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

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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

PRESENTATIONS

• Proclamation - Autism Awareness

Mayor Teefy and Cncl. Pres., DiLucia presented a proclamation to Carol Slemmer in recognition of Autism Awareness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Regular Council Meeting of March 12, 2018, Council Work Session of March 12, 2018 and the Closed Executive Session of March 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

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. Miller made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled – Public Portion. The motion was seconded Cncl. McIlvaine and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:88-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To The Municipal Engineer For Construction Administration/Inspection Services With Respect To The 2017 Road Program Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:88-2018. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:89-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding A Contract To Racks Pub And Grill For Beer And Wine Garden Concession For Town Appreciation Music Festival Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:89-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:90-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Bid To South State, Inc. For Services Associated With The 2017 Monroe Road Program As Specified In The Bid Specifications For The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County And Authorizing The Proper Township Officials To Execute The Required Documentation

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:90-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:91-2018 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:91-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:92-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Proposals (RFP) For Up To Six Certified Contractors For Emergency Service Work Within The Township Of Monroe REMOVED FROM AGENDA

R:93-2018 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss Litigation Matters - Sideris V. Monroe and Peach Country.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:93-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl.** Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

Chairman, Cncl. Marino. Cncl. Miller 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 and unanimously approved by Cncl. McIlvaine and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:05-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 73 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Records, Public Access To"

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:05-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:05-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:05-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:06-2018 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"

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:06-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:06-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:06-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:07-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of Tax Abatement Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And South Jersey Storage, LLC For The Premises Know As Block 2201, Lot 4 Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq. And Ordinance O:7-98, O:22-2002 & O:09-2014

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:07-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:07-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:07-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:08-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 104 Entitled "Buildings"

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

D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Ordinance O:08-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:08-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:08-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:09-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 252 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Taxation"

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:09-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. DiLucia.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:09-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:09-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:10-2018 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

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

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Ordinance O:10-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Miller.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 0:10-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Heffner, Marino, McIlvaine, Miller), 1 ABSENT (Garbowski)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:10-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:11-2018 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 65 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Personnel Policies"

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:11-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:12-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Appropriating A Sum Not To Exceed \$50,000.00 For Services Related To The Improvements Associated With Various Township Parks Within The Township Of Monroe

D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

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:12-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:13-2018 Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Various Pieces Of Equipment And Completion Of Various Capital Improvements In And For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$7,000,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$6,650,000; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

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:13-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Teefy reported that he attended the 30th anniversary celebration of Juniper Village Assisted Living. He said there was also a grand opening for IM Dance Academy located in Trader's Lane and a grand opening for Lenny's Shoe & Leather Repair located on South Main Street. He mentioned there is a grand opening scheduled on April 13, 2018 for 13th Child Brewery.

Engineer Kathryn Cornforth informed Council that this was the last meeting she would be attending for the Township before her Maternity Leave and will return for the Council Meeting in August.

Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello reported there will be a Community Shred Event at the Free Public Library on Marsha Avenue on April 22, 2018 from 9am-12pm.

Chief of Police, John McKeown reported that the Emergency Operations Plan for the Township has been approved by the County and State; it has been several years since we took over updating the old plan and he thanked everybody who had a part in working with the Township, such as Public Works, the school system, the fire companies and EMS to get this plan done in a timely manner and have a valid and reliable plan to safeguard the residents of the Township.

Cncl. Pres. DiLucia wished Engineer Kathryn Cornforth well with the birth of her baby and asked that she update us after the arrival of her baby.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Miller 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.

Jennifer Lewis-Gallagher approached and addressed Council about signage within the Township. She referred to Ordinance O:24-90, which was in reference to the section entitled "Time limit for display of sign." in the Code of the Township of Monroe Chapter 243 Signs. She read aloud the first line of Section 243-2: "No sign, defined by this chapter, shall be permitted to

