

**MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 6, 2020**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Monroe Township Council of the Township of Monroe was called to order by **Township Clerk, Aileen Chiselko** at 7:00PM on the first floor 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*). Adequate notice was placed in the official publications for Township of Monroe (i.e: South Jersey Times, Courier Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

SALUTE TO FLAG AND INVOCATION

Cncl. Marvin Dilks led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Gregory Wolfe** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Joseph Marino	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller		Excused
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe	Present	
Mayor Richard DiLucia	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph DiLolle	Present	
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present	
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea	Present	
Dir. of Code Enf./Comm. Dev., Ralph Manfredi	Present	(Arrived @ 7:03pm)
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer	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	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jennifer Harbison	Present	

B.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for President of Council. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Cncl. Joseph Marino** as President of Council. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CNCL. JOSEPH MARINO
AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
5 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe) 1 ABSENT (Miller),
1 ABSTAIN (Marino)**

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **Cncl. Joseph Marino** as Council President was duly approved.

Senator Fred Madden administered the Oath of Office to **Cncl. Pres., Joseph Marino** while his wife held the Bible and members of his family looked on.

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B.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (cont'd)

Former Cncl. President Ron Garbowski presented the incoming **Cncl. Pres., Joseph Marino** with the gavel Mary Mazza-Duffy donated in 2001 to all future Council Presidents.

Cncl. Pres., Joe Marino presented former Cncl. President Ron Garbowski with a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for his service as Council President in 2019.

C.) NOMINATION & ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for Vice-President of Council. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly** as Vice-President of Council. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski**. No other nominations were made.

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to close nominations for Vice-President of Council. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CNCL. PATRICK O'REILLY
AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
5 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, Wolfe) 1 ABSENT (Miller),
1 ABSTAIN (O'Reilly)**

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly** as Vice-President of Council was duly approved.

Senator Fred Madden administered the Oath of Office to **Cncl. Vice-Pres., Patrick O'Reilly** while his daughter held the Bible and members of his family looked on.

At this time, **Chief James DeHart** addressed the Mayor and Council. Chief DeHart congratulated Cncl. Pres. Marino and Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly on their appointments and stated that he is looking forward to their leadership and working with them in the coming year. He said 2019 saw a lot of change and the Monroe Township Police Department was no exception. The Mayor promoted twelve officers within the department to help give new leadership to the agency. The staff dropped to an all-time low of 59 officers during the summer and the Mayor gave permission to hire 5 new officers which are all inter-governmental transfers from other civil service departments which brought the department back up to a total of 64 officers. Chief DeHart believes that with the new administration working with the Police Department, they are working in a more community-oriented direction. For the first time, this year, the Police Department has decided to recognize an officer for "Officer of the Year". The supervisors were tasked with choosing an Officer to be nominated, which involved attitude, work ethic, and daily performance. In total, there were six officers that were nominated, Officer William Pintozzi, Officer John Vanleer, Officer Vince Leonetti, Officer Nick Marchisello, Officer Antonette Rivera and Officer Mike Fitzgibbon. Chief James DeHart presented Officer Mike Fitzgibbon with the award of "Officer of the Year 2019".

D.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor DiLucia, pursuant to his authority, made the following appointments:

Director of Parks & Recreation (Advise & Consent of Council) **Brent Salvadori**

Boards & Commissions

Environmental Commission Katie Seeley Unexpired 12/31/21

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D.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

