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., Ron Garbowski 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 Monroe Township (i.e.: South Jersey Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski 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. O’Reilly 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
Cncl. Katherine Falcone
Cncl. Joseph Marino
Cncl. Cody Miller
Cncl. Patrick O’Reilly
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe
Cncl. Pres. Ronald Garbowski
Mayor Richard DiLucia
Solicitor, John Trimble
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea
Engineer, Kathryn Comforth
Dir. of Code Enf./Comm. Dev., Ralph Manfredi
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Terrance Bannister
Dir. of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz
Dir. of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado
Police Chief John McKeown
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko

Present

Excused

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition – Miss Northern Lakes 2019 – Amanda Peacock

Cncl. Miller and Cncl. Pres. Garbowski presented a proclamation to Amanda Peacock in recognition of earning the title of Miss Northern Lakes 2019 with the platform of “Distracted Driving Awareness #JustDriveItCanBeWait” emphasizes her commitment in raising awareness to stop distracted driving.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- Williamstown Chamber of Commerce

John Petitt, President of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce said he is also the Business Development Officer for First Bank located in Williamstown. He said, the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce is a distinguished autonomous local non-profit organization who give businesses of all sizes the ability to connect with other businesses and residents of the community. The Chamber was started in 2016 after then President, now Chairwoman, Katherine Falcone, a
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business owner here in Williamstown wanted everyone in her hometown to experience the difference a Chamber of Commerce can make to the success of a sustainable business. He said the current Board of Directors consists of a select group of local business people, each with diverse backgrounds and all with the same goals of wanting to see each member of business succeed along with continuing to grow in membership. He thanked all of the Board of Directors. He said the Chambers holds numerous events throughout the year to help promote new member’s businesses and handle ribbon cutting ceremonies along with the Mayor, they also hold networking breakfasts, luncheon and happy hours to promote business education. He said since 2016, they have grown to a network of over 150 businesses across multiple industries and are still growing. Mr. Petitt asked that everyone visit their website www.williamstownchamberofcommerce.org for additional information. He said as a Chamber, they believe strongly that shopping and buying local benefits everyone and serves as a pillar of a strong community. He advised, they have a ribbon cutting scheduled on March 2, 2019 from 1-3pm at Kinetic Climbing for their grand opening and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Petitt presented Cncl. Miller with a plaque recognizing him for all of his help with the Chamber, serving as an honorary board member.

Cncl. Miller thanked the Chamber and Cncl. Falcone for all of their hard work establishing and helping the Chamber thrive and looks forward to the great work they will continue to do in the Township.

Cncl. Falcone thanked Cncl. Miller for always being hers and the Chamber’s biggest cheerleader and that is why they named him an honorary board member. She said the Chamber is very happy to have him behind the scenes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session of January 14, 2019, the Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2019 and the Closed Executive Session of January 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor DiLucia addressed Council and the Public to state, after serving on Council for ten years and this being his first year as Mayor, he has never seen the Committees as filled as they are currently. He said, as great a participation in all of the Committee in this town since he has been on Council, this is a good sign and means we have a Town that people are interested in and active in the development. He thanked all of the people serving on Committee for all of their hard work.

At this time, Mayor DiLucia made the following appointments:

Director of Real Estate – Angie Matese

Parks and Recreation Commission – Frank Kopaczewski – Unexpired Term 12/31/2022
Parks and Recreation Commission – Deborah Polisano – Unexpired Term 12/31/2019

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve the appointments of Angie Matese as Director of Real Estate, Frank Kopaczewski to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term expiring 12/31/2022 and Deborah Polisano to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term expiring 12/31/2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Wolfe and unanimously approved by the members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Miller 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. With
C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION (cont’d)

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

R:76-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To $12,527,000 Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, Of The Township Of Monroe; Making Certain Covenants To Maintain The Exemption Of The Interest On Said Bonds From Federal Income Taxation; And Authorizing Such Further Actions And Making Such Determinations As May Be Necessary Or Appropriate To Effectuate The Issuance And Sale Of The Bonds

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:76-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Wolfe and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:77-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Shared Services Agreement With The Gloucester County Improvement Authority And The Township of Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:77-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:78-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, Authorizing Submission Of The Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:78-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:79-2019 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve Resolution R:79-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:80-2019 Resolution Approving The Bill List And Paid List For The Council Meeting Of February 25, 2019

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:80-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Falcone and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:81-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing Issuance Of A Request For Proposals For A Beer & Wine Garden Concession For Town Appreciation Music Festival Under The Fair And Open Process

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:81-2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Dilks and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:82-2019 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open nominations. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Miller nominated Mike Beckford as a Member of the Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Dilks.

