

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
DECEMBER 10, 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. Miller led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Marino** Offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner		Excused
Cncl. Joe Marino	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy		Excused
Solicitor, Louis Cappelli	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		Excused
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Police Chief John McKeown		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel came forward to say a few words about Mayor Daniel P. Teefy as he winds down his term as Mayor of the Township of Monroe. Mayor Teefy has been a resident of the Township for over 45 years. Prior to his service as a public official, he was actively involved with volunteer work, serving as a coach in youth sports, such as baseball and basketball, and also served as President of the Monroe Township Youth Basketball organization. Mayor Teefy moved into public office as a Councilman in 2001 and served in this position for almost 12 years before taking office as Mayor in 2015. Mr. Heydel said Mayor Teefy has always shown his love for the children and residents of this town. He said he has worked hard both as a Councilman and Mayor, always keeping the residents' best interest in mind. Over the past 4 years, Mayor Teefy has performed over 175 weddings, mostly occurring on weekends, when it takes time away from his family. In doing so, he has raised over

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\$20,000.00, most of which has been donated to the Williamstown High School Project Graduation, which remains dear to his heart. Mr. Heydel said, on behalf of Christine Scola, Human Resources Officer, Sherri McIlvaine, Assistant to the Mayor and Business Administrator, and himself, they have presented Mayor Teefy with a small token of appreciation for the professionalism and respect he has given to them over the past four years.

Cncl. Pres., DiLucia and **Cncl. Vice-Pres., Garbowski** presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a desk clock to **Cncl. McIlvaine** in recognition of his four years of dedicated service to the Township of Monroe. On behalf of Council, **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** offered best wishes to **Cncl. McIlvaine**. He said it has been a pleasure to serve with him the past four years, adding **Cncl. McIlvaine** is a gentleman and has done a great job and service for this town and he is proud to say he is a friend. **Cncl. McIlvaine** extended his appreciation for the recognition.

Cncl. Pres., DiLucia and **Cncl. Vice-Pres., Garbowski** presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a desk clock to **Cncl. Miller** in recognition of his four years of dedicated service to the Township of Monroe. **Cncl. Pres. DiLucia** mentioned the energy of **Cncl. Miller** and his willingness to volunteer for many things, and he knows that **Cncl. Miller** will still be around and serving this town in some capacity, adding that it has been interesting working with him and a pleasure being a friend of his.

Cncl. Vice-Pres., Garbowski presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with a desk clock to **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** in recognition of his ten years of dedicated service to the Township of Monroe as a Councilman, offering best wishes for continued success as he moves into the Office of Mayor of the Township of Monroe. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** extended his appreciation for the recognition and said he looks forward to working together with Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session of November 26, 2018, the Regular Council Meeting of November 26, 2018 and the Closed Executive Session of November 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** 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. Miller** 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. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:226-2018 through R:233-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:226-2018 THROUGH R:233-2018

R:226-2018 Resolution And Notice Of Council Work Sessions, Regular Council Meetings And Ordinance Committee Meetings Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2019

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

R:227-2018 A Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Accepting A Grant From The Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program Through The New Jersey Economic Development Authority And The Department Of Environmental Protection

R:228-2018 Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 HDSRF – Monroe Township Sanitary Landfill

R:229-2018 Resolution Approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of December 10, 2018

R:230-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records (*In Rem Foreclosure*)

R:231-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Approving The Waiver Of Municipal Fees Associated With The Township Of Monroe Market To Affordable Program

R:232-2018 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Transferring Funds For The Budget Year 2018

R:233-2018 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:226-2018 through R:233-2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES – None

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Dilks extended his appreciation to the Clerk's Office, noting Sue, Aileen, Jenn and Karen are second-to-none in this town, do so much for Council and always keep them in line. He extended his appreciation to all of the departments in the Township, noting they are first-class, work very hard, are compassionate at their jobs and thanked them for a job well done in 2018. He also included recognition of snow removal in the Township. Cncl. Dilks mentioned this year is the end of his 14th year on Council, and it is a sad night, losing brothers on Council. He noted Cncl. Heffner, Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller will be missed and extended his congratulations Cncl. Pres., DiLucia as Mayor-Elect. He said, they worked hard together and will keep working hard for the residents of this town.

