



MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

February 4, 2019

Minutes

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

II. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairperson Donna Gaudio at 6:39 pm.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e.: South Jersey Times and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

III. ROLL CALL – Donna Gaudio, Joe Fisona, Barbara Horcher, Rich LoRusso, Jr., Sue Pace, Jeanette Remsen and Michele Perez all present, Kathleen Romero, excused and Cody Miller and LEAD officer not present/not excused.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - motion was made by Sue Pace, second by Barbara Horcher to approved January 7, 2019 minutes. 6 yes 1 abstention – **Approved**

V. REORGANIZATION NOMINATIONS - Donna advised that the position of Vice Chairperson was still open and Joe Fisona and Sue Pace were still interested. Donna asked that each give a brief talk as to what they have done and would like to accomplish in this position so all the members know a little about each person. Sue advised that she has been running National Night Out for several years and has been a board member for at least 5 years and tries to attend all the events we have. Joe stated although new to the committee, about one 1 year, he has previous experience as a past Mayor in MD and worked with the Drug Task force in MD. The floor was open to questions and Jeanette inquired to Joe what his intentions were to attend events since he has not been to any? Joe advised that we need more members so the burden is not on the few that attend everything. Michele asked both "How would you handle barrier issues"? Sue said she would contact GCADA as well as the Mayor and Joe responded by stating he would like to invite the Mayor to our meetings so he is aware of the issues we face. A secret vote was done and the results were Joe Fisona, 4 votes and Sue Pace 3 votes. Joe accepted the nomination as Vice Chairperson. Donna advised we still had the position of Parliamentarian open and Michele Perez was asked/accepted and appointed by Donna.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS - Everyone was given a copy of the Updated By-Laws, Sue advised there was a typo and also that the Monroe Township Ordinance Committee must approve the by-laws and their next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019. Michele Perez sent over a copy so they could look at by the Ordinance Committee.
- VII. TREASURERS REPORT – Jeanette provided a list of bills paid for the month and brought up that we still need to do something about the purchase of the tent. We received a letter from Patrolman Michael Gabbianelli requesting about \$200 for pizza for the St. Mary's graduation. Barbara made a motion not to exceed \$200 and seconded by Michele. All in favor - **Approved** pending final approval of Marybeth. Jeanette will submit the paperwork. Donna questioned where last year's allotted money went for the Steered Straight presentations and why was it taken from the Middle School. After a brief group discussion, it was determined that Michele will get a breakdown of the past year and where the funds were spent from the Finance Department.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Donna advised that Vaping is becoming an epidemic at the High School and numerous students have been tested so far with most having positive results for other substances. Administration has scheduled a Parents Advisory Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm for both parents and students. The guest speaker will be Michael DeLeone and he will be giving us the Parent Advisory meeting and 3 assemblies for \$2,500. We decided for Monday's meeting we will have Sandwiches and Chips and Donna will look into getting them. Next discussed was "The Human Knot", we would still like to do this and will have to look into whether we can do it on Braves Blvd and include students from the High School, the Middle School and possibly Oak Knoll. It would have to be done on a school day during when the weather is nicer. We can discuss this more after we look into whether we can use Braves Blvd first. National Night Out – Sue will be away from August 2nd – 10th. We discussed a possible Sunday but then Barbara advised we would have to see if the township would allow Parks and Recreation work. With the new freeze on any overtime and being, that Sunday would be a double time assignment for them it might not fly with the new Business Administrator. Donuts and Drugs – 3/7/19 Friendly Village Clubhouse, arrive around 6:00 pm and 3/18/19 Holiday City Clubhouse, arrive around 5:30 to set up. Michele asked if we could have a procedure put in place so we know what we need to do when we have an event. It was determined that Sue will be our Marketing Coordinator and Sue accepted. Senior Fair – this year we would like to do a carnival theme and Donna will check Oriental Trading for any decorations. Tentative date will be June 1, 2019 at the Estates from 1pm – 5pm and Jeanette will reach out and check on the availability.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS – Barbara will reach out to Aileen in the clerk's office to see if she can update the Leadership Applications to reflect her name instead of Sue McCormick. We need to think about what our vision is for the board and going forward to make it more appealing. Michele advised us that City of Angels is having an upcoming fundraiser on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 6:00-10:00 the cost is \$50 per person if anyone can attend.
- X. GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION – a motion was made by Michele Perez second by Rich LoRusso to open up the public portion of the meeting 7 yes **Approved**

Carrissa Weikel came and is interested in joining the Commission. Carrissa works at Robin's Nest and would like assist in any way possible. She will fill out the official Leadership Application.

A motion was made by Barbara Horcher, second by Joe Fisona to close the public portion of the meeting. 7 yes **Approved**

XI. ADJOURNMENT – a motion was made by Sue Pace, second by Joe Fisona to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. 7 yes **Approved**

Next meeting March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm – Monroe Township Public Library, Conference Room A, 713 Marsha Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Horcher, Secretary

These minutes are an extract from proceedings of the Regular Municipal Alliance Commission Meeting that was held on February 4, 2019, and serve only as a synopsis of the proceedings and are not a verbatim account or to be construed as an official transcript of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____

Approved as corrected _____ Date _____