

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 25, 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 Courtroom 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. Miller 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	Present	
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	Present	
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present	
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea		Excused
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	Present	
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Terrance Bannister		Excused
Dir. of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Dir. of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado		Excused
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese		Excused
Police Chief James DeHart	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- Finale Hair Studio – Marilyn Wengert, Owner

Marilyn Wengert, Owner of Finale Hair Studio, has been in business in Monroe Township since November 10, 2001. She specializes in hospice haircare, highlights, barbering, corrective color and precision cutting. Ms. Wengert, the sole proprietor, has been in the industry since she was 16 years old and really enjoys what she does. Finale Hair Studio is located (directly across the street from the Gloucester Veterans Memorial Cemetery) at 1051 Clayton Road, Williamstown, NJ, and can be contacted at 856-728-2300.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Marino made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session of October 28, 2019, the Closed Executive Session of October 28, 2019 and the Regular Council Meeting of October 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and approved by members of Council with the exemption of Cncl. Dilks who Abstained.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION

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

R:244-2019 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Award The Bid Submission For The 2019-2020 Supplemental Snow Removal Services To Neri's Construction & Rental, Inc. And Authorization To Enter Into A Contract

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:244-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:260-2019 through R:266-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:260-2019 THROUGH R:266-2019

R:260-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Transferring Funds For The Budget Year 2019

R:261-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Awarding Architect And Engineering Services For Renovations To Cecil Firehouse And Demolition, Design And Construction Of A New Building To Serve As The New Williamstown Fire Station Number 1

R:262-2019 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

R:263-2019 Resolution Approving The Bill List And Paid List For The Council Meeting Of November 25, 2019

R:264-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Tax Collector To Turn Over Premiums To The Township Of Monroe

R:265-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Subrecipient Agreement Between The Township Of Monroe And The County Of Gloucester For Use Of Community Development Block Grant Funds For Pedestrian Safety Improvements At Main Street

R:266-2019 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The 2019-2020 Junkyard Licenses Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:260-2019 through R:266-2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exemption of **Cncl. Wolfe**, who abstained from voting on Resolution R:263-2019.

D.) ORDINANCES

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

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

O:49-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Purchase Of Real Property Known And Designated As Tax Block 3205, Lot 28 On The Tax And Assessment Map Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester And State Of New Jersey (**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.

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Pres. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:49-2019 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:49-2019 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –
7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Miller, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance **O:49-2019** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:50-2019 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Adopt The User Handbook 2019 For Monroe Township Parks & Recreation Within The Township Of Monroe (**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:50-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:51-2019 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" (**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:51-2019 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. Dilks congratulated the Williamstown High School Varsity Football Team on winning Friday night's game. It was a great game, they played their hearts out and came through victorious. He wished them the best of luck at their upcoming game on December 7th. He wished his mom a Happy 83rd Birthday. He also wished Cncl. O'Reilly a very Happy Birthday today. Cncl. Dilks wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Cncl. Falcone wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday. On November 9th, she attended a Veteran's Day Event at the Holiday City Clubhouse, where they honored their Veterans. Veteran, Deputy Chief, Dave Dailey was the keynote speaker for the event. Cncl. Falcone attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new brick oven pizza restaurant, Grindstone Restaurant on November 23rd. Grindstone is open Wednesday through Sunday from 4pm to 9pm and located on Main Street across from 13th Child Brewery.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Marino congratulated the Williamstown High School Varsity Football Team on the Group V South Jersey Championship for the second year in a row. He congratulated the Williamstown High School Girls Volleyball Team for winning the State Championship. Cncl. Vice-Pres. Marino received a phone call the Tuesday night prior to Friday night's football game, saying they were in need of more bleachers. He thanked Brandee Derieux, Cncl. Wolfe, Terry Bannister and the Parks and Recreation employees for all of their hard work in gathering more bleachers and delivering them to the football field for the championship game.

Cncl. Miller informed that the Williamstown Fire Department's Annual Christmas Tree Sale starts December 2nd. Their hours will be Monday through Friday 6pm to 9pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 9pm. "Santa Around Town" will take place for the Williamstown section on Saturday, December 14th from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm. Once he knows the details for the Cecil section he will inform everyone. Cncl. Miller noted that People for People Foundation will perform the Annual Wreaths of Remembrance Ceremony at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, December 7th beginning at 10am. He invited everyone to volunteer and or donate to People for People Foundation who encumber the entire cost of the wreaths for the ceremony.

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Cncl. O'Reilly congratulated all of the sports organizations for their Championship wins. It is great to see so many organizations within one community win championships. He announced that the Township is officially up and running with the emergency generator at the Public Works yard. He thanked Cncl. Dilks in saving the Township a substantial amount of money by sourcing a generator for the project. Cncl. O'Reilly informed, at the Public Works yard, there were five electric meters running and they were able to update everything down to one meter with one generator. In the event of an emergency, this facility will be able to be up and running without stop. Cncl. O'Reilly wished everyone happy holidays.

