

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 26, 2019**

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., 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., Ronald 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. Marino led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Wolfe** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks		Excused
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Joseph Marino	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Mayor Richard DiLucia	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph DiLolle		Excused
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present	
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea	Present	
Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth	Present	
Dir. of Code Enf./Comm. Dev., Ralph Manfredi	Present	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer		Excused
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 James DeHart	Present	
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jennifer Harbison	Present	

PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- City of Angels – Michele Schreffler-Perez

Mayor DiLucia and **Cncl. Miller** presented Michele Schreffler-Perez and the City of Angels Proclamation honoring both Ms. Perez and the City of Angels for all of their hard work and time given to the community, trying to help combat the opioid epidemic.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- First Bank – John Pettit

John Pettit, Vice-President and Branch Manager of First Bank, stated that First Bank, first formed here in Williamstown, back in 2007, some of the business owners and some of the town members got together and decided that they wanted to open a bank. He said that in 2008, First Bank

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A.) OPENING CEREMONIES (cont'd)

was recapitalized and now they have sixteen locations throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. First Bank is very well implanted in Williamstown and is able to offer every product and service that any of the big banks can offer usually at a much cheaper price, if not for free with a much better rate. Mr. Pettit stated that First Bank is here for the town and the residents and he is available for any questions at any time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve the minutes, with correction (*The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:00PM by Cncl. Vice-Pres., Joseph Marino*), for the Work Session of June 24, 2019, and as submitted of the Regular Council Meeting of June 24, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by members of Council in attendance with the exemption of Cncl. Pres. Garbowski and Cncl. Wolfe who abstained from voting on the minutes of the Council Work Session of June 24, 2019 and the Regular Council Meeting of June 24, 2019.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE

- **Limousine License** – Galloway Limousine Company, LLC

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve a Limousine License for **Galloway Limousine Company, LLC**. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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 in attendance.

Dorothy Spalding, 1092 Blue Bell Road, addressed Council regarding Resolution R:194, she asked if the deleted titles were replaced with the added titles. **Business Administrator, Jill McCrea** explained that the deleted titles are still current job positions, however they are no longer part of the collective bargaining unit, the Supervisors' Union.

With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Wolfe** 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.

R:186-2019 Resolution Certifying That The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey, Has Reviewed The General Comment And Recommendation Section Of The Report Of Audit For The Year 2018

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:186-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:187-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Granting A Renewal Of Inactive License Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 For The 2019-2020 License Term For License No. 0811-33-004-006, Cinder Bar Cross Keys, LLC

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:187-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:188-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Sale Of A 2001 GS Trailer To The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:188-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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

R:189-2019 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Revised Shared Services Agreement With The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:189-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:190-2019 Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With The Monroe Township Board Of Education For The School Resource Officer For The 2019-2020 School Year

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:190-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:191-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Chief Of Police, James Dehart, III

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:191-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:192-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Deputy Chief Of Police, David Dailey

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:192-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:193-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The Monroe Township Police Department Captains

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:193-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:194-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And Monroe Township Supervisors Association

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:194-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:195-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing he Reduction Of An Irrevocable Standby Letter Of Credit For Stirling Glen #1713, Sec. 3 (Block 14201, Lot 1)

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:195-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:196-2019 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Sale Of A 1999 Aluminum Outboard Boat And A 1999 Load Rite Trailer To The Collings Lakes Fire Department

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:196-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:197-2019 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

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:197-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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

R:198-2019 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Release Of The Maintenance Guaranty Of Paparone Homes Of New Jersey, Inc. Regarding Carriage Glen, Section 1, Subdivision #1696

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution R:198-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:199-2019 Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Falcone made a motion to approve Resolution R:199-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:200-2019 Resolution Approving The Bill List And Paid List For The Council Meeting Of August 26, 2019

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:200-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:201-2019 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss *Potential Litigation*

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:201-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Solicitor John Trimble advised that the Closed Executive Session will be held at the end of the Regular Council Meeting prior to the adjournment and there will be no action taken.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

Cncl. Wolfe 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.

