

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 27, 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. Heffner led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Miller** Offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **Community Spotlight – Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**

Cynthia Bryant – 26 Library Street is the President of the Zeta Amicae of Gloucester County, which is a women's auxiliary who supports the ideals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and their sponsoring Chapter is The Omicron Omicron Zeta of Gloucester County. She said ZAGC is a community-based organization who supports the community, the high school and scholarships, and has a senior program with Juniper Village, their adopted senior center. ZAGC is planning an informational session at the Monroe Township Public Library on September 29, 2018 at 10:00AM-3:00PM in the café area. They will be providing brochures, a voter pledge

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A.) OPENING CEREMONIES (cont'd)

sheet, etc., at this event. The organization recently completed a book bag drive, donating 20 book bags full of school supplies. The informational session will inform residents of the Township that ZAGC is present to partner with and be of service to the community. They will be encouraging voter registration and are currently in contact with Williamstown High School to see if they can setup a table to provide voter registration forms to students who are 18 years of age or older. **Cncl. Garbowski** thanked Ms. Bryant and ZAGC for giving back to the community and **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** thanked them for attending the Council Meeting and speaking about their organization.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Special Council Meeting of July 11, 2018, Council Work Session of July 23, 2018, Regular Council Meeting of July 23, 2018 and the Special Council Meeting of August 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council in attendance, except **Cncl. Dilks**, who **Abstained** on the voting of the minutes of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of July 23, 2018.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

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.

George Nitshe – 976 Glassboro Road, the owner of SMP Farms, approached Council and thanked them for rescinding the condemnation area of Route 322/Tuckahoe Road (Resolution R:167-2018). He stated that this property the Township is looking at, is not in need of redevelopment, they are a thriving business, their area is not blighted in any way and this is all detailed in their letter that Council has submitted. Mr. Nitshe continued with stating that their property currently has favorable zoning and they ask that their property be excluded or completely removed from the redevelopment area.

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

Cncl. Miller made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:146-2018 through R:174-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:146-2018 THROUGH R:174-2018

R:146-2018 An Interlocal Services Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Board Of Education For School Resource Officer Services For The School Year 2018-2019

R:147-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Affirm The Township Of Monroe's Civil Rights Policy With Respect To All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employers, Volunteers, Independent Contractors And Members Of The Public That Come Into Contact With Municipal Employees, Officials And Volunteers.

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

R:148-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Rejecting The Request To Release The Performance Bond For “Carriage Glen” Subdivision #1696, Section 6, Block 10301, Lot 16 For Certain Site Improvements

R:149-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Releasing The Performance Guarantee For “Carriage Glen” Subdivision #1696, Section 3, Block 10301, Lot 6 For Certain Improvements And Substituting A Maintenance Guarantee In The Amount Of \$31,081.00 For Certain Site Improvements

R:150-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Developer’s Agreement With Mark Hernandez, Site Plan #SP-469, Block 9801, Lots 7.01 & 7.02

R:151-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Cash Bond In The Amount Of \$10,260.00 For Mark Hernandez (*Autumn Lake Winery*) Site Plan #SP-469, Block 9801, Lots 7.01 & 7.02 For Certain Site Improvements

R:152-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Developer’s Agreement With Comfort Development Group, LLC And JJCC Longport, LLC, Subdivision #1823, Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 And Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25

R:153-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Performance Surety Bond In The Amount Of \$548,632.00 For Hamilton Greene (Phase 1) Subdivision #1823, Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 And Block 14501 Lots 24, 24.01 & 25 For Certain Site Improvements

R:154-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Performance Surety Bond In The Amount Of \$248,315.00 For Hamilton Greene (Phase 2) Subdivision #1823, Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 And Block 14501 Lots 24, 24.01 & 25 For Certain Site Improvements

R:155-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Performance Surety Bond In The Amount Of \$538,339.00 For Hamilton Greene (Phase 4) Subdivision #1823, Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 And Block 14501 Lots 24, 24.01 & 25 For Certain Site Improvements

R:156-2018 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of August 27, 2018.