	<u>Matt Scardino</u>	3-Year Term	12/31/22
	<u>Joe Mahoney</u>	3-Year Term	12/31/22
Alternate #1	<u>Jennifer Rutter</u>	1-Year Term	12/31/20
Alternate #2	<u>April Scales</u>	1-Year Term	12/31/20
Library Board	<u>Jeanne Kirsch</u>	Mayor's Proxy	
(Advice & Consent of Council)	<u>John Pohler</u>	5 year term	12/31/24
Municipal Alliance Commission	<u>Jeanette Remsen</u>	3 year term	12/31/22
(Advice & Consent of Council)			
Parks & Recreation Commission	<u>Rosemarie Mead</u>	Unexpired	12/31/21
(Advice & Consent of Council)	<u>Irene Stiles*</u>	Unexpired	12/31/21
	<u>Stacey Masso</u>	Unexpired	12/31/23
	<u>Bernie Blatt</u>	5-Year Term	12/31/24
	<u>Deborah Polisano</u>	5-Year Term	12/31/24
	<i>*seat remains vacant – member requested to be appointed in 2019, but was no longer interested in being appointed for 2020</i>		
Planning Board			
Class II	<u>Dan Kozak</u>	1-Year Term	12/31/20
Class IV	<u>Cornelius "Obie" O'Brien</u>	4-Year Term	12/31/23
Alternate #2	<u>Michael Laughlin</u>	2-Year Term	12/31/21
Seniors Commission	<u>Theresa DiNardo</u>	3 year term	12/31/22
	<u>Pat Adams</u>	3 year term	12/31/22
	<u>Jeanette Remsen</u>	3 year term	12/31/22

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments that require advice and consent of Council. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS THAT REQUIRE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

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

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Mayor's appointment of Director of Parks & Recreation and appointments to Boards and Commissions were duly approved by Council.

E.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:01-2020 through R:10-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:01-2020 THROUGH R:10-2020

R:01-2020 Resolution Adopting Temporary Budget Appropriations For The Year 2020 For The Township Of Monroe

R:02-2020 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Services Participation Between The Township Of Monroe And The County Of Gloucester For Cooperative Purchasing For The Year 2020

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

R:03-2020 Resolution Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved State Contract Vendors For Contracting Units Pursuant To *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a*

R:04-2020 Township Of Monroe Cash Management Plan

R:05-2020 Resolution Authorizing The Chief Financial Officer To Refund Certain Escrow Balances And Various Other Revenues On Deposit With The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2020

R:06-2020 Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Include Municipal Liens From Various Departments Of The Township Of Monroe In The Annual Tax Sale

R:07-2020 Resolution Designating Official Publications Of The Township Of Monroe, Gloucester County

R:08-2020 Resolution Authorizing Use Of U.S. Government General Services Administration Supply Schedules For Reprographic Equipment Or Services Pursuant To *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12b* And *N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.6*

R:09-2020 Resolution Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester, Changing The Petty Cash Fund Custodian For “Public Works”

R:10-2020 Resolution To Establish A Petty Cash Account For The Township Of Monroe In Gloucester County For The Year 2020 “Various Departments”

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:01-2020 through R:10-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for Boards and Commissions – Resolutions R:11-2020 through R:23-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:11-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health (Unexpired Term – December 31, 2021)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Dan Kozak** as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. **Cncl. Wolfe** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF DAN KOZAK AS A MEMBER
TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O’Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Dan Kozak** was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:12-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health (3-Year Term – December 31, 2022)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Ben Jones** as a member of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF BEN JONES
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O’Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Ben Jones** was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health.

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

R:13-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health (3-Year Term – December 31, 2022)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Rene Pandola** as a member of the Monroe Township Board to Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF RENE PANDOLA
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Rene Pandola** was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:14-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health (3-Year Term – December 31, 2022)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Sherrie Kennedy** as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF SHERRIE KENNEDY
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Sherrie Kennedy** was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:15-2020 Resolution Appointing Alternate Member To The Monroe Township Board Of Health (Unexpired Term – December 31, 2020)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Kathleen Manfredi** as Alternate Member to the Monroe Township Board of Health. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN MANFREDI
AS ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Kathleen Manfredi** was duly approved as Alternate Member to the Monroe Township Board of Health.

R:16-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee (3-Year Term – December 31, 2022)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Veronica Adepeju** as a member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF VERONICA ADEPEJU
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Veronica Adepeju** was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee

R:17-2020 Resolution Appointing Alternate #2 Member To The Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee (3-Year Term – December 31, 2022)

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

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Brent Salvadori** as Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF BRENT SALVADORI
AS ALTERNATE #2 MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Brent Salvadori** was duly approved as Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Open Space Advisory Committee.

R:18-2020 Resolution Appointing Member Of Council To The Monroe Township Planning Board (Class III) (1-Year Term – December 31, 2020)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** as the Council Member (Class III) to the Monroe Township Planning Board. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CNCL. RONALD GARBOWSKI
AS THE COUNCIL MEMBER (CLASS III) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING BOARD
5 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe) 1 ABSENT (Miller),
1 ABSTAIN (Garbowski)**

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. **Cncl. Ronald Garbowski** was duly approved as the Council Member (Class III) to the Monroe Township Planning Board.

