same time by everyone in the area, this system will help improve the connectability within the Township. He said the Township was so far out in front of this, that when it was sent to Pinelands, they did not have anything on it yet; the Pinelands had just heard about the distributed antenna system and the mini cell site.

Cncl. McIlvaine spoke about the Memorial Day Parade and hopes it will one day be as successful as our Halloween Parade. He asked everyone to tell others to come out to this parade, because it is a fantastic group of people to support.

Mayor Teefy thanked Jeff Simpler for being the MC, and Mel Foster from the VFW for being the guest speaker, at the Memorial Day Parade. He also thanked Public Works and the Main Street Committee for displaying the American Flag and ribbons on the poles along Main Street. He said each year we have extended the distance of the Flag along Main Street and it now extends from Pine Street to Our Lady of Peach Parish Church and he would like to keep continuing each year with additional flags. He also acknowledged Harvey Conn, who was honored with a certificate and a coin from the VFW Post 1616 for being the oldest living POW from World War II; he will soon be 99 years old. Mayor Teefy also attended the Veterans

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Memorial Day Ceremony at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. He attended the Veteran's ceremony at Holiday City and afterward the 7th Annual Memorial Day Veteran's Luncheon at Zallie's ShopRite. **Mayor Teefy** said the Grand Opening for Cross Keys Brewery was very well attended and wished them the best of luck. He mentioned Hall Street School was recently painted and it looked nice. He also mentioned the Pfeiffer Community Center and the house at Mary Mazza Duffy Memorial Park will be painted this year. Mayor Teefy reported on the Road Program. Kirkwall Drive started this week, including concrete flatwork and drainage. Forest Drive starts the next day with concrete flatwork and drainage later in the week. South Shore Drive starts on June 4, 2018 with drainage. He continued to explain that concrete flatwork includes ADA handicap ramps, sidewalk curbs and gutters, and drainage work includes storm pipes, inlets and manhole installation/construction/reconstruction. Mayor Teefy reported the plans for Route 322/Fries Mill Road have been completed, the engineer for the four property owners is delivering the sealed plans today and when we get approval from NJDOT, we will hopefully start seeing some construction in 2019. He reported the Owens Park expansion plan has been submitted to Pinelands and we are awaiting their response and comments. Currently, a cultural resource survey is being conducted at the park. He is hopeful approvals will be done in July to move ahead with the expansion of Owens Park, which will include a dog park. Mayor Teefy announced the Music Festival will be Saturday, June 2, 2018 and the band Don't Call Me Francis will be performing. He also reported the Planning Board did a redevelopment designation for the Cross Keys area, near Sam's Club and Barclay Glen Apartments, which will spawn commercial development and smart growth. He spoke about grass cutting in basin and common areas, explaining we are behind due to rain and brush pickup. Mayor Teefy reminded everyone the Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. He explained voters who are registered as Unaffiliated, not affiliated with a political party, can vote at a Primary Election and declare a political party when they vote.

Director of Parks and Recreation, Jim Bonder reported overgrown vegetation was removed from the grounds outside the Pfeiffer Community Center the week before by members of the Environmental Commission, himself and a couple of other volunteers, and will be replaced with new landscaping, plants and flowers. The building will also get re-painted, starting within the next couple of weeks. He thanked Patrick McDevitt for the time and effort he put into cleaning up the grounds at the community center. Mr. Bonder mentioned the Music Festival, and that there are new rides this year geared toward the teenagers, such as the zip line, rock wall and a bull riding contest. There is concern with the weather and if it gets rescheduled due to inclement weather, the announcement will be made Saturday morning.

Cncl. Pres. DiLucia reported he also attended the Main Street Arts Festival and enjoyed the brewery. He said the Memorial Day Parade on Main Street was tremendous and agreed with Cncl. Heffner, he would also like to these events more fully attended, that there are few people who come out, which is disappointing. He also attended the Veteran's ceremony at Holiday City, mentioning a Veteran who served in the Vietnam War, whose stories intrigued him, making a big impression on him. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia attended an MMUA meeting and reported there were no rate increases involved in their preliminary budget. He mentioned Katherine Falcone, President of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce, invited him to attend a birthday party for a lady who was celebrating her 100th birthday, mentioning she has voted in every election since she came to this Country in 1936, and the first time she voted was for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia mentioned the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. He expressed his feelings about our right to vote, said it is a privilege and honor to be able to vote, and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Terrence Bannister – 12 Concord Drive approached Council to speak on behalf of the Monroe Township Youth Hockey as the President of this youth sport organization. He distributed