Anthony Langella, owner of Anthony and Cleopatra Caterers, addressed Council to express his concerns with the Land Management Ordinance regarding Alternative Treatment Centers, which is scheduled for First Reading this evening. Mr. Langella objects to the Ordinance several reasons. He believes that the adjacent proposed cultivation manufacturing processing facility will interfere and have a negative impact on his catering business. His business caters outdoor events and ceremonies on his property. The proposed Walmart-sized facility next door will unquestionably lower the property value of his business and surrounding homes, churches, and businesses located on the Black Horse Pike. The noise and traffic from the trucks, cars, vehicles and machinery operating 24/7 will negatively impact business and lives. An enhanced risk of crime will incur, because the area is dark and heavily wooded, which is an ideal location for break-ins and possible injury. Security must be provided with bright lights, security cameras, noise inhibitors, security guards and other safety precautions, which will change the character of the neighborhood. The marijuana will emit a pungent odor, which cannot be masked, lingers, and travels in the direction the wind blows, and is prevalent for hundreds/thousands of feet. He said, this proposed facility is less than 1,000' from Whitehall Elementary School, so this is breaking the law. In addition to the elementary school that is near the proposed facility, there is also a children's nursery school, churches, and Summerfields West residential community, and this is not an appropriate site for cannabis production, manufacturing, storage and shipping. He said that this Ordinance is being objected to, because the proposed facility is not zoned for this use and numerous conditions must be imposed upon this use and none are found in the Township Zoning Ordinance. He feels the applicant should find a location that is zoned for this use. Mr. Langella concluded by saying that he believes a binding public referendum should be held to determine the public's feelings and concerns, and nothing should be approved until such a referendum is conducted.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Jeffrey Baron, Esq., approached Council and spoke as Anthony Langella's attorney in reference to the Land Management Ordinance (Alternative Treatment Centers), regarding zoning and use concerns that he believes Council should be aware of. **Cncl. Marino** clarified that no applicant has come before Council, nor do they have any knowledge of an applicant wishing to come before Council. Also, in preparing this Ordinance, Council looked at the whole town as an entire Township, not just one particular area for areas to place the uses in. **Cncl. Miller** noted, Council's original concern was that they did not want to leave it up to chance for an applicant to come in and receive a variance to do what they wanted to, which then prompted a meeting with the Planner and Solicitor to determine what areas would permit some of these types of uses, such as manufacturing, cultivation, and dispensary. He clarified that when an applicant submits an application to the State and it is not in compliance with State Laws, the State will not issue a license to the applicant. **Cncl. Miller** informed Mr. Baron, regardless of what the Township does, the applicant will not get approval of a license from the State and clarified this process is more than just an Ordinance, the applicant has to apply to receive a license. He confirmed that when an applicant receives their license, they still need to go through the Planning Board. **Cncl. Falcone** mentioned that there is only 1 cultivation license that is going to be issued in the southern region and there are 24 licenses total. Mr. Baron believes that with this location, next to Anthony and Cleopatra Caterer's, there should be a little scrutiny given to see if there should be additional conditions imposed so it does not cause any detriment to those residents.

With no one else wishing to speak on the Ordinances for Second Reading, **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:32-2019 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: The above Ordinances were 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:32-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:32-2019 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

6 AYES (Falcone, Garbowski, Miller, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino, 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance **O:32-2019** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:33-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 104 Article V. Entitled Abandoned Real Property Section 104-41 (E) Entitled Registration Fee Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Buildings" (**Second Reading & Public Hearing**)

Second Reading: The above Ordinances were 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:33-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:33-2019 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

6 AYES (Falcone, Garbowski, Miller, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino, 1 ABSENT (Dilks)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Ordinance **O:33-2019** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:35-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 69 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Division Of Police" (**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:35-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:36-2019 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" (**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. Wolfe made a motion to approve Ordinance O:36-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:37-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey Adopting The Rules And Regulations For The Monroe Township Police Department (**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. Wolfe made a motion to approve Ordinance O:37-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:38-2019 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:38-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:39-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council of The Township Of Monroe Amending Ordinance O:02-2019 Compensation Of The Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe In The County Of Gloucester, State Of New Jersey For The Year 2019 (**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. Falcone made a motion to approve Ordinance O:39-2019 for First Reading and Publication with the amendment of the Construction Official Range is from \$60,500 to \$114,000. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:40-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Granting A Non-Exclusive Access Easement Over A Portion Of Township Of Monroe Property Identified As Block 22.0303, Lot 33.02, On The Township Monroe Township Tax Map (**First Reading & Publication**)

