

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
OCTOBER 12, 2020**

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., Joseph P. Marino, III** 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*). 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.

Cncl. Pres., Joseph P. Marino, III 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. Wolfe led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Carolann Fox	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
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		Excused
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer		Excused
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 David Dailey	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Work Session of September 28, 2020, and the Regular Council Meeting of September 28, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

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

Parks and Recreation Commission – Suzan C. Pace – Unexpired Term 12/31/2021

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C.) RESOLUTIONS

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak, **Cncl. Wolfe** made a motion to close the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:158-2020 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Virtua Health, Inc.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:158-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:159-2020 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel for the Township of Monroe

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:159-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:160-2020 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:160-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:161-2020 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of October 12, 2020

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve Resolution R:161-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:162-2020 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Multi Family Dwelling Municipal Services Agreement Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:66 1.4 et seq. with Hi View Apartments

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:162-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:163-2020 Resolution Appointing Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

Cncl. Wolfe made a motion to open for nominations to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Dilks nominated Michael Mellace as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL MELLACE
AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

6 AYES (Dilks, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Wolfe, Marino) 1 NAY (Falcone)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Michael Mellace was duly approved as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

R:164-2020 Resolution Conditionally Designating a Redeveloper for the Williamstown Square Redevelopment Area and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Payment of Administrative Costs

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:164-2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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D.) ORDINANCES

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

O:25-2020 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township Of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$9,325,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$8,858,750; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Second Reading: The above Ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:25-2020 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 AYES (Dilks, Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, Marino, O'Reilly, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance **O:25-2020** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:26-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 175-145 (C) Entitled Swimming Pools and Chapter 175-146 J (9)(B)[2] Entitled Single Family Attached Dwelling Units; Other Single-Family Attached Dwelling Unit Building Design and Performance Standards; Recreation of the Code of the Township of Monroe

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. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:26-2020 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:27-2020 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Adopting Williamstown Square Redevelopment Plan Amendment #2 Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

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:27-2020 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) NEW BUSINESS

Cncl. Pres. Marino spoke regarding the seating placement of the Council Members and the Mayor in the Courtroom during meetings. He explained, at this time they are unable to have the Mayor sit upfront alongside the Solicitor and Council President, because each Council member requires a microphone to vote on matters and if a member of Council trades seats with the Mayor they will not have a microphone. Cncl. Pres. Marino discussed looking into purchasing a wireless microphone, so they will be able to rotate seats with the Mayor and Council for each meeting.

F.) OLD BUSINESS – None

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G.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Director of Public Works, Mr. Mercado advised, the Township's E-Waste and Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at the Department of Public Works Office. He noted, the new trash truck has been delivered which will display the new Green Initiative Logo. Once the capital is approved, three additional trucks will be ordered to replace the current aging fleet. Mr. Mercado noted that the current Omni Recycling fees have dropped to \$77.03 a ton for the month of October as opposed to the \$88.13 charged for the month of September, however, the single-use bag fees are still a problem. Mr. Mercado advised, the 2020 Road Program has been officially advertised and bids are due on October 21, 2020. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** questioned the status of new sweepers. Mr. Mercado explained, they are in the process of reviewing and narrowing down their options but it will be another few months before the final decision is made. **Cncl. Dilks** mentioned that sweepers are very sensitive pieces of equipment and require a lot of maintenance. He asked if Omni is still rejecting the Township's loads, to which Mr. Mercado confirmed yes, it is still taking place due to the single-use bags. A discussion ensued regarding single-use bags, the State guidelines pertaining to same and possibly creating a policy for the Township to enforce.

Cncl. Fox advised, on Monday, October 19, 2020, the Monroe Township Public Schools' kindergarten through fourth grades will be resuming in-person instruction via a hybrid schedule. All of the information pertaining to the return to school is posted on the Board of Education's website.

Cncl. Wolfe reported that he attended the Sports Advisory Board Meeting on October 5, 2020.

H.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Michael Mellace, 313 Aberdeen Road addressed Council to express his appreciation for all of the hard work that the Director of Public Works, Mr. Mercado has been doing in his development with regards to the roads.

Joseph DiLolle, Jr., 545 Greenbriar Drive addressed Council regarding the May 2020 MMUA Meeting Minutes. He noted, after review of said minutes, it was determined that Mr. Cappelli made no report at that meeting.

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

I.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,



**Aileen Chiselko, RMC
Municipal Clerk**



Presiding Officer

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These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Regular Council Meeting of October 12, 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 10/28/2020
Date _____