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handouts (*Monroe Twp Youth Hockey Rinks – Stinson, RF and 3rd*) to Council that included information and cost estimates of detail work that is needed in reference to concerns with the two hockey rinks, and the need for a third rink, at Owens Park. Mr. Bannister presented and spoke on aspects included in this handout. He stated before continuing on, he wanted to clarify his following report is in no way, shape or form, an attack on Mr. Bonder and Parks & Recreation, nor a slight on this department. The organization understands the tremendous strains Mr. Bonder is under, as well as the limited resources he has to keep up the fields and parks he has. Mr. Bannister said Monroe Township is here to bring to light the struggles of maintaining these rinks, not only for Parks & Recreation, but as well as for MTYH; they are also here to help and show the costs that MTYH is able to cover in the short term as well as the midterm to get these rinks up to considerable playing conditions, that will attract additional players to the organization. He said maintenance of the rinks has been a problem the past six to eight years, however, the roadblock has been the past couple of years with items that need to be completed. He clarified he is not stating Mr. Bonder has not tried to get the rinks repaired, but are just running out of resources for his area to accomplish this. Mr. Bannister reviewed the pictures he provided of the rinks that include sizeable cracks that go down the center, the sides and around both Stinson and RJ rinks. He said the boards and the players' benches in the Stinson rink need to be replaced, the doors are difficult to get in and out of and there is no door in the back of the rink. The roofs on both rinks have to be replaced; there is a sizable hole in the RJ rink on the one away bench. Mr. Bannister said Mr. Bonder and his crew put some trial material down on the RJ rink on April 30, 2018, using three or four different materials, to see what would work best for the short term to try to get some of the cracks fixed to alleviate some of the safety issues they have had with the rinks. He said a company came in to fix the cracks, however, it lasted only two or three months and the cracks became wider than before it was repaired. He said cost estimates were received from McCormick Asphalt and Monroe Township is looking to cover these costs of short term fixes for cracks for both rinks and have it done within the next three to six months. Mr. Bannister continued with explaining in detail that the Stinson rink players' benches needs to be redone to close off the entrance in the back, make an entrance on the side with doors, add a second door for players to enter and come off the rink, and extend benches to include penalty boxes for each side. He would like the boards to be replaced with synthetic boards, which MTYH is looking to cover this cost as best as possible. MTYH is looking to cover the cost of the painting of the circles, lines and logos on both rinks. The roof replacement for both rinks can also be covered by MTYH. Mr. Bannister further explained the organization is looking for assistance from Monroe Township in covering the cost of the third rink. He said for the maintenance of the items, if approved, MTYH would not be opposed to taking over the costs, they would put it into their budget each year and have the maintenance items done yearly. They estimate these yearly costs to be approximately \$3,800-\$4,500. Mr. Bannister explained the benefits of the repair of these rinks and addition of a new rink, would be a safer environment for the children and continued increase of registrations. He noted registrations for MTYH the past two years has increased from 216 children to 326 children and they predict this year there will be between 350-400 children; they are running out of room to schedule games on only two rinks. Mr. Bannister said in addition to getting a third rink, Monroe Township would be able to hold tournaments that used to be held in the past, however, they do not have the facilities at this time to hold tournaments, because the rinks are not in the proper shape. He said these tournaments bring people in from other towns, which in turn, brings revenue into Monroe Township. He said another benefit is Monroe Township would be recognized as the place to play hockey and at this time, our children go elsewhere, such as Gloucester Township or Marlton, to play hockey. These other organizations each have three rinks and are in better condition than Monroe Township's. Mr. Bannister said some of the recent repairs and costs covered in approximately the last six years, such as when the rinks had a resurface sealer done in 2012/2013, were covered by Monroe Township Youth Hockey and Monroe Township Youth Basketball; \$12,500 was paid by MTYH and \$4,460 was paid by MTYB, because there was an agreement made with MTYB to also utilize the Stinson rink. The fence was replaced at the RJ rink in 2016, which was covered by MTYH, costing \$5,395.00. Four goalie nets were repaired, which included new welds, paint and pads, cost MTYH \$350. Nets for the goals were repaired, which were paid by Parks & Recreation, costing \$400. Crack repairs for both rinks were paid by Parks & Recreation, costing \$2,300. Emergency repairs done to Stinson, such as replacing a door and scorers box table a couple of times were taken care of by the Parks & Recreation employees. Two doors at the RJ