Cncl. Garbowski thanked the Clerk's Office for their years of service to Council. He also thanked his brothers on Council, saying they will be missed. He thanked the Township employees, wishing everyone a happy new year. He also thanked the residents for giving him the opportunity to represent them.

Cncl. Marino offered kind sentiments to the Clerk's Office, all the Township department heads and employees, noting they have a lot of passion and care about what they do, and that we are lucky to have such people working for this Township. He said he had just met Cncl. Heffner, Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller when he joined Council, noting it has been a pleasure working with them, and he continued to share stories of working with all of them. Cncl. Marino said he is looking forward to working with the rest of Council and wished Cncl. Heffner, Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller the best in their endeavors moving forward.

Cncl. McIlvaine noted this is his last Council Meeting and it is bittersweet. He said he found himself, these past four years, to definitely not be a politician. He is a volunteer fireman and retired police officer, and decided to continue his service to the town he loves by becoming a

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Councilman. He said it was a unique experience. He thanked his wife for taking everything in stride and keeping him in check. Cncl. McIlvaine stated the Township Clerk, Susan McCormick, is phenomenal and is truly an inspiration with the way she and her staff handled everything, making his job so easy and taking good care of each Councilperson. He said he has come to care about everyone in the Clerk's Office very much and cannot say enough how much he appreciates everything the staff has done for Council, that it was truly phenomenal. Cncl. McIlvaine thanked all the Township employees, directors and the Township Engineer. He said being a politician is not for him, it is not his cup of tea, he did not like having to knock on peoples' doors, because he felt like he was bothering them. He thanked Cncl. Pres. DiLucia for all his support the past year, said he is sure he will do an outstanding job as Mayor and the Township is in very capable hands. He offered his assistance to the Mayor-Elect and Council if they ever need it. Cncl. McIlvaine thanked the public for giving him this opportunity. He said not everything was always good, but it was quite a learning experience. He noted that Council-Elect, Katherine Falcone, Greg Wolfe and Patrick O'Reilly are fantastic people and Monroe Township will be in great hands. Cncl. McIlvaine wished them all well.

Cncl. Miller thanked the Clerk's Office, saying they make Council's lives a hundred times easier, noting that anytime he called or had a personal issue, they would listen to him. He complimented Aileen Chiselko, saying she stepped up to the plate when Sharon Wright retired and Jennifer Harbison joined the office and that she has done a phenomenal job. He said Karen has always been there for him. Cncl. Miller said he could not believe that Susan McCormick is leaving the Clerk's Office and she should stay for another four years. He said he has faced some stress the past four years, however, he has enjoyed his time on Council, doing what is best for the residents. Cncl. Miller continued with expressing his pleasure with a few things he was a part of on Council, such as the 0% increase the Township has had the past two years with Cncl. Pres. DiLucia leading the charge for that and working with Administration, the Township's social media page to try to get information out to the residents so people know what is going on in the Township, the Capital Roads Program which we were able to come up with \$5 million, the "Grow with Williamstown" campaign to brand the town to bring business and recognition, Redevelopment sites such as Route 322 and Fries Mill Road and the Cross Keys area, the Lakes rehabilitation, the opening of two breweries on Main Street, AFC Urgent Care and Inspira Urgent Care, the wineries, Cinder Bar that has not yet opened but has broken ground, and working with Public Safety to tackle the issues of the firehouses and realizing the Township's needs are growing and we need to address the issue because we are under-served right now and our firehouses are aging. Cncl. Miller thanked everyone for working with Council to come up with a solid plan on how we want to move the Township forward. He also extended his congratulations to Council-Elect, who will be assuming office, offering advice to them and the Mayor-Elect: "stay true to yourselves", "stand on principle", "do what you feel is right in your heart"; he has done these the past four years and it has not steered him wrong. Cncl. Miller thanked everyone for having the faith in him to serve in the capacities that he has served, and he will miss everyone and the experiences that he has made here and the things that he has learned.

Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel thanked Mayor Teefy and Council for giving him the opportunity to serve a fourth term as Business Administrator for the Township. He said it is a job he enjoys, he loves it and works hard at it, and together, he thinks we have accomplished a lot over these past four years. Mr. Heydel wished Cncl. Heffner, Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller all the best in their future endeavors. He wished Cncl. Pres., DiLucia the best of luck as the incoming Mayor, adding he knows that he will do a fantastic job for the residents of the Township. Mr. Heydel wished everyone a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth said it was a pleasure working with everyone and it will be sad to see Cncl. Heffner, Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller go. She wished the Mayor-Elect good luck and everyone a happy holiday.

