

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
OCTOBER 12, 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 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.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

**ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

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| 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 |         |
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| 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 |         |

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

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**B.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None**

**C.) PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**Teresa Schureman, 2205 Lakeside Drive and Leslie Means, 2920 Lakeside Drive** addressed Council to express their concerns with the speeding on both Lakeside Drive and Sunset Avenue. The current speed limit is 35 mph, with no marked shoulders or dividing lines indicating lanes. Ms. Schureman noted that they have had a lot of problems with ATVs and cars traveling at excessive speeds. Ms. Means asked if there are any speed deterring devices that can be implemented on Lakeside Drive and Sunset Avenue to help slow down the speed of traffic. Ms. Means noted, she had spoken with the Traffic Department a few months ago, but has not heard anything back. **Police Chief Dailey** stated that he will follow up with the Traffic Officer and report back to Ms. Schureman and Ms. Means. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** suggested contacting the Director of Public Works about having additional signage created and placed on the roads. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** asked about the process of having the speed limit changed. **Cncl. Wolfe** explained that Sgt. Burton would be able to further advise on the process.

With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**D.) NEW BUSINESS**

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** updated Council regarding a project that the Open Space Advisory Committee has been working on with the help of Cncl. Fox and the Director of Parks & Recreation, Brent Salvadori. The Open Space Advisory Committee has been socializing a Bike Path Extension, which would begin at the Fire Station on Virginia Avenue, design a pedestrian bridge up and over the Black Horse Pike to School House Gate on Radix Road, which would connect both sides of town on either side of the Black Horse Pike. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly noted that he has been working with the Township Engineer, Pennoni Associates as well to perform some pre-investigation on the project. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly advised, the project estimate is approximately \$3 million which includes the bridge, construction and the bike path extension. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly stated that he would like to poll Council to see if they are in support of using the Open Space Trust Fund budget to begin some of the pre-engineering work. **Business Administrator, Jill McCrea** suggested getting other state agencies involved with the project, such as the County, to share in the cost before spending the Township's resources. **Township Engineer, Joseph Raday** advised that they have estimated the cost will be approximately \$300,000.00 for the design, engineering and permitting. Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly noted, after meeting with Triad regarding possible grants, the Township would most likely be eligible for various grants which would cover approximately half of the total project.

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**D.) NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** explained that without the bridge, there is no project and the bridge is the largest piece of the project. A discussion ensued regarding the Bike Path, the possible bridge project and the Open Space Advisory Committee's project priorities. **Cncl. Pres. Marino** suggested, obtaining more information on the cost of the bridge project and bringing it back to Council. **Cncl. Dilks** questioned the lifetime warranty on the bridge. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. O'Reilly** noted, the approximate cost of the bridge is \$300,000.00 and it would span approximately 150 feet over the Black Horse Pike. He noted, the extension of the bike path would be separate and adjacent to the Emergency Vehicle bypass between Main Street and the Black Horse Pike.

**E.) OLD BUSINESS – None**

**F.) COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**G.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED**

**Cncl. Pres. Marino** spoke regarding an invoice on Purchase Order #20-02816, which is included in Resolution R:161-2020, Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of October 12, 2020. He noted, since timing between meetings will allow, he will speak to Solicitor Trimble regarding same prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

**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 October 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Aileen Chiselko, RMC**  
**Municipal Clerk**

  
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**Presiding Officer**

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Council Work Session 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.*

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Date 10/28/2020  
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