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rink were replaced by Parks & Recreation, costing approximately \$950. Mr. Bannister recommended Council review the handouts and MTYH can come back to sit down and review it in more detail, if Council prefers. He does not expect any decisions to be made this evening, other than possibly the short term items that Monroe Township would like to take care of now to get the rinks repaired and ready to go for Fall season. He said for the short term repairs, they are looking at three to six months, for repairing the cracks properly by McCormick Asphalt. He thinks these repairs will get them through the next year into the midterm, which they will be looking at doing a resurface over top of both rinks. Mr. Bannister noted which projects will be done by volunteers and read aloud the "roadmap" of activities provided in the handout for short term, medium term and long term in reference to repairs and the third rink, and the quotes from McCormick Asphalt. He said MTYH is a part of JSHA Travel, which also includes other towns. These other towns, who do not have the complex we have, come to our complex and have stated that they love it. However, the complaints they bring up are in reference to the condition of the rinks and not having a third rink, in order to expand on these traveling tournaments. **Director of Parks and Recreation, Jim Bonder** asked **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** if he could speak on this matter. He said there has been a contentious relationship with MTYH for approximately the last eight months. He has sent Mr. Bannister at least five emails in the last three weeks asking him to meet with him regarding the volunteer organization information packet. This packet is a consensus of organizations and Parks & Recreation in regards to the relationship between the organization and department, the organization's needs, forecast for upcoming season, etc. Mr. Bonder said Mr. Bannister filled out this information and Mr. Bonder reviewed it and requested Mr. Bannister meet with him. He explained a handbook was written with a guideline of how Parks & Recreation treats each organization, treating all as fair as possible, which he asked Mr. Bannister to review it to understand what his department does it and why they do it. Mr. Bonder said what Mr. Bannister asked for was to take over the rinks. Mr. Bonder said we do not want anyone taking over the rinks, that it is a short term fix. He said Parks & Recreation takes care of the rinks and fields in conjunction with the organizations, however, as much as we appreciate that MTYH would like to take over the rinks, these are not their facilities, these are Township facilities. He appreciates volunteer help, such as removing the snow, etc. Mr. Bonder felt everyone should know that this relationship has gotten very contentious and he felt the presentation this evening is embarrassing to Parks & Recreation. Mr. Bonder said he asked Mr. Bannister on five separate occasions to meet with him and go over the information about the rinks. Mr. Bannister said he sent him an email replying that the meeting would have to wait until after the holiday and Mr. Bonder replied that was fine the only day he was not available was June 5th. Mr. Bannister then replied most likely they could meet on a Wednesday or Friday after the holiday. Mr. Bannister emphasized that MTYH does not want to take over the rinks, they want to partner with Mr. Bonder. There was then discussion back and forth at which time **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** advised Mr. Bonder that he did not want this to turn into a verbal debate, that he had the floor but cautioned him to try and refrain from personal remarks, just stay on the subject with no cross arguments as we need to have an orderly discussion. Mr. Bonder then requested that council advise MTYH these are the procedures, that they are following our handbook as well as the rules and our guidelines and to please set up a meeting with Parks & Rec through Mr. Bonder and he will be more than happy to take a look at all of your needs. He then spoke on the costs as referenced in the handout and requested to know where the figures were coming from. He again stressed this all goes back to his request some 3 to 5 weeks ago to please set up a meeting with me. Mr. Bonder did not want MTYH to feel uncomfortable, he stated even though we are contentious partners I will do anything I can for hockey, I will help you out in any way I can.

At this time, Mr. Bannister then noted, going back to Mr. Bonder and his request to have his area take care of the rinks. He advised we have sent a few emails, spread sheets and sat down with Bonder in his office as well as at the rinks and went over the items needed to be repaired. This goes back for as long as Mr. Bannister has been involved with the organization for the last three (3) years. Those items (*needed repairs*) unfortunately have not been done, they have not been taken care of. We had requested that we would come up and replace the roof ourselves, we would have the material donated, have volunteers in place. We advised Mr. Bonder we would have an individual come up and replace the doors on the rinks as well as putting the doors up on the Stinson rink, this was for the safety of the kids. He (*Bonder*) graciously said no, said he

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would take care of it. The one item he did get done was to replace the two doors on the RJ rink. We are still left with roofs that are in bad shape, the door is not on the Stinson rink. He then noted Mr. Bonder did have a company come in and repair the cracks but within three months everything came back out of cracks and they were worse than before. I sent Mr. Bonder an email after he replied back to me asking for a meeting. He then spoke again on the email with regard to setting up a meeting. Mr. Bannister then wanted to make it clear that this was not an attack on Parks & Rec, I know the restraints they are under, I know of the limited staff they have to get the work done and that is why MTYH is offering to take on the work, have the companies come in and do the repairs. We had the companies come out and give quotes to have the repairs done and done properly. This would get the rinks into a much safer condition as well as bring more players into this association.