R:19-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment (4-Year Term – December 31, 2023)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **William McLaughlin** as a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN
AS A MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **William McLaughlin** as a member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was duly approved.

R:20-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment (4-Year Term – December 31, 2023)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Brent Salvadori** as a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF BRENT SALVADORI
AS A MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **Brent Salvadori** as a member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was duly approved.

R:21-2020 Resolution Appointing Alternate #2 Member To The Monroe Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment (2-Year Term – December 31, 2021)

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

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Sebastian Rybicki** as Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF SEBASTIAN RYBICKI
AS ALTERNATE #2 MEMBER OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **Sebastian Rybicki** as Alternate #2 Member of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was duly approved.

R:22-2020 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority (5-Year Term – January 31, 2025)

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Ralph Manfredi, Jr.** as a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINATION OF RALPH MANFREDI, JR.
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
6 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 ABSENT (Miller)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Nomination of **Ralph Manfredi, Jr.** as a member of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority was duly approved.

R:23-2020 Resolution Appointing Members To The Ordinance Committee And Naming Chairperson For The Year 2020

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Cncl. Gregory Wolfe** as Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee for the year 2020. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Marino**. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF CNCL. GREGORY
WOLFE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 2020
5 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly) 1 ABSENT (Miller),
1 ABSTAIN (Wolfe)**

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Recommendation of **Cncl. Wolfe** as Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee for the year 2020 was duly approved.

Cncl. Pres. Marino made a motion to close nominations for Boards and Commissions – Resolutions R:11-2020 through R:23-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:24-2020 Resolution Appointing Safety Coordinator For The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:24-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:25-2020 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner For The Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:25-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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R:26-2020 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Solicitor Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2020

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:26-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:27-2020 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Auditor Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2020

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:27-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:28-2020 Resolution Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Contract With The Municipal Engineer Of The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2020

Cncl. Falcone made a motion to approve Resolution R:28-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance with the exception of **Cncl. Garbowski**, who abstained.

R:29-2020 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Services To A Municipal Bond Counsel For The Township Of Monroe For The Year 2020

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:29-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:30-2020 Resolution Of The Township Council Appointing A Deputy Municipal Clerk Of The Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:30-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

At this time, **Cncl. Pres. Marino** recognized Jenn Harbison for being reappointed for a 3-year term as the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

F.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS / COMMISSIONS 2020

Board of Education	<u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
Board of Health	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>
Economic Development Commission	<u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u>
Environmental Protection Commission	<u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
Historical Society	<u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
JIF Safety Committee	<u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u>
Library Board	<u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u>
Local Emergency Management Council	<u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u>
Municipal Alliance Commission	<u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
Municipal Utilities Authority Board	<u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u>

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Open Space Advisory Committee	<u>Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly</u>
Parks & Recreation Commission	<u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u>
Planning Board	<u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u>
Seniors Commission	<u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u>
Sports Advisory Board	<u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u>
United Veterans	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly</u>

G.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2020

Administration	<u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u> <u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u> <u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u>
Community Affairs	<u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u> <u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u> <u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
Education	<u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u> <u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u> <u>Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly</u>
Finance/Municipal Budget Review	<u>Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly</u> <u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u> <u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u>
Law/Tax Abatement	<u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u> <u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u> <u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u>
Public Safety	<u>Cncl. Gregory Wolfe</u> <u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u> <u>Cncl. Cody Miller</u>
Public Works	<u>Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly</u> <u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u> <u>Cncl. Marvin Dilks</u>
Redevelopment Planning/COAH	<u>Cncl. Katherine Falcone</u> <u>Cncl. Ronald Garbowski</u> <u>Cncl. Joseph Marino</u>