Dir. of Public Safety, Jim Smart said he will miss working with the out-going Councilmen, they served the town well and made good decisions, and he is grateful for the help he has been provided with some of the tough topics that have come up. He wished the public a happy holiday and a safe Christmas.

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Dir. of Public Works, Mike Calvello wished the out-going Councilmen and Mayor good luck and best wishes. He also congratulated the in-coming Mayor and Councilpersons.

Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Jim Bonder echoed the previous sentiments that had been given by everyone and gave a special thanks to everyone in the Parks & Recreation Commission. He noted this year's Christmas Tree Lighting was his fifteenth year of this event, and with the visit of Santa and everything that takes place, you really need to get out there and see for yourself what these 15 volunteers do. He said the compassion and commitment they make are second-to-none, adding that many people in town know what they do, however he wishes all could see the smiles on the kids' and parents' faces. Mr. Bonder explained there is a "Tree of Hope" in the Community Center where people hung up their own cards on the Christmas tree, which had a thank you or a kind compliment or a child's gift wish list written on it. He said this could not happen without the passion of the volunteers, which many people forget what they do, how much of their time, effort and passion they put into something, and they do not get paid. Mr. Bonder thanked the Commission and said he respects them and has a lot of appreciation for them and what they do.

Cncl. Pres., DiLucia thanked the Clerk's Office for guiding him the past ten years as a Councilman and complimented them on their courteous service to the public that he has witnessed. He said, though some residents of the Township may not show appreciation of the services the Public Works Department provides, such as trash pickup, collection of leaves, street cleaning, physical jobs that are hard to do and are exposed to all weather elements, he expressed the appreciation of Council for what the Public Works Department does. Cncl. Pres., DiLucia mentioned the Parks & Recreation Department has done a tremendous job. He noted the employees of other departments of the Municipality are intricate to servicing the residents of this town, they work hard, work for wages that are not tremendously high, do not complain and come to work every day. He expressed his appreciation and thinks the residents of this town should, also. Cncl. Pres., DiLucia addressed and expressed his sentiments to each Councilperson and Mayor Teefy.

Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick thanked Cncl. McIlvaine and Cncl. Miller, and said it has been a pleasure working closely with them. She addressed all of Council and thanked them for their faith and support of the Clerk's Office.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Garbowski 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.

Jim Deckard, 1614 White Cedar Lane approached Council and addressed his concerns with traffic laws not being enforced throughout the town. He is concerned about the safety of the children, because of the reckless driving of people. He said he has approached the Police Department with a complaint against the Department. Mr. Deckard gave an example of New Brooklyn Road, which often has accidents on, because after 3:30 in the afternoon 3-5 drivers will drive through the red light at the corner of New Brooklyn Road and the Black Horse Pike. He said someone has to take a look at what is happening in this Township as far as people obeying the traffic and he feels that if it is not going to be enforced, the laws should be taken off the books. Mr. Deckard said it is so bad out there and people do not care. He believes a police officer should be stationed at New Brooklyn Road to enforce the laws, because if drivers realize they have a chance of getting a ticket, maybe they will obey the laws. Mr. Deckard said the laws currently are not being enforced. He said he spoke with a police officer and was told they do not go out and be proactive anymore, because they have to sit in their offices to process paperwork and then when something happens, they go out to answer the call. Mr. Deckard's opinion is that a clerk should be hired to do the paperwork, because anyone can fill-out paperwork. He told Council we are not enforcing traffic laws in the Township and it needs to be addressed. **Cncl. Pres., DiLucia** ensured Mr. Deckard that the Chief of Police, who was not in attendance at the meeting, will be aware of the fact that he addressed Council with his concern and will inform him of Mr. Deckard's contact phone number.

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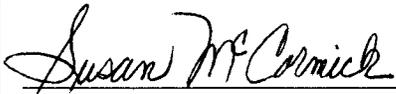
F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Cncl. Garbowski 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.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Dilks** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



**Susan McCormick, RMC
Municipal Clerk**



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 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 Am
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Date 11/14/19
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