Cncl. McIlvaine then made a recommendation to have Mr. Bonder, Mr. Bannister and Cncl. Heffner, Liaison to Parks & Rec sit down, have a meeting and go over this and report back to Council and Mayor on what needs to be done or in what direction we are going to go with this. Obviously, there are issues here and I have asked Mr. Heffner to sit in and try to mediate this as best as possible as he is very familiar with this matter and he can come back and give us a report and we can make a decision from there. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** added that is probably the best option but he would like Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel to also attend the meeting as this is a financial situation. He then assigned one member of the budget committee to also attend, then all concerned can sit down in a forum because quite honestly it is going to take some time to digest this. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** then stated that he understood the importance of this as well as the timeframe involved. **Director of Parks & Rec, Jim Bonder** then spoke for the record, that this undermines everything we put together, this undermines my responsibility. Mr. Bannister and MTYH are supposed to come in to Parks & Rec to set up a meeting and do his due diligence. If then he doesn't like what I bring back to council, then file a grievance with his concerns. We are going against everything we put in a handbook that took several years to put together. What we talking about, in my opinion, is grandstanding. He added Parks & Rec did not know about this meeting, there was no call to Parks & Rec, there is no paperwork that has been given to Parks & Rec. I don't have a thing as to all the costs included in the handout. He spoke on the repairs that were talked about, there were five repairs requested prior to this season, fix the cracks, replace the doors on the RJ rink, put new doors on the Stinson rink and repair the roofs. We did three out of the five, we could not fix the roof and because of the integrity of the wood at the Stinson location we could not build doors on there. He noted he has some pretty capable carpenters on his team and they advised we can't just put doors in. We've done everything and unless we continue to communicate then what is to stop them (*MTYH*) from just coming to you with the next thing they don't like.

Cncl. McIlvaine noted he was not disputing anything here I am simply trying to alleviate the issue by having a descent meeting and getting some traction, getting something done. I am not saying anybody is wrong on one side or the other. I am simply asking Cncl. Heffner to sit there and have a nice, calm meeting where something can get accomplished. If you guys are doing everything that you are supposed to do and Bobby (*Heffner*) comes back and reports that I'm quite fine with that. But, I think, we need to have a mediator here as there is an issue that we need to resolve, nobody is blaming Parks & Rec, nobody is blaming the MTYH or anyone. These folks have an issue they want handled and unfortunately this is the only time this has come forward to me. I am not trying to override your process, etc. but this is the first time since he has served on council that this has come before him and he felt this is how he saw fit to handle it. **Cncl. McIlvaine** stated he was not blaming anyone nor taking any sides, I don't want to overstep any bounds; that is not what this is about. I just want to get this problem handled. Please let's try to get this done, let's try to make everyone happy to ensure that no one gets hurt. **Cncl. Pres., DiLuica** noted he tended to agree with Cncl. McIlvaine for no other reason than to try and get the groups together to reach a consensus on where to go from here. Ultimately, this will boil down to economics, costs, money and a good start would be to have the meeting. Mr. Heydel will attend along with Cncl. Miller so they can report back to us. He suggested all involved get a date together, report back to us and we will go from there.

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Director of Parks & Rec, Jim Bonder then noted, for the record, you have just thrown out all the integrity of the handbook. He felt that was really sad for the other 12 groups that are in associations that will as soon as they hear this if they don't like something are going to come running to council and you guys will be playing referee. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** advised that this council notes your opposition but let's move forward with the meeting, see what happens and we will go from there. **Mr. Bannister** noted this has nothing to do with whether we like what is going on or whether we don't. We are coming to partner with the township, with Parks & Rec to show that we know there are costs, we know the township can't pick up those costs. MTYH is willing and able to cover the majority of the costs we have within the short term and mid-term to get the rinks where they need to be. He spoke of the estimates within the hand out and noted the estimates were just solely ours. We did some research on a lot of the numbers included and there are some on the high end that will be lowered. Mr. Bannister stressed all we want to do is get the rinks in a playable and safe environment to attract more kids and not have that cost bestowed on the township and to show we can cover a lot of the costs. **Mayor Teefy** then commended MTYH on the handouts they prepared, it resembles a blue print in some ways to get us where we need to go. He noted he spoke with the organization a couple weeks ago and everything seemed to calm down, Mr. Bonder wanted to meet with you and the first thing we should have done is to have you sit down with Jim. That is all he is asking for is to sit down with the committee and go through things instead of getting council involved. From this point we will go forward with the meeting and what you put together will only aid us. There are many things we must review such as volunteers coming in to help, are they certified. There are several things we must check out through the JIF to make sure things are done in compliance so down the road if someone were to get injured we are covered properly. Mr. Bannister expressed his thanks and noted his availability.