R:157-2018 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To The Municipal Engineer For Preparation Of The Lower Victory Lakes Dam – Operations And Maintenance Manual For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

R:158-2018 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To OMNI Recycling LLC, For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey

R:159-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Donation Of Abandoned Bicycles Found By The Monroe Township Police Department To Charitable Organizations

R:160-2018 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

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R:161-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County of Gloucester Establishing A Green Team Advisory Committee Within The Township Of Monroe

R:162-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County of Gloucester Endorsing Sustainable New Jersey Land Use Pledge

R:163-2018 Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number 1 For VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialist In The Increased Amount of \$2,437.14 For Services Associated With The Purchase Of A 2019 Ford E450 Gas Type III Base Ambulance Vehicle Remount And Refurbishment

R:164-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Adopting An "*Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan*" For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

R:165-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Approving And Adopting The "*Operating Manual For The Administration Of A Housing Rehabilitation Program*" For The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

R:166-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And Monroe Township Police Officers Association

R:167-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Rescinding Resolution R:142-2018 Designating The Redevelopment Area As "Condemnation Redevelopment Area" (*Route 322 & Tuckahoe Road*)

R:168-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding 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:169-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Execution Of Amendment/Change Order No. 1 To The Professional Service Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And Triad Advisory Services, Inc. To Expand Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services To Include Housing Rehabilitation Case Management Services For Four (4) Homes Within The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

R:170-2018 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

R:171-2018 Resolution Authorizing Member Participation In The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance Pursuant To *NJSA 52:34-6.2*

R:172-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Determining That The Properties Identified As Block 101, Lot(s) 2, 7-9, 9.02, 10-13, 15-19, 39, 52-56, 56.01, 57-63 Be Designated As A Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area In Accordance With The Local Redevelopment And Housing Law, *NJSA 40A:12A-1, et seq. (Cross Keys Redevelopment Area)*

R:173-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Designating Certain Parcels Located Within The Township Of Monroe As "Areas In Need Of Rehabilitation" Pursuant To Local Redevelopment And Housing Law, *NJSA 40A:12A-1, et seq. (Lakes Rehabilitation Area)*

R:174-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Accepting Affordable Housing Element And Fair Share Plan And Seeking A Final Judgment Of Compliance From The Superior Court Of New Jersey *NJSA 40A:12A-1, et seq.*

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Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions R:146-2018 through R:174-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance, with the exception of **Cncl. Heffner** who voted Nay on Resolutions R:165-2018, R:169-2018, R:172-2018 and R:173-2018.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

O:19-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 93 Entitled "Amusement Devices"

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:19-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:19-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Garbowski, Heffner, Marino, Miller), 1 ABSENT (McIlvaine)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:19-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:20-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 226 Entitled "Parks And Playgrounds"

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

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:20-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:20-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Garbowski, Heffner, Marino, Miller), 1 ABSENT (McIlvaine)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:20-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:21-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Chapter 175 Of The Township Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled, "Land Use And Development"

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:21-2018 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller**.

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D.) **ORDINANCES** *(cont'd)*

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:21-2018 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6 AYES (Dilks, DiLucia, Garbowski, Heffner, Marino, Miller), 1 ABSENT (McIlvaine)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance O:21-2018 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:22-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 4 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Administrative Code”

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. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:22-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:23-2018 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Land Management”

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. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:23-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:24-2018 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” *(Allison Drive/Kristin Lane)*

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. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:24-2018 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) **REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Cncl. Dilks said he hoped everyone had a good summer and reminded everyone that children will be going back to school the following week, there will be buses on the roads, and hopes everyone will drive safe so the children can arrive at school and home safely.

Cncl. Garbwoski wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

Cncl. Heffner reported the FOP Lodge #125 had approximately a dozen officers go to the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware on August 6, 2018 to prepare and serve meals to approximately 60 families. He explained that children go here for medical treatment and their parents get to stay free of charge. He expressed this was a nice gesture of the Police Department and said if there are other organizations who are interested in doing the same, to get a hold of the members of the FOP Lodge for more information.