H.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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I.) MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor DiLucia stated, what a difference a year made, it has been one year since his administration has taken office and he is proud to report that it has been a very good year. He had the pleasure of serving alongside the outgoing Council Present, Cncl. Ron Garbowski, thanking him and wishing him the best of luck. Cncl. Pres. Joe Marino did a great job as the Ordinance Chairman and he knows that he will do well as Council President. The Mayor thanked all of Council for all of their hard work and continuing to make good on their initial promise to the residents to work together as a cohesive team. Mayor DiLucia reported that Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly has accomplished a lot in regards to energy savings for the Township. In a very short time, there will be all new lighting throughout the Township and all of the buildings will be reconfigured with energy savings. The calculations have been done, the original investment which will be offset by grants along with interest free loans, in six years will pay for itself and after that there will be reduction in the current energy bills of 30-35% which will go a long way in continuing to balance the budget. Cncl. Katherine Falcone has been working hard with regards to economic development, constantly speaking with new and existing businesses. The Mayor is confident that it is just a matter of time before the economic development work that has been done, will pay dividends and bring in many new businesses within the Township. Cncl. Gregory Wolfe has taken point on Parks and Recreation and was very instrumental in turning the Music Fest around providing the most frugal and most successful event. Cncl. Marvin Dilks has been on Council for a long time, is very level headed, always there to provide expertise, and to help wherever needed. Mayor DiLucia thanked Solicitor, John Trimble for the tremendous job done this year and he knows that he made the best choice in appointing him as the Township's Solicitor. The Mayor thanked all of the Directors along with the new Director of Parks and Recreation, Brent Salvadori. He thanked the outgoing Director, Terry Bannister for all of his efforts and work. He said, Business Administrator, Jill McCrea, Human Resources Director, Christine Scola, Confidential Secretary Sue McCormick and Deputy Mayor, Joe DiLolle have been invaluable to him, they are always there putting in many hours and effort. Mayor DiLucia said that he has worked with many groups but this is the most coherent, together group that he has ever worked with. The Mayor noted that for three years in a row, taxes have been kept at zero. He spoke regarding the Ambulance Company and the plan that he, Business Administrator, Jill McCrea and the Director of Public Safety, Joe Kurz came up with in order to keep the Ambulance Company within the Township. The volunteers were eliminated and replaced with paid staff and the Mayor was happy to report that after the first four months, the revenue has been increased by \$200,000 over last year. He believes that in eight months when they review the records of revenue in and revenue out, the Ambulance Company will be in a position to be able to remain in the Township for many years to come. Mayor DiLucia spoke regarding the Dog Park. He said, along with help from the MMUA and the Public Works Department, we are going to build the dog park in-house. He thanked Eddy from the MMUA, Mike Calvello and Nicholas Mercado, the Director of Public Works who are going to run the job. The Mayor spoke regarding the Pfeiffer Community Center and said that the Director of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux has transformed the Pfeiffer Community Center into a tremendous center for the seniors. Not a day goes by that the Pfeiffer Community Center is not packed with people, enjoying a meal, involved in activities, going on a trip, playing cards, among many other things. Rocco, the owner of The Estates at Monroe, fully pays for a community dinner held at the Pfeiffer Community Center every three months. He is putting a lot into the community from his business, at no charge. Maria, the owner of Mirachi's Williamstown Inn donated a large outdoor movie screen to the Pfeiffer Community Center. The Mayor is happy to see the local businesses within the town starting to invest in the community. Mayor DiLucia, along with the members of Council, are proud of their accomplishments this past year. He noted that they have a pretty ambitious agenda next year going forward, which he will periodically report on. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated all of the new appointees.

J.) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cncl. Dilks congratulated Cncl. Pres. Joseph Marino, Cncl. Vice-Pres. Patrick O'Reilly and Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Gregory Wolfe on their new appointments. He said, last year when the Mayor was elected, he came in with three new Council Members, a Deputy Mayor, CFO, Business Administrator and all new Directors and he never missed a beat. Cncl. Dilks

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said, in all of the years that he has served on Council, this is the best Council that he has been on. This Council works together and it is not just an appearance of working together, they actually work together and they got things done. Cncl. Dilks thanked all of Council for the hardwork that they have done and continue to do. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he is looking forward to 2020.

