

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
APRIL 8, 2019**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:15PM by **Cncl. Pres., Ronald 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. Falcone 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		Excused
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Joseph Marino	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller		Excused
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Mayor Richard DiLucia	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph DiLolle	Present	
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present	
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea	Present	
Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth	Present	
Dir. of Code Enf./Comm. Dev., Ralph Manfredi		Excused
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer	Present	
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Terrance Bannister	Present	
Dir. of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Dir. of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado	Present	
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese	Present	
Police Chief John McKeown	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

PROCLAMATIONS

• **National Autism Awareness Month**

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and **Mayor DiLucia** presented Carol Slemmer with a Proclamation, on behalf of the Mayor and all of Council, proclaiming April 2019 as National Autism Awareness Month in Monroe Township.

• **Building Safety Month**

Cncl. Marino and **Mayor DiLucia** presented Tara Park with a Proclamation, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, proclaiming May 2019 as Building Safety Month, encouraging the citizens to participate in community building safety activities.

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A.) OPENING CEREMONIES (cont'd)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session of February 25, 2019 and the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

At this time, **Mayor DiLucia** made the following appointments:

- Parks & Recreation Commission** – Jodi Deery, - 3 Year Term - 12/31/2023
- Parks & Recreation Commission** – Jacqueline Derieux, - 3 Year Term - 12/31/2023
- Parks & Recreation Commission** – Scott Eubanks, - 3 Year Term - 12/31/2023
- Parks & Recreation Commission** – Chuck Terzian, - 3 Year Term - 12/31/2023

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve the appointment of Jodi Deery to the **Parks & Recreation Commission**, term expiring 12/31/2023, Jacqueline Derieux to the **Parks & Recreation Commission**, term expiring 12/31/2023, Scott Eubanks to the **Parks & Recreation Commission**, term expiring 12/31/2023 and Chuck Terzian to the **Parks & Recreation Commission**, term expiring 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled – Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Don Cullen, 2317 Corkery Lane, addressed Council regarding the legalization of marijuana. He is a longtime resident of the Township and has been coaching the youth for fifty-five years. He he has always taught his players to say no to drugs and legalizing marijuana is not something he can stand behind, nor support. He said, he feels all the residents should be able to vote on this in order to express their opinion. He also feels that by legalizing marijuana, it will not help reduce the taxes.

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

R:108-2019 Resolution Approving The Bill List And Paid List For The Council Meeting Of April 8, 2019

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:108-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and approved by members of Council in attendance.

R:109-2019 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:109-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by members of Council in attendance.

R:110-2019 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Award The Bid Submission For The 2019 Beer & Wine Garden Concession For Town Appreciation Music Festival To Stern Light Inn, Inc. And Authorizing To Enter Into A Contract

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

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve Resolution R:110-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:111-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement With Four Seasons Nursery, LLC For The Purposes Of Farming For The Years 2019 And 2020

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve Resolution R:111-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:112-2019 Resolution To Establish A Petty Cash Account For The Township Of Monroe In Gloucester County For The Year 2019 “Department Of Parks And Recreation”

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:112-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:113-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Letter Of Credit In The Amount Of \$439,824.00 For Stirling Glen, Subdivision #1713, Section 3, Block 14201, Lot 1

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:113-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:114-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding A Contract With Wireless Electronics, Inc. For The Purchase And Installation Of Bi-Directional Amplifier, Signal Booster And Associated Equipment To Enhance The Gloucester County Radio System Coverage In The Williamstown High School And Williamstown Middle School Within The Township Of Monroe Pursuant To A Shared Services Agreement

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve Resolution R:114-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:115-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Shared Services Agreement With The Monroe Township Board Of Education For Reimbursement Of The Purchase And Installation Of Bi-Directional Amplifier, Signal Booster And Associated Equipment To Enhance The Gloucester County Radio System Coverage In The Williamstown High School And Williamstown Middle School Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve Resolution R:115-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Marino**.

O:11-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 262 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled “Towing” (**First Reading & Publication**)

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.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Ordinance O:11-2019 for First Reading and Publication with the Amendments as noted in the Council Work Session Meeting. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:12-2019 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 & Publication)**

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. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:12-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Marino thanked Council and the Solicitor for all their work on the two Resolutions passed tonight, R:114-2019 and R:115-2019. He said, this has been a long time coming, he is happy to see it moving forward and he will be at the School Board meeting this week when they approve the same.

Cncl. Wolfe reminded everyone, that on Saturday, April 13th at 12:00pm, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Owens Park. Also, on Friday, April 12th the Little League Opening Day Ceremonies will take place at 6pm at Church Street fields. Last weekend, he attended the Police Officer's Fundraiser, Barrels for Badges, and it was a great turnout, with a lot of great community support. He thanked Mayor DiLucia for appointing the four new members to the Parks & Recreation Commission, increasing the membership from fifteen to nineteen, which is needed.

Deputy Mayor DiLolle advised, last Friday the MUA was able to install water service at the War Memorial. He asked everyone to please keep Ed Haaf and his family in their thoughts and prayers, as his brother passed away in the recent sky diving accident.

Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth reported that the NJDOT announced the fiscal year 2019 allotment has come in and the Township will be receiving approximately \$288,000 to be used for improvements along Main Street.

Director of Public Works, Mr. Mercado reported, that he met with a company called Curb My Clutter, who perform recycling services. He said, they are going to put together a report for Council to review and he would like to invite them to attend a future Council Work Session meeting to explain their report in more detail.

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski offered his condolences to Ed Haaf and his family.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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


With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Wolfe** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Marino** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,


Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Township Clerk


Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2019 and serve only as a synopsis of the proceedings. The official recording may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification, pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

Approved as submitted Asc
Approved as corrected _____

Date 5/28/19
Date _____