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

be displayed on public or private property within the Township of Monroe more than 30 days prior to the event or election of candidacy which is the subject of the particular sign." She also read aloud the Code's definition of 'sign': "Any form of printed outdoor advertising, such as a billboard, poster, bumper sticker or yard sign, made of any material, including but not limited to wood, cardboard, masonite, plastic and the like." She spoke in reference to four billboards within the Township that display political campaign advertisement and asked Council if they knew when they became public and why they are posted in the Township. She believes they are related to a Primary Election, which is June 5, 2018, so her understanding, according to the Code, the date for posting would be May 6, 2018. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia addressed Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher, since his name is prominently displayed on these billboards that she was referring to, stating he believes it is lawful to do it on a sign; he recommended that she present it to the Solicitor, if she has evidence otherwise and he will rule on it. Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher replied that she had just read the Ordinance. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia reiterated that he said it is legally allowable and would not have put it up, if it was not. He believes those signs are legally there, whether they were his or someone else, they are allowed to be there, they have always been there for elections, both parties have done it in the past and they are doing it now. He does not think the Ordinance refers to political billboards, to which she replied that she read aloud the definition which included billboards. He said that his interpretation is that billboards are allowed and that she should seek legal recourse. Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher asked Cncl. Pres. DiLucia if she could ask Council for a legal response in regard to the interpretation of this Ordinance. He said that he would allow the Solicitor to respond. Solicitor Boraske replied that he will review the current Ordinance and respond back to Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher, adding that the Zoning Board can also do interpretations of their own Ordinances, so if she had a question about a particular aspect of the Land Use Ordinance that relates to certain types of billboards or the definition as used in the Ordinance, that is something that can be applied to the Land Use Board for an interpretation. She confirmed that if there can be any further legal review or interpretation as permissible by her request, she did include her name and phone number for contact and will also approach Director of Code Enforcement, Rosemary Flaherty in reference to this matter. Mr. Boraske said she can prepare an application and go before the Land Use Board for interpretation as an option. Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher asked when would be an appropriate follow-up for any legal interpretation. Mr. Boraske replied that he will review the current Ordinance and the issues that she raised, and will advise Council as to the Solicitor's thoughts and if it can be discussed at a later meeting, she can return and be updated on the interpretation or the Township can communicate with her directly. Mrs. Lewis-Gallagher thanked him for the response.

Sue Pontano - 327 Oak Street said she spoke to Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder a month earlier about trees at the ball park that need to be cut down. She said Mr. Bonder did not do anything about the trees and said he would get back to her. She called the Mayor's Office today and Sherri McIlvaine returned her call asking for her address. Pontano expressed her feelings about people, ball players and their parents, urinating in her yard. She stated that she needs a fence. She said if he (Mr. Bonder) has \$10,000.00 to put up signs at Owens Park, then a fence can be put up. She said that every time there are baseball games, she is the one cleaning up the trash and she is tired of it. Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder replied to Ms. Pontano, mentioning that due to the recent storms the past few months in the Tri-State area, trees are down in many areas and they are not yet caught up with cleaning it up. Ms. Pontano said this tree she spoke to him about, asking him to cut it down because it is from the Township's property and hanging over on her property, has been dead for a long time. She said that if her grandchildren get hurt out there, there will be a big lawsuit. Mr. Bonder said that when he received the phone call today, he called Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello and they are both going to go out and take a look at it, do a survey and make sure the tree is on Township property. Ms. Pontano said she has the survey. He said if and when they can get to it, as soon as possible, they will. She asked about a fence. Mr. Bonder said he has addressed this with the organization and has been told that if someone is in fact urinating, her first response should be to ask them not to do it and then call the police. Ms. Pontano asked why she should tie-up the police when they can be out doing something else instead of the police coming out there every time someone comes on her property. She has put "No Trespassing" signs up and they rip them down. She said she cannot take pictures of these people urinating in her yard, because she would go to jail. Mr. Bonder said he would like to apologize, but cannot apologize for the people being