Cncl. Marino reported he attended a Monroe Township Board of Education Meeting on August 16, 2018. He said the personal items that belong to the Holly Glen Elementary School teachers are being put in the gym to be cleaned and will be able to be accessed for this upcoming school year. He said Dr. Perry has been appointed as the Interim Superintendent for two years,

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Lynn DiPietropolo was appointed as the Assistant Superintendent for grades K thru 6, and the Board has voted and approved to hold one meeting a month. **Cncl. Marino** thanked Sgt. DeHart, Chief McKeown and Council for the approval of the Resolution authorizing donation of abandoned bicycles through Team Monroe Foundation, Inc., a charitable organization. Cncl. Marino also thanked the Clerk's Office for the work they did to provide Council with their meeting packet, which encompassed seven emails, for a packed Council Meeting Agenda that included thirty Resolutions.

Cncl. Miller thanked the Municipal Alliance Commission for all their work with National Night Out, which took place on August 7, 2018. He congratulated the Police Department for winning the Tug of War competition during the event. He said Victory Lakes won the Neighborhood of the Year award again. Cncl. Miller reported this is the month that Zallie's ShopRite does 'Hunger Bags for Heroes' and with all the donations they raise, they have "celebrity baggers", which the Mayor, the Police Department and Council have been invited to participate in, bag the food and monies are donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey to feed the local community. He said Zallie's ShopRite of Williamstown is one of the top-performing stores in the region.

Dir. of Public Safety, Jim Smart reiterated that children are going back to school, asking that we show patience to school buses that are back on the roads and exercise caution with students in the crosswalks. He also mentioned, due to the heat spells, there have been a couple of unforeseen fires around the Cecil section and asked for us to be conscious of what we plug into the electrical circuits and to be mindful of where the gas and flammables are in our garages when we put our garden tools away.

At this time, **Cncl. Heffner** asked Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello and Engineer Kathryn Cornforth about Waverly Court in the Twelve Oaks development and the Township agreeing to cut back on the amount of asphalt and the aggregate. **Mrs. Cornforth** responded and explained the developer hired a consultant to do an evaluation of the subgrade in accordance with RSIS, they are allowed to do that, which is called the California Bearing Ratio Testing. Depending on the test results, they are allowed to, in accordance with the RSIS, ask for a reduction in the DGA base and surface course. In this case, she believes the DGA went from 6" to 4", the base course 4" to 3" and surface course 2" to 1.5". She said after the developer is finished building the houses, ARH evaluates the base to ensure that any base repairs needed are done and to their satisfaction. Cncl. Heffner asked if we still have to sign-off on the road, to which Mrs. Cornforth confirmed. She said the DGA was done and base-paved today and when they are done building the houses, ARH goes through and any base repairs that are required, ARH will make the developer replace it and do the repairs. Cncl. Heffner asked if this is going to be the standard for all developers in this town. Mrs. Cornforth said the developers are allowed to do this testing and they have been granted, it just depends on the section of the Township.

Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder said we just completed our 12th year of Camp Squankum with over 300 registrations. He thanked the parents and counselors for another great year. He said the time, passion and commitment the counselors make for the kids, he wanted to let them know how much it is appreciated.

Cncl. Pres. DiLucia reported that the Gloucester County Tax Assessor will be mailing county assessment cards to each property owner in November, which will provide information on how to appeal tax assessments. The filing timeline for a tax appeal has changed from the previous years and will now be November 15th to January 15th, instead of January 1st to April 1st. Cncl. Pres. DiLucia clarified that municipal taxes were not raised, county taxes were not raised, however the school taxes were raised 2%, and other increases were due to the reassessment that took place by the County. He said, if a property owner received an increase in taxes, it was due to the fact the County assessed their house at a greater value than it was previously. He reminded everyone, when appealing taxes, similar houses need to be compared to on the appeal form and it cannot be sales made to family members, foreclosures or short sales. Cncl. Pres. remembered the passing of Senator John McCain, who he feels is someone who served his

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E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

country and the Senate with pride, dignity and moral values. He felt he was truly an American and a hero. **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** said, though a Republican, he was the deciding vote that saved health insurance for the people who cannot afford health insurance and voted not according to his political affiliation, but voted on his convictions.

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 in attendance.