Mr. Bonder then requested to read a letter/email he received from Mr. Bannister last week. He spoke of the Sports Advisory Board and how they had some communications about advertising and marketing the last vote we had was 8 to 3, 8 for and 3 against and hockey was one of the groups against it. They wanted money coming directly back to them and that was their prerogative, never really questioned it but I received an email from Mr. Bannister. He then read the email into the record. *As you know MTYH is looking to replace the boards at Stinson with the same style boards we have at the RJ rink. We have done a ton of research and have found a set of used boards in excellent condition to complete it for 20K. We were able to get the company/individual selling them down from the original asking price of 30K. However MTYH doesn't have the full 20K to be able to secure the boards as 10K of our reserve money is already earmarked for some other items. MTYH can put up 10K of the 20K to get the boards and we are asking if either Parks & Rec can assist with the other 10K or if we could partition the SAB to use 10K of the Meaghan's Law Fund. Currently they are holding the boards for us until we hopefully have an approval for the other 10K. If not the full 10K, please let us know how close to the 10K you would be able to assist with and MTYH will make adjustments on the other items we have slated.*

PS: In talking with the board some more over the past 2 meetings some are leaning more towards an approval for the signs, if we are able to accomplish the above that might really turn the other members of the board towards a full yes from MTYH.

Mr. Bonder questioned if anybody saw a problem with that, so we will do this if you give us the money. That is what we have been dealing with for the last couple of months, that kind of communication. He added they are not his words, they are hockey's words.

Cncl. Marino spoke with regard to the deficiencies mentioned and questioned with the three of the five deficiencies being addressed, was this the first year they complained about it or was this list an on-going list, year after year or just in the 2017-2018 season. He was attempting to find out how this relationship got so strained. **Mr. Bonder** responded to the repairs made (*some parts inaudible, hard to hear on recording*). He then noted I ask myself sometimes, where/when did this relationship go so bad? Quite frankly most of you guys are aware of social media and the beating that Parks & Rec has taken over the last two months. I asked Mr. Bannister to come into my office almost two months ago to advise him of some concerns about

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the relationship and things that were being said and sure enough, it got worse. We took such a beating in social media that Parks & Rec is now referred to with hockey as JB and the clueless. Our guys work pretty hard, they bust their hump to put together a hockey program for these guys to support. Discussion continued. **Cncl. Marino** noted the one point he would agree with MTYH on is when you look at Owens and it is beautiful however there is a difference with the hockey and they need help, it needs work. I think we have an issue here and there are conflicts and there is a need for mediation of some kind. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** indicated that the meeting to take place will be coordinated by **Cncl. Heffner**. The meeting shall include MTYH representatives, **Director of Parks & Rec, Jim Bonder, Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel and Cncl. Miller** from the Budget Committee.