Cncl. O’Reilly nominated Veronica Adepeju as a Member of the Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski. No other nominations were made.

Cncl. Miller rescinded his nomination of Mike Beckford as a Member of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Cncl. Dilks rescinded his second of the nomination.
C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION (cont’d)

Cncl. Miller made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE – R:82-2019 NOMINATION OF VERONICA ADEPEJU AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Veronica Adepeju was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee.

D.) ORDINANCES

Solicitor Trimble turned this portion of the meeting over to Ordinance Committee 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. Wolfe and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak on the Ordinances for Second Reading, Cncl. Miller made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Falcone and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:03-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 118 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Curfew” (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

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

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Ordinance O:03-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:03-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:03-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:04-2019 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” (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

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

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Ordinance O:04-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:04-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:04-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:05-2019 An Ordinance Providing For The Implementation In The Township Of Monroe Of The “Five Year Tax Exemption And Abatement Law” Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq. And Approving Property Tax Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And BPC At Whitehall Gardens, LLC For 110 Whitehall Road, Block 8001, Lot 28 (Second Reading & Public Hearing)
D.) **ORDINANCES (cont’d)**

*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. Garbowski_ made a motion to approve Ordinance O:05-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by _Cncl. Dilks_ and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:05-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 **AYES** (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:05-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:06-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 104 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Buildings” (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

*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:06-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by _Cncl. Pres. Garbowski_ and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:06-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 **AYES** (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:06-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:07-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 123 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Drones” (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

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

_Cncl. Wolfe_ made a motion to approve Ordinance O:07-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by _Cncl. Falcone_ and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:07-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 **AYES** (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:07-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:08-2019 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 & Public Hearing)

*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. Garbowski_ made a motion to approve Ordinance O:08-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by _Cncl. O’Reilly_ and unanimously approved by all members of Council.
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D.) ORDINANCES (cont’d)

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:08-2019 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Miller, O’Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:08-2019 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Falcone reported on the statement of the Cannabis Committee recommendation. She said it is the committee’s recommendation that they support and welcome these facilities into our town, the pros outweigh the cons and medical marijuana has many positive benefits. She said it is also their recommendation that a letter of support be crafted, which will initially be issued as an open invitation to attract general businesses to the Township. She said, after any interest is received, with the new Ordinances to be created, the Township will then have the control to accept or reject any business. Cncl. Falcone stated, she attended the Valentine’s Day Social, it was hosted by the Community Affairs Committee. She said, it was a great turn out with a lot of seniors attending. She said the Community Affairs Committee is moving forward to give back to the seniors and she is very proud of what they doing. On February 18, 2019, she attended the Economic Development Commission meeting, which the MUA attended and they were very happy to have them attend and strike a new relationship with help move Monroe forward in identifying water for new businesses.

Cncl. Marino reported on the MUA Reorganization meeting that was held on February 6, 2019. He said the Chairman is Joe DiLolle, Vice-Chairman is Hank Calloway, Secretary is Ralph Manfredi. Treasurer is Robert Simone and Assistant Treasurer is Tony Neri, the Engineer is Federici and Akin and their Solicitor is Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Cappelli. He said the MUA will be participating in an energy audit to explore cost savings. Cncl. Marino thanked Council for their support of the 5 Year Tax Abatement with Whitehall Gardens and the Citizen Leadership Award named after Robert A. Hennessy. He said, last Saturday, Specialist Tyler Barin returned home after serving nine month in Iraq. He said himself, Cncl. Miller, Cncl. O’Reilly, Cncl. Wolfe, Board of Education, Vice President Jeff Simpler along with Police attended his homecoming. He said the Philadelphia Police escorted Specialist Barin from the airport into Monroe Township, at which time Monroe Police brought him home to Fox Hollow. He said the streets in Fox Hollow were lined with yellow flags and it was really well done.

