

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 9, 2020**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:00PM by **Cncl. Pres., Joseph P. Marino, III** in the Conference Room 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 the Township of Monroe (i.e.: South Jersey Times, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cncl. Dilks led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller		Excused
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Gregory Wolfe	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Joseph P. Marino, III	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	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux		Excused
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer	Present	
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Brent Salvadori	Present	
Dir. of Public Safety, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Dir. of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado	Present	
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese		Excused
Police Chief James DeHart		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

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B.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Hardenbergh Insurance Group – Safety on the Agenda

Joe Henry - Hardenbergh Insurance Group – Township Risk Management Consultants, provided a presentation of the annual “Put Safety On Your Agenda”, focusing this year on Special Events, which has been created by Hardenbergh Insurance Group along with the members of the Safety Committee, Chief James Dehart, Christine Scola and Jill McCrea. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O’Reilly** asked if the Township has taken advantage of and received the Safety Incentive Award, to which Mr. Henry confirmed.

C.) PUBLIC PORTION

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

Solicitor Trimble apologized to Mr. Groves and Mr. Lodge for providing incorrect information at the previous Work Session Meeting of February 24, 2020, informing him that there was no extension granted on the enforcement of the Peach Country matter, when in fact there was an extension granted. He explained, it was a miscommunication between him and the Zoning Office, and apologized for the mistake, it was not his intention to misrepresent. Solicitor Trimble noted that it is his understanding that there was an extension granted to remove all of the structures that were not approved and they were given until March 19, 2020 to comply.

Glenn Groves and Jerry Lodge, 1464 N. Tuckahoe Road, thanked Solicitor Trimble for his clarification and continued to discuss his concerns with Peach Country.

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

D.) NEW BUSINESS – None

E.) OLD BUSINESS – None

F.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cncl. Garbowski spoke regarding the Tax Abatement Committee, asking for everyone’s availability in the next couple weeks. The Committee needs to discuss the criteria for the abatements, to be able to put together the information to present at the next scheduled Ordinance Committee Meeting for review.

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F.) COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly spoke regarding the Energy Efficiency Initiative, stating that the construction has begun; the Public Works Office and Buildings and Grounds have been completed. Within the next two, they will be working on the Ambulance Hall and the Public Works Garage.

Cncl. Falcone noted for the Cannabis Committee, there is an aggressive coalition forming in hopes of receiving a "yes" vote for recreational marijuana on the 2020 ballot. The coalition members will include the New Jersey United for Marijuana Reform, the ACLU of New Jersey, Doctors for Cannabis Regulation, the Latino Action Network, the American Treatment Association, the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, NAACP of New Jersey, State Conference and the New Jersey Cannabis Association.

G.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – None

H.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED – None

I.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Work Session of March 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Municipal Clerk



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as handwritten notes taken, of the Council Work Session of March 9, 2020 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 3/23/2020
Date _____