Frank Roddy – 754 Allison Drive, Vice-President Federal Hill Home Owner's Association along with **Jim O'Donnell** – 816 Kristin Lane, President HOA approached council with concerns regarding parking and safety issues. The issue involved is with high school parking as Federal Hill sits right behind the high school with the last of the houses being built approximately one year ago. We noticed a group of high school students started parking their vehicles along the streets within the development because they do not have parking permits for the high school. With making Prince Drive a "no parking" zone due to access with emergency vehicles this caused them to migrate into the Federal Hill development. Last year we had on average probably 10-15 cars parked on both sides of the street closest to the high school and on the curb to Kristin Lane. The HOA, at the time, was just starting and we were trying to figure out how best to address this issue. Mr. Roddy then noted this year the problem has multiplied by three (3). On any given day when the high school is in session, you probably see 30-40 cars parked on both sides of our streets, wrapping around the corners which is causing quite a safety issue. He spoke on the conditions when school lets out and the disregard for the safety of any kids that may be walking around the neighborhood is pretty appalling. Our residents have come to the HOA trying to find out what we can do about this. Mr. Roddy explained we are here bringing to the attention of council and many of our residents have called the police several times on the parking situation and how the fire hydrants are covered, mail boxes are being blocked and the people are not receiving their mail. The police department has done a great job on ticketing those parked illegally as well as patrolling the area but they can't be there all the time. We are trying to determine what steps we can take as an HOA and as a community to try to alleviate this problem, we need some kind of direction. We have contacted the school on several occasions and there is not a lot they can do as it is a public street. The streets were recently turned over to the township from the developer. We are open for suggestions on what direction we can, as a community, do to make this a safer environment for our residents and the children in the community. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** questioned if the vehicles are legally parked to begin with under normal situations/laws. Mr. Roddy responded that probably 80% of them are, the ones running late will come in and park on any side of the street whether facing in the right direction or not. Many times we have pictures of kids coming in and covering up the fire hydrants. He then reiterated that the police department has done a fantastic job of responding to our concerns but it is still an issue. Considering the fact that it compounded at least two to threefold in one year, and the kids know there is a community here with nice, new streets and no more construction it is now wrapping all around our little community and filling up both sides of the streets. He explained we do have residents that park on the street, the main concern is that we have speed issues when they come in and out, the parking issues are with how they are parking (*on the curb/off the curb*) also site line issues. While there is parking on both sides of the street he did not know if the design of the road took into consideration having two rows of cars parked all around. **Chief of Police, John McKeown** then spoke on the issue and noted one of our former School Resource Officers was a former traffic officer and he was really involved with the concerns of traffic being pushed with kids parking along Price Avenue and then eventually moving into the Federal Hill neighborhood. We will absolutely continue to send officers out there (*make it a priority*). If we do make it "no parking" unless council can up with a creative solution any regulation will affect/apply to both you and your guests, which would also impact the neighborhood. Mr. Roddy noted we have had several discussions with several policeman and different entities and have had the options of permit parking, no parking on one side or no parking on either side of the street. What would it entail if we, as a community, wanted to try to move forward with perhaps permit parking in that area. We certainly have a safety concern with

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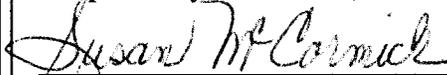
what is happening and as an HOA we spoke on trying to have that section a "no parking" area, then again just like what happened with Prince Avenue it will only push it straight down the street. With it compounding each year I don't want as either an HOA or a resident for my streets to become a parking lot for the high school and that is exactly what it is turning into. There has to be some type of long-term solution to this. **Cncl. McIlvaine** requested that the Chief of Police have Sgt. Burton have a meeting with the HOA and as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee he would be more than glad to attend these meetings and see if we can't come up with some type of solution. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** questioned the Chief with regard to the parking at the high school and if it was overflowing or is it they just elect to park here as opposed to there. The Chief responded that some of it is convenience because the high school has rules on what they can and cannot do, what they can and cannot bring to their vehicle. Because of these rules it might be more convenient to park somewhere else. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** noted if we could develop some way that during certain hours that could be a closed community (*during school hours*) it would force them to park in the school parking lot, where they should be parking. He questioned the Chief of Police if that was a possibility. The response was, yes it is, but that would also impact the residents during those hours. Discussion continued with many options being discussed and how certain issues would have to be looked into. **Mayor Teefy** suggested to place a cop car at the location at 7:00AM, kid gets out of car starts walking to high school who can then be told, can't park here, move your car. He felt that was just common sense. **Cncl. McIlvaine** noted the problem is legally it is a public street and they can park there. A resident (*did not identify herself*) then asked to speak on this, adding that she totally agreed with what the mayor was saying. She explained she lives right around the curb so the majority of the students parking are parking around her property. The police department has been fantastic, and I often wondered what they were saying to the students because some of them are parked legally. This may deter them for possibly a day or two and they just come right back. Unfortunately, they have been relentless, it seemed to be the same students and then it just multiplied. The mayor then suggested perhaps an ordinance could be drafted saying if a high school kid parks there, they can get towed. That ticket issued at \$25.00 just went a lot higher for the parent to pick up. **Chief of Police, John McKeown** advised after a meeting is scheduled we can then report back to the Ordinance Committee if a law change is called for. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** noted that this council will all we do all we can to help the residents. **Mr. Roddy** expressed his thanks and appreciated all the suggestions and absolutely welcomed a meeting to try and alleviate this situation. **Cncl. McIlvaine** will coordinate the meeting and communicate with all concerned.

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

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. McIlvaine** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 29, 2018. 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

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Date 6/25/18
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