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

ignorant. In response to Ms. Pontano's request for a fence, he said that if you buy a property that backs up to a ballfield, it is "buyer beware"; if she would like to put up a fence, they are more than (inaudible). Ms. Pontano said she bought her home through a low/moderate income and cannot afford a fence, asking why they couldn't put a piece of fence up for her when they were putting up other fences. Mr. Bonder said that if they did that for her, they would have to do the same for everybody else. She asked "who is everybody", that she sees what goes on in the ballfield with him and his employees. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia asked Ms. Pontano to try to not get personal, to try to keep the conversation on point, that in terms to what Mr. Bonder does or does not do on the ballfield is inappropriate. He understands her problem and frustration, but asked for her to stay reasonable. Ms. Pontano explained her frustration, that people allow their children to pull her tree branches down and she gets into arguments with people who tell her that she never should have moved there, they curse at her, and she is fed up with it. Mr. Bonder agreed that it is disrespectful and understands because there are people who do the same with our parks and disregard the maintenance they do. He said the ballfield she is speaking about is the Minor League Ballfield, they moved the viewing area to the 3rd base side so that they are not in her area and the players only sit there in the dugouts, the fans should be on the 3rd base side and should not be encroaching on her area. She said they were out there tonight, two girls were climbing in the tree and the day before during a game, two boys were urinating in the tree. Mr. Bonder mentioned opening more bathrooms over there and will send an email out the next day to the president to correspond to all the parents and let them know this is unacceptable, to please stay off her area and if they can possibly delegate somebody to police the area for the next couple of weeks. She also mentioned that she thought dogs are not supposed to be out there, but people bring their dogs to the ballgames. She said there used to be a sign posted about dogs not being allowed. Mr. Bonder replied saying they cannot control what people do, they keep them off the fields and if they do see them, they ask them to leave, especially on the Church Street fields. He said he will send a message out to the president of the organization in reference to the dogs, asking them to respect her property. Mr. Bonder said there is a benefit to living close to a ballfield, especially if you have kids that are young because it is a convenience for them, but as your kids get older and you are not involved, it becomes a burden; he understands and respects that and reiterated that he will send an email out to the president of the organization. Mr. Bonder mentioned the posted sign that reads "Respect Our Facility and Honor the Game" and this is what they are trying to communicate to people. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia clarified that Mr. Bonder will go out to Ms. Pontano's property the next day to try to alleviate the problem with the tree, and in reference to the problem with urination, Ms. Pontano will have to call the police and continue to call them until they make arrests and teach the children that they will not get away with it.

Brandee Derieux - 43 N. Garwood Avenue questioned Council about the many new businesses the Township has opening, asking how many of these new businesses are really new businesses and are bringing tax revenue into the town or are they replacement businesses for businesses that failed. Mayor Teefy said there is a mix, a lot of them are businesses that have replaced previous businesses or were vacant properties that are now being occupied instead of being vacant. Ms. Derieux asked if we are bringing businesses in that are being tax deductible or are we bringing businesses in that are paying back taxes. The Mayor clarified they are businesses that are paying taxes, our revenue, and Businesses Administrator, Kevin Heydel mentioned with this tax revaluation, commercial property taxes went up \$9 million dollars. Ms. Derieux asked if this counts for churches who are non-taxable, to which the Mayor said no and she then asked how many churches we have coming up. The Mayor said he did not know of any new churches that we have coming up and Ms. Derieux asked if we have new daycares opening, which he replied there is St. Matthew's Baptist Church Daycare opening. She asked if there are other new businesses other than what we have now, asking about Main Street and what is going on with it and if we are still building it up with businesses. Mayor Teefy said that we are still working toward building up Main Street and thinks someone is interested in going in where Votta's Pharmacy and Cakes & Cookies Food Mart used to be. He thinks getting the Redevelopment Zone done by Council would help and give us a tool to work with some of the landlords that are not up to par with keeping up with their properties. Ms. Derieux asked about speed bumps. She asked if one road has one, why another road can't have one. Mayor Teefy explained that years ago, they were being put in, but Public Safety and the Road Department said

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they are not good for emergency vehicles to be driving over in a hurry, because they slow them down and cause wear and tear on the vehicles. He thinks enforcement is better than speed bumps. Ms. Derieux lives near the Board of Education building and she can watch people speeding up and down that road. She stated that Church Street has bumps and her road does not. She has a special needs child and has spoken to Mr. Dilks and said she would pay for them to be installed, if she has to, because she needs them there. She wants to know how she can get safety for her child in that area. The Mayor pointed out that the Chief of Police was writing information down as she spoke and said what we need to have to do is put more enforcement on Garwood. She said signs have been put up, and the Mayor said tickets should be written to speeders.

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 in attendance.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Boraske reported that Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation matters; Council was updated, but no formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT G.)

ller made a motion to adjourn the Regular seconded by Cncl. Marino and unanimously
Presiding Officer
e tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular va synopsis of the proceedings. The official lerk upon proper notification pursuant to the
Date 4/23/18 Date