Cncl. Falcone said that in the year that just passed, she along with the Economic Development Consultant, Shannon Morgan-Leonen, worked very hard on economic development. There are a lot of projects in the works and she is excited to share every project they are working on, however, the time is not here yet but it will be in 2020. Cncl. Falcone is confident that once the businesses start to come, it will pour and the town will continue to grow. She will be the first to share any news as soon as things are finalized. Cncl. Falcone explained, she asked to serve as liaison on committees that involved economic development so that she could commit her time solely on bringing businesses into the Township. She is excited to be serving on the Seniors Commission and is thinking along the lines of having the Seniors Commission work with the Director of Community Affairs and eventually combine services to be able to expand the opportunities for the seniors. Cncl. Falcone noted, she is the Chairperson of the Redevelopment Committee which provides a lot of incentives as she will see the business when they first enter into the town. She is excited to continue to work hard in 2020 and is sure that her second year on Council will be better than the first. Cncl. Falcone congratulated and thanked everyone.

Cncl. Garbowski congratulated Cncl. Pres. Joseph Marino, Cncl. Vice-Pres. Patrick O'Reilly and Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Gregory Wolfe on their new appointments. He thanked everyone for the tremendous year that he had while serving as Council President. He said it was the best year that he has ever had on Council. Cncl. Garbowski thanked the Mayor for a job well done. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly spoke regarding the energy incentives, noting that he had spent an absorbent amount of time last year laying the ground work, having contracts reviewed, audits done on the facilities and this year he is hoping to have the energy incentives wrapped up with the installations. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly mentioned that he is currently working with Atlantic City Electric on the LED conversion on the street lights. He is hopeful that there will be shovels in the ground with the solar incentives by the end of this year. He explained, not everything will be placed right back into the cash flow, investments need to happen, however the returns and paybacks on these investments are phenomenal for the residents. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly is looking forward to keeping the tax rate down for everyone.

Cncl. Wolfe attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 12, 2019 and he welcomed the new members that were appointed earlier this evening. Parks and Recreation is a working Commission and the members plan all of the Township events that are held throughout the year. He is looking forward to another spectacular year working with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Cncl. Wolfe attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Cinder Bar on December 16, 2019. He asked everyone to please support the local businesses as it greatly helps the residents. He along with Cncl. Pres. Marino and Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly attended a meeting held by Lead the Way and Helping Hands this past weekend and they will be selling hoagies on Super Bowl Sunday. All of the funds raised during the hoagie sale will help the children within the community. He encouraged everyone to support the hoagie sale and to participate in the presale which can be found at www.wtef-nj.com and asked that everyone please be sure and select the Williamstown pick-up location. The hoagies will be priced at \$10.00 apiece. Cncl. Wolfe congratulated the three new Police Officers who were sworn-in earlier this evening along with Officer Mike Fitzgibbons who is the first "Officer of the Year" in Monroe Township. Cncl. Wolfe congratulated Cncl. Pres. Marino and Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly on their appointments and he is looking forward to working with them again this year. He thanked the senior Council Members, Cncl. Garbowski, Cncl. Dilks, Cncl. Miller and Cncl. Pres. Marino. Cncl. Wolfe stated, last year, Council came into office and hit the ground running, they will not slow down this year and will continue to work together.

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J.) COUNCIL COMMENTS (cont'd)

Cncl. Pres. Marino thanked all of Council for their support, bestowing upon him the opportunity to serve as Council President. He thanked the Mayor for his first year, his commitment, and never-failing work ethic changing things that needed to be changed. Everyone has done a tremendous job this past year, working together, pitching in and consulting one another when needed. Cncl. Pres. Marino congratulated the new Parks and Recreation Director and everyone who was appointed to boards and committees this evening. He advised that the previous Director, Terry Bannister had to step down due to timing issues with his profession. Cncl. Pres. Marino thanked the Clerk's Office, Aileen, Jenn, Karen and Michele for doing a tremendous job putting together this evening's meeting packet and all of the hard work that they put forward. He congratulated Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jenn Harbison on her reappointment along with the three new Police Officers who were sworn-in earlier this evening. Cncl. Pres. Marino thanked his family for being present at this evening's meeting. He also thanked Solicitor John Trimble for all of his hard work.

K.) ADJOURNMENT

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Municipal Clerk



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2020 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 Act.

Approved as submitted _____ asc _____ Date 1/27/2020
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