Cncl. Miller said the “Vaping Me Crazy” has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm at Williamstown High School. He said this educational program is coordinated through the Municipal Alliance Commission. He said a recent survey of kids, showed 37% of the kids did not know it was nicotine they were inhaling when they are vaping, with 11.3% of high school students and 4.3% middle school students being e-cigarette users. He said, the Township has recently entered into an agreement with the City of Angels and Jefferson Health is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for their cause. He said these are volunteers that are giving their time at no cost to the Township to assist individuals who are seeking recovery. He said this fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at the Estates of Monroe from 6pm to 10pm. He said to purchase tickets, you can contact Tammy Mosley-Doran at 609-576-2683 and email address at tammy.mosley@jefferson.edu

Cncl. O’Reilly said he attended the Sustainable Monroe monthly meeting. He said they spent a lot of time talking about recycling and how the ways of recycling have changing in Monroe. He said the Township is now paying an average of 25,000 a month to remove our recycling. He said Council is going to work with the Director of Public Works, Nick Mercado to look at a cost benefit analysis of potentially going to dual stream recycling. He said the Township is currently defined as a single stream, where everything goes into one container. He said they are going to research this further and he feels it will benefit the community with saving money for the taxpayers.

Cncl. Wolfe stated that he attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 13th, they are set for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th at 12pm, with a rain date of Sunday, April 14th at 12pm, located at Owens Park. He said there will be pictures with the Easter Bunny and over 10,000 eggs that will be broken up between different ages of the children as well as children with special needs. He suggested to visit their website at www.mprrn.org to obtain more details. He said the Music Fest will be held on June 1st at 5pm and the vendor applications have been
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mailed and responses are starting to be received. He said Movies Night at the Park which will take place at Owens Park will be held on July 31st, they will be playing the Lego Movie, this is being presented in collaboration with the County. Cncl. Wolfe thanked Mayor DiLucia for appointing the two new members to the Parks and Recreation Commission and welcomed Frank Kopaczewski and Deborah Polisano. He thanked Council for quickly moving forward on the amendment to the Ordinance with increasing the number of members. He attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting with Lieutenant DeHart at this meeting there was Fire, Police, EMS representation along with an official from the School Board and some our Department Heads and Directors in attendance. He said the Local Emergency Planning Committee plans for all of the Township’s upcoming events such as parades, they want to ensure safety to all of the participants as well as the attendees. He attended the Cannabis Committee meeting, it was very productive and very eye opening as to the pros and cons and he is looking forward to continuing that process. He thanked Police Chief McKeown and the Police Department for their great work and quick response in making several arrests due to the vandalism that has been occurring at the Tot Lots on Ward Lane and Owens Park. He welcomed home Specialist Tyler Barin from his nine month of service in Iraq.

Mayor DiLucia stated himself and Chief McKeown spent Sunday afternoon at the Pfieffer Center entertained by the Boy Scouts. He commended the Scout Leaders for all of the time and effort they put in and the parents for the time for involving their children in this life forming activity. He said himself and the officials of Washington Township attended a NJDOT meeting that discussed the traffic problem on the Black Horse Pike and Glassboro Cross Keys Road. He said they were going to put in two more turning lanes on the North and South side and they are going to put a new left hand turn lane coming from Glassboro Cross Keys. He said they are estimating this project as being completed in about eighteen to twenty-four months. He said truthfully, it will be at least three years before this project becomes a reality. He feels this will be a welcome improvement for the residents. Mayor DiLucia spoke about the intersection between Route 322 and Fries Mill Road, himself and Cncl. Pres. Garbowksi met with Senator Madden and expressed their interest in getting this project completed as it has been ten years in the making. He said, Senator Madden agreed and asked what he needed to do to help and assured Mayor DiLucia that there will be additional money coming. He said, they then met with the owners of the four corners, because there was a problem, some of the owners were not participating in the project since it was taking too long to complete. He said, he is happy to say that all four owners attended the meeting and they all committed to move forward with the project. He feels this project is on its way, with a little more push it will be a reality. Mayor DiLucia stated he was advised there was a Code Blue in effect for the Pfieffer Center a couple weeks ago when the storm was expected. He said, this is where in the case of an emergency, they will house people at the Pfieffer Center who are without water or power. He said, luckily the emergency did not happen, however in preparing for the storm, Director of Public Works, Nick Mercado, informed him there was a problem at the Pfieffer Center, where the drains in the bathrooms were backing up. He said they contacted the MUA and our Road Department, they were able to go in and fix the problem without bringing in an outside contractor and spending any of the taxpayers money. He thanked the MUA, the Road Department, Mike Calvello, Joe DiLolle, Ralph Manfredi and Nick Mercado for giving their own time and taking care of the situation. Mayor DiLucia said he was at the Pfieffer Center on Valentine’s Day with Cncl. Falcone and Brandee Derieux. He said he introduced himself and spoke with every senior citizen that was in attendance, it was a very nice event. He thanked Brandee Derieux and her staff for all of their hard work. He said, last weekend there was also a dance at the Pfieffer Center and over a hundred children came. He stated, they were able to pay the DJ and provide refreshments and still come out with a small profit, which was not the intent of the dance. He said he is happy that the Pfieffer Center is being used as it was intended to be used.