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

First Reading: A copy of this Ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. O'Reilly made a motion to approve Ordinance O:40-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Falcone reported that the Cinder Bar will be opening on Cross Keys Road in possibly November or December. She stated, regarding Cannabis, the application period ended on August 22, 2019 and by the end of the year they will be advised who has been awarded certain licenses within New Jersey.

Cncl. Marino attended the MUA meeting last Wednesday. The MUA has updated their software for the first time since 2005 to Edmunds, and have recently added two frost freeze hoses at the Community Garden. Cncl. Marino thanked the Director of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux for all her hard work with the ice cream events and all of the events she has been planning.

Cncl. Miller thanked the Police, Fire, EMS and Municipal Alliance for all their work that was put into National Night Out and making it a successful event. Mr. Miller mentioned the Community Dinner held last evening and thanked Ms. Derieux and The Estate at Monroe for sponsoring and providing the dinner. He feels that events like these really let the community know what we are doing within the municipality and it is good that we are able to provide them to the residents at minimal or no cost.

Cncl. O'Reilly spoke regarding the energy audits and the energy efficiency initiatives that are underway. He said, a number of facilities, including town hall, have been audited and are awaiting those results to be able to obtain some cost savings. Cncl. O'Reilly will be meeting with Atlantic City Electric in the near future in regards to extending the energy initiatives to the lighting around town to potentially convert a lot of the Municipal street lighting to LED.

Cncl. Wolfe reminded everyone that school will be starting next week and asked that everyone please pay extra attention to the children walking to school and getting on their school buses. Cncl. Wolfe spoke regarding two residents that previously came before Council with their concerns about their development. He received a phone call from the residents thanking him for having everything taken care of right away. He thanked the Mayor and Public Works for their quick response. Cncl. Wolfe attended National Night Out on August 6, 2019 and thanked the Municipal Alliance Members, Police, Fire, EMS and all other individuals who are responsible for putting on such a great event.

Mayor DiLucia spoke about the City of Angels and Michele Perez, stating how much he and the community value all of their hard work they do within our community dealing with opioid abuse. The Mayor has received a number of phone calls and letters complimenting the administration and Council on their accomplishments maintaining a zero tax for the third year in a row. He clarified that the municipality did not raise the taxes, however, the County and the School District did increase their taxes. The Mayor gave special note to Rocco, who owns The Estate at Monroe Catering and volunteered with Ms. Derieux to provide dinner at no cost to the residents this past Sunday. He thanked Cacia's Bakery for donating the rolls for the community dinner. Mayor DiLucia thanked Mirarchi's for their donation of a large movie screen to the Pfeiffer Community Center for the residents. The Mayor reported that he has recently completed negotiations with the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, and the Captains, which were approved earlier this evening by Resolution. He thanked the Chief, Deputy and Captains for their negotiations and realizing that there are some limitations on what the taxpayers can afford. Negotiations for the Monroe Township Supervisors Association were also completed and approved earlier this evening by Resolution, which was a very reasonable contract in terms of cost to the Township. He said, now that all of the contracts are completed, we now have a good idea going forward over the next two and half years what the labor costs will be. He extended his appreciation to all of the collective bargaining units and employees who participated in the negotiations for reaching what he feels are reasonable contracts and the compromises they made. He thanked the directors and employees for their hard work over the last

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

eight months. Mayor DiLucia spoke regarding the lack of grass cutting in the water basins and explained that due to the excessive amount of rain, the basins were not able to be cut, however, they are in the process of being taken care of. The Mayor thanked the residents for their patience with this matter and the employees for their efforts. Mayor DiLucia invited everyone to attend the dedication of the new firetruck on September 7, 2019.