Cncl. Wolfe attended the Williamstown Fire Department's Annual Banquet on November 1st with Cncl. Marino and Cncl. O'Reilly. It was a great night celebrating our volunteer first responders. He attended the Veterans Memorial Service on November 11th and he thanked the veterans for their service. On November 13th he attended the Parks and Recreation Meeting. They are preparing for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on December 7th at 6pm. On November 21st he attended the Local Emergency Management Council Meeting, which prepares the safety plans for upcoming Township events. They will be holding a disaster drill on November 26th at 7pm on the Williamstown High School Braves Boulevard between Tuckahoe Road and the High School's main entrance. Cncl. Wolfe attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Grindstone Restaurant on November 23rd. He congratulated the owners, Julian and Kristin Salgado, and wished them the very best of luck. Cncl. Wolfe commended the Williamstown Middle School, the FOP Lodge 125 and the members of our Police Department for a great job of gathering food donations and delivering the packages to less fortunate families within the community earlier today. He congratulated the Williamstown High School Varsity Football Team on winning the Group V South State Championship. They will be playing the Group V Central Champion, the Cherokee Chiefs on December 7th at 1pm at Rutgers Stadium. Cncl. Wolfe congratulated the Williamstown High School Girls Volleyball Team for winning the State Championship. He congratulated the Monroe Braves Youth Football Sophomore Team for winning the Championship this past weekend. They will be heading to Ohio to participate in a National Tournament of sixty-four teams in early December. He was the emcee for the team's fundraiser that was held on November 15th where they raised over \$8,000 that evening and a total of their \$12,000 goal for the trip to Nationals. Cncl. Wolfe wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Birthday to Cncl. O'Reilly.

Mayor DiLucia wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday. He congratulated the coaches, players, and parents of all of the sports organizations on their Championship wins. The Mayor mentioned that in the most recent edition of the Consumer Price Index, the published number for Social Security that will go into effect as an increase beginning January 1st is a meager 1.6%. He explained that this is why the current administration has worked, and will continue to work, so hard to keep the taxes down when possible. He spoke regarding leaf collections, saying he has received many complaints. He noted that Williamstown is a very large town, the second biggest town in Gloucester County in terms of square miles, with a total of 49 square miles. The Public Works employees are working ten hours a day, Monday through Friday along with eight hours on Saturdays and he is hopeful that all of the leaves will be collected by the end of the year, just in time for snow. He asked for everyone's patience and understanding. The Mayor happily reported that after five years, the final approval has been received for the Dog Park. He explained that a team has been assembled, which includes people from within our organization, the MUA, and prior employees, that we are going to be our own contractor, doing as much of the work as we can. He is hopeful that the dog park will be ready for its grand opening during the Spring of 2020. Mayor DiLucia reported that he received a call that the elevator at the Firehouse Substation on Route 322 was broken. A quote of \$90,000.00 was received to replace the elevator and as they did further research, they found out it was caused by an electrical surge. The insurance company was contacted and they are looking into the electrical damage at the station. Mayor DiLucia is hopeful it will be covered by the insurance and he will report on this further, once he has more details.

Deputy Mayor DiLolle attended the Holiday City Veteran's Day Ceremony and had the pleasure of standing in for the Mayor at the Ceremony on Route 322 and Main Street. He wished Grindstone the best of luck. He thanked Ed Haaf, the Superintendent at the MUA, for offering to perform the work needed to help make the Dog Park a reality. Deputy Mayor DiLolle stated, when everyone works together, great things can be done and at a savings to the taxpayers.

Solicitor, Mr. Trimble wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Engineer, Mrs. Cornforth wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Director of Code Enforcement / Community Development, Mr. Manfredi wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday.

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Director of Community Affairs, Ms. Derieux informed, on December 13th between 5pm to 7pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center, the Southwest Council will host a tree lighting ceremony to celebrate those in recovery and a commemoration of those lost to addiction. Breakfast with the Grinch will be held on December 21st between 9:30am to 11:30am at the Pfeiffer Community Center, and between 1:30pm to 3:30pm, residents can bring their dogs dressed as "Max" to have their pictures taken with the Grinch. On Sunday, December 1st, The Estates at Monroe will be offering a free community dinner from 3pm to 5pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center. She suggested that anyone wishing to attend, make a reservation by calling the Pfeiffer Community Center at 856-728-9841 or 856-728-9840, or online at <https://PfeifferCommunityDinner.eventbrite.com>. Ms. Derieux wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday.

Director of Finance, Ms. Boyer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Birthday to Cncl. O'Reilly.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Kurz thanked the Mayor and Council for passing Resolution R:261-2019 for the renovations of the Cecil Firehouse and the construction of the Williamstown Firehouse. He said, this has been a very long time in the making and both Fire Departments are very appreciative of this Administration moving forward with the project. Mr. Kurz welcomed new Police Officer, Jennifer Scala to Monroe Township, who is a transfer from the Bridgeton Police Department. He welcomed four new per diem EMTs to the ambulance squad. He advised that there will be an OEM Disaster Drill taking place tomorrow night on Braves Boulevard from Tuckahoe Road to the entrance of Owens Field. Mr. Kurz wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday.

Police Chief DeHart asked that everyone traveling this upcoming holiday season, please be careful on the roads. He wished everyone a great holiday season and Happy Birthday to Cncl. O'Reilly.

Cncl. Pres., Mr. Garbowski congratulated the Williamstown High School Girls Volleyball Team, the Williamstown High School Varsity Football Team and the Monroe Braves for their Championship wins. He invited everyone to go on the Free Public Library's website to view the upcoming events that are happening around town. He wished Cncl. O'Reilly a Happy Birthday and wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.


F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

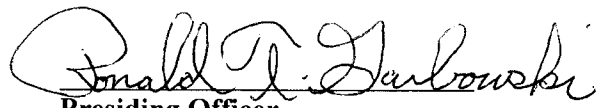
G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Marino** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of November 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Aileen Chiselko
Municipal 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 November 25, 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 12/9/19
Date _____