Director of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux stated they held two events in February both being huge successes. She said the next event scheduled for the seniors is St. Patty’s Day Social, where they have to wear green and they have plenty of new activities to play. She said, they started their calendar the first full week of March and on Tuesdays from 9am to 11am they will be playing Bingo in Room B and on Thursday afternoons there will be Pinochle Tournaments, all of this is free with prizes to be won. She said on March 19th they will having their first date to Mona Lisa for lunch and to the movies, the cost is $20 a person, $40 a couple, they will be picked up at their homes and dropped back off after the movies. Ms. Derieux said, at the Valentine’s Day Dance there was 120 kids, it was a great turnout and they have received a lot of positive feedback with relatively no complaints. She said as a result of the dance, there have been many people emailed asking how they can help and get involved in future activities. She stated, in April they will be hosting an Easter Dance for the kids.
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Director of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz stated the Williamstown Fire Department will be hosting a Comedy Beef and Beer at the VFW on March 12th from 7pm to 9pm. He attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee’s quarterly meeting with Cncl. Wolfe. He said, he has been working each agency in Public Safety to compile their budget for 2019. He thanked the Police Department for the arrests they made due to the vandalism at the Tot Lots.

Director of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado thanked the MUA, particularly Ed Hoffman and his crew, for performing the work at the Pfeiffer Center and saved the Township a lot of money.

Police Chief, John McKeown said since the last Council Meeting, the Detective Bureau has been able to make several arrests, two adults and 1 juvenile for the vandalism of the tots lots. He said, they were concerned about the types of graffiti, some of which appeared to be gang symbols, however, they have established this was teenagers pretending to be gang members and we do not have a gang problem in our town. He said the Mayor has suggested, when this goes to court, we are going to have our Detective ask for community service to help work at the parks to pay back the damages they have done. Chief McKeown said, although this problem is currently solved, the message is still out there, we need our citizens to partner with us. He said too often residents feel they do not want to bother the Police, but that is what Police are here for, to protect the town and the only way we can effectively partner with the resident is if they reach out promptly when an incident occurs. Chief McKeown spoke in reference to the Boy Scouts, he said he has been volunteering for over twenty years. He said the children like to see elected officials come out to their events, as do their parents. He feels, whether it be sports or scouts, we need to get our children involved in something, to show them there is a bigger purpose beyond themselves and helping to give back to their community. He thanked Council and the Mayor, for showing their support and saying it starts with us as adults, elected officials, as appointed officials recognizing and being involved.

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski reported on February 14th, the Planning Board approved the redevelopment zone on the town landfill located on Sicklerville Road. He said this will be memorialized at the next Planning Board Meeting and ARH is currently working on a redevelopment plan. He said, himself and Mayor DiLucia met with Senator Madden and also the owners of the four corners of Fries Mill Road and Route 322. He said the owners were excited to learn, we may have a final approval within possibly the next ninety days.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Jo Ledne – 3835 S. Black Horse Pike addressed Council to say she is very happy to see that Council is voting on Cannabis. She said it is very important and there are more pros than there are cons. She said, if there is a need for a spokesperson, she would love to volunteer as she has been a patient for the last two years. She said there are so many benefits that many people are not aware of.

Courtney Veach – 129 Karen Drive addressed Council to say she is happy to see Council’s support of the Cannabis program. She said, she was diagnosed with Adams Disease ten years ago and medical marijuana has helped her greatly.

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.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Wolfe and unanimously approved by all members of Council.
Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Chiselko
Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Township Clerk

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2019 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings. The official tape may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification pursuant to the Open Public Records Law.

Approved as submitted
Approved as corrected

Date 4/18/19