Jack Luby – 1664 Silver Birch Road addressed Mayor Teefy about the divider in the Forest Hills development, saying he noticed work was done on it and asked the Mayor why it was done. **Mayor Teefy** replied that streets were repaved. Mr. Luby clarified he was speaking about the medial, not the streets, where trees were removed and the area was leveled and a sidewalk was installed. The Mayor said there was always a sidewalk there and during the repaving of the streets, we were going to install handicap ramps and to make it more accessible and easier to maintain, the mature trees were a concern because they could fall during a storm and possibly hit a car, damaging the road or obstructing the entrance/exit way, the Township thought it would be best to trim it down and replace with more easier maintenance foliage. Mr. Luby clarified the reason it was done was for maintenance reasons. **Engineer Kathryn Cornforth** explained that sidewalks need to be in ADA compliance, making it barrier-free so that anyone with disabilities can easily access the sidewalk. Mr. Luby feels the sidewalk is totally useless, asking what a person in a wheelchair does once they access the sidewalk and gets to the Black Horse Pike. He wants to know how much it cost the Township to remove the trees and level out the medial strip. Mrs. Cornforth explained the cost was included in a lump sum cost for the entire mobilization of the project; it was not itemized. She explained to Mr. Luby the only thing they have an itemized cost for is installing the sidewalk and the handicap ramps, because they were specific line items of the job; there was no separate line item for removing of the trees and leveling the ground. Mr. Luby said there needs to be an invoice to encumber the cost of the project. Mrs. Cornforth started to explain that they do not have to have an invoice for that specific tear-down work and Mr. Luby interrupted and said he did not believe her and that cannot be done. He feels that if there was a problem with the sidewalk, just the sidewalk should have been addressed, which would have cost less. He stated he has a certain feeling that there are certain elected officials who trying their hardest to destroy the character of Forest Hills. He requested that Council demand from the Administration an itemized list of how much it costs in order to tear that done, which he thinks it had to be tens of thousands of dollars for nothing. He then asked if the Township is finished paving Forest Drive. Mayor Teefy said Phase I is finished, which Mrs. Cornforth confirmed. Mr. Luby asked when Phase II starts. Mrs. Cornforth said Phase II is funded in part by NJDOT funds, so within the next couple of days, ARH is making a submission to NJDOT to seek authorization to fit the project. It is required because NJDOT is in part paying for the project. When they give us authorization, we will go out to bid and hopefully, the second part of Forest Drive will be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Luby asked if there will be itemized bills for this. Mrs. Cornforth said the contractor will have the invoices submitted in accordance to the contract documents. Mr. Luby said Forest Drive has been there for over 50 years and he would like to know why ARH was out there at least three times surveying a road that does not need to be surveyed. **Mr. Luby** addressed **Cncl. Miller**, saying that Cncl. Miller once made a statement “before my term on Council, we had no road paving program through the work of countless individuals, Council and the Mayor, we are able to start the process”. Cncl. Miller replied we had a road paving program. Mr. Luby said we had the best road program in the State and it started in 1978. Mr. Luby said we currently have 9 employees in the Road Department and had 20 employees in 1978. He gave a description of the past Road Department, its employees and road program during this time. He asked that the Township put it out to bid to an outside company, which will cost less. He read aloud some past statements made in reference to roads in the Township. He asked, in particular, about the statement “to come up with this score, ARH put in more than 100 hours of investigation on the

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Township's roadway network". He wants to know how much this cost. He again described past practices with the Road Department, its employees and road program. **Cncl. Miller** spoke to Mr. Luby, saying we had the worst economic downturn in recession and through attrition, we lost employees and man power went down because we were collecting less revenue, which was prior to this administration. He said all these factors tied in to the fact that there was no road paving program, because a lot of our workforce retired and we allowed them to retire through attrition and we consolidated positions. He said he is comfortable and confident with this plan and how they addressed it because we took a professional company that came in and did a professional assessment of all the roads. After further discussion between Mr. Luby and Cncl. Miller, Mr. Luby said he thinks there is no reason why we need to hire a professional firm to go out and do the things we should do as elected officials.

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

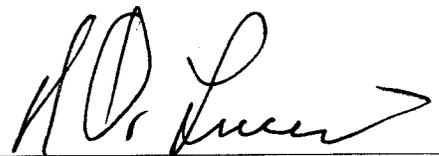
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 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

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 2018 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 _____ *SM* _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 9/24/18
Date _____