Director of Community Affairs, Ms. Derieux reported that the 1st Ice Cream Social was held last week. With the help of Applebee's and Ryleigh's Rainbows, they were able to raise a lot of school supplies for the children in the area. The 1st annual Community Dinner was held this past weekend and it was a huge success. Ms. Derieux said that Mirarchi's Family Inn donated a large movie screen and she is going to begin scheduling Movies in the Park to be held behind the Pfeiffer Center, with the first movie scheduled for September 20, 2019.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Kurz thanked Chief DeHart and the Police Department for the noticeable high visibility of the Police Department under a manpower shortage. He invited everyone to the Williamstown Fire Department's Housing and Dedication Parade on September 7, 2019 beginning at 11:00am. Mr. Kurz congratulated EMS Chief Frank McLaughlin on his retirement after serving the Township for over 30 years. Mr. Kurz reported that they have recently promoted two senior EMT's, Jeanmarie Herrmann and Christy Davis, to oversee the EMS career staff.

Director of Public Works, Mr. Mercado reported that they have updated the recycling pamphlet, and will be included in the next MUA billing cycle, which focuses mainly on the problem of plastic bags in the recycling containers. He has accepted an invitation from OMNI Environmental for September 5, 2019 to tour their facility and discuss the impact of the recycling as it is currently done.

Police Chief DeHart reported that National Night Out was held on August 6, 2019. He commended the Parks and Recreation and Community Affairs for doing such a great job getting everything ready after the torrential rain storms earlier that day. He gave a special thank you to the Municipal Alliance Commission for the work and preparation they put into this event. Last week, the Police Department held their 2nd Annual Cone with a Cop at Stio's Water Ice and it was a great turn out. Chief DeHart invited everyone to attend the Town Watch Kick Off Meeting that will be held on September 26, 2019 at the Pfeiffer Community Center. Chief DeHart reported that there are still two major construction projects going on. Blue Bell Road, between Malaga Road and Corkery Lane, is going to be intermittently shut down for one way traffic and he asked for the resident's patience during this time. North Main Street, between Sicklerville Road and Lake Avenue, is wrapping up and the major part of the paving should be done in time for school to open. Chief DeHart mentioned that the grant "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" is in effect through Labor Day. He noted that the Police Department are down in officers, however, they are getting three new officers; two will be starting in September and one will be starting in November. He congratulated Officer Morris, who was promoted today to the rank of Sergeant. Chief DeHart thanked Administration for all of their support.

Cncl. Pres., Garbowski thanked Council, Mayor, Directors and employees for their hard work these past eight months. He thanked and congratulated Michele Perez for the substance abuse work she has done. Mr. Garbowski wished Mayor DiLucia a happy birthday. He wished everyone a safe, happy and healthy Labor Day.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

John Tracy, 30 Marion Avenue, addressed Council to discuss an issue he has with his neighbor's tree. He stated that he has not received any feedback from his previous discussion last month. Mr. Tracy brought pictures to give to Council for their review. The trees are 6' from the edge of his driveway, which is about 5' off of his property line and he is concerned about the issue they will become in a few years as they mature. He would like something in writing from the

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F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Township, stating the neighbor is allowed or not allowed to have the trees. **Solicitor Trimble** asked Mr. Tracy to have his attorney contact him with his concerns.

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.

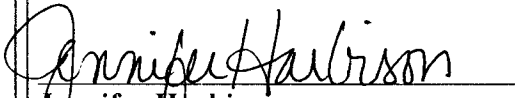
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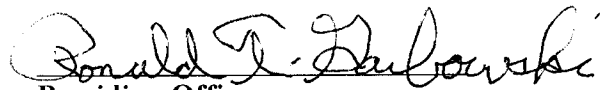
Solicitor Trimble noted that Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session where discussion took place regarding potential litigation of the new Towing Ordinance and Construction permit fee waiver issues. No action was taken.

G.) ADJOURNMENT


With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Wolfe** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 26, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Harbison
Deputy 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 August 26, 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  _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 9/23/19
Date _____