



MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

April 1, 2019

Minutes

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

II. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairperson Donna Gaudio at 6:34 pm and Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Jeanette Remsen, Kathleen Romero, Richard LoRusso, Ptlm. Clidy, Carissa Weikel and Cody Miller. Michele Perez - excused.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - motion was made by Joe Fisona, seconded by Joe Clidy to approved March 4, 2019 minutes. 6 yes 1 abstention – **Approved**

V. TREASURERS REPORT – Jeanette reports that of our \$26,460 budget we have \$22,845.29 left and we have \$6,109.15 left in cash match. (See attached treasurer's report)

Jeanette met with Marybeth and reports that Marybeth claims we are not spending money. Cody asked when we have to spend the money by and Jeanette advised by June. Cody asked that we show her the set up events and the money budgeted to pay for the event/vendors showing her that money is allocated; so we do not lose it.

Jeanette advised that Marybeth wants to see copies bills that Jeanette already provided her. Cody responded by saying that the Township CFO (Lorraine) is better equipped to provide that information and can email Marybeth so she will have it. Jeanette said she does not feel comfortable telling Marybeth to contact Lorraine and asked that Donna reach out to Marybeth and tell her.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – Parent Vaping Feedback – there were two parent assemblies and a student assembly. Although we would have liked a larger turnout; the feedback received was positive. Barbara advised her daughter attended the student assembly and her daughter learned things she never knew and thought it was a good assembly. It was decided we would need to jump on social media earlier to get the word out for future events. Cody

advised that until he finds out differently we need to send any social media posts to him to have placed on the Township Website for advertising.

Hidden in Plain Sight – Scheduled for June 4th before the kids get back from a trip so parents can attend then pick up their students. We should start publicizing this more now.

There was a question as to who can post to the Municipal Alliance Facebook Page and Donna believes it is still herself and Michele Perez that have posting ability.

Stigma Free Forum was attended by Barbara Horcher and she felt it was very informative on Mental Health Issues. Barbara reported they gave a brief description of the program and had a few skits. She provided copies of all the handouts given so everyone can review and have sources of help.

Donuts and Drugs – two (2) people dropped off at the Friendly Village location and we attempted to cancel the Holiday City one due to not receiving the shipment of Deterra bags. Many residents brought drugs and they were collected and taken to the police station by a retired police officer.

Drug Drop Box – has now been installed and available at the Police Station. Barbara reports that many residents have used it and they are surprised at how often it has to be emptied out.

Senior Carnival – Donna reports that she called the county and spoke with Eric. They will be sending a nurse out to the event. Donna also picked out a bunch of stuff from Oriental Trading and will place the order through Tiffany. Barb advised she has not done so yet but will reach out to Shoprite for the Nutritionists and Message places for possibly getting chair messages.

National Night Out – Will be August 6th – Sue talked to some of the vendors and reports that Stio's will donate the same as last year. Although we are grateful for their donation, we will need to buy more water ice over and above what is donated so we do not run out. Barb will reach out to Rush Fitness to ask for the Tug of War rope again and we need to still order Trophies. Banners – Jeanette wanted to know if we are allowed to put up banners – Cody advised yes and we would need to contact Parks and Recs to do so. Cody will get a quote for lawn signs. Donna made a motion to purchase (not to exceed \$500), seconded by Carissa. 9 in favor, 0 opposed – **Approved**.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Michele's son Danny passed away and we would like to take up a collection as a group. An envelope will be going around and anything collected will be applied to the Go Fund Me page. Services will be 6p – 8p at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening and they added Wednesday morning 10am at Norton. A total of \$140 was collected and Donna put up an additional \$35 so a donation will be made for \$175 from the Municipal Alliance Members.

VIII. GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION – a motion was made by Jeanette and seconded by Sue to open up the public portion of the meeting at 7:42 9 yes – 0 no. **Approved** Sherry Kennedy asked if the M/A would like to participate in the Mental Health Walk on May 18th. We could set up

an informational table and hand out any brochures. If so, we should arrive around 11am. A motion was made by Sue, second by Joe to close the public portion of the meeting at 7:48pm. 9 yes – 0 no. **Approved**

IX. ADJOURNMENT – a motion was made by Rich, second by Joe Clidy to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. 9yes – 0 no. **Approved**

Next meeting May 6, 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 April 1, 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 _____