

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JULY 7, 2021**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at 6:00PM by **Cncl. Pres., Patrick O'Reilly** in the Courtroom of the Municipal Complex, located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Courier-Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County on June 21, 2021. In addition, copies of the notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted at the Municipal Complex and on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., Patrick O'Reilly stated, the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet on the podium in the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council, please raise your hand and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Please fill-out the sign-in sheet and kindly state your name and address for the record.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cncl. Garbowski led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Carolann Fox	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Steven McKinney	Present	
Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt	Present	
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Gregory Wolfe		Excused
Cncl. Pres. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Mayor Richard DiLucia	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph DiLolle	Present	
Solicitor, John Trimble	Present	
Business Administrator, Jill McCrea	Present	
Dir. of Code Enforcement, Joseph Broderick		Excused
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		Excused
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese		Excused
Police Chief Craig Monahan		Excused
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

**PUBLIC HEARING
2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
6:00 PM**

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2021 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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B.) RESOLUTIONS

Cncl. McKinney asked for confirmation that the \$70,000.00 in cuts to various line items that Council made would be placed back into the surplus and asked if once that money is moved back into the surplus and it is needed for another line item, how does that process work to move it back. **CFO, Lorraine Boyer** advised, once the budget is set and approved, it does not move back to a line item; only during the last two months of the year and the first three months of the year can transfers be made and only from other budget accounts. She explained the process pertaining to transfers. **Cncl. McKinney** asked about Capital Funding and where it appears in the budget, to which Ms. Boyer advised, the Capital is located at the back of the budget. She explained, a spending Ordinance will be drafted for those departments that need the Capital Funding to begin their projects, as that Ordinance will provide the Township the approval needed to spend the funds. **Cncl. McKinney** stated, he voted "no" for all of the previously discussed line items; however, he will be voting "yes" for the budget this evening, because it needs to be approved for the Capital to be available for the departments, so they can begin moving forward with their projects.

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

R:124A-2021 Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget, Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey


Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:124A-2021. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

C.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

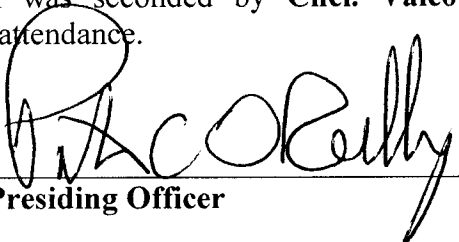
Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. With no one wishing to speak, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded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

D.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of July 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.



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 Special Council Meeting of July 7, 2021 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 7/26/2021
Date _____