

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 14, 2022**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at 7 p.m. by **Cncl. Pres., Gregory Wolfe** 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., Gregory Wolfe stated, the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet in the rear of the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council, please sign-in and raise your hand and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Kindly state your name and address for the record.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cncl. O'Reilly led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Cncl. Katherine Falcone	Present	
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Carolann Fox	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Steven McKinney	Present	
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Chelsea Valcourt	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Gregory Wolfe	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	Present	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	
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	Present	
Police Chief Craig Monahan	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

B.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None

C.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – None

D.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED – None

E.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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F.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

G.) RESOLUTIONS

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. 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. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:87-2022 through R:95-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:87-2022 THROUGH R:95-2022

R:87-2022 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior to Adoption of the 2022 Budget for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester

R:88-2022 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:89-2022 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of March 14, 2022

R:90-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Waiver of All Application Fees, Construction Fees and Other Associated Permit Fees in Conjunction with Carnival Permits for the Applicant Our Lady of Peace Parish within the Township of Monroe

R:91-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Releasing the Performance Guaranty Posted in the Amount of \$50,399.00 for “Wal-Mart Retail Site”, Site Plan #BSP-416, Block 3901, Lots 1, 38, 38.01, 39, 40 & a Portion of 1.01 and Substituting a Maintenance Guaranty in the Amount of \$6,299.88 (Landscape Buffer)

R:92-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing and Appointing Conditional Redeveloper and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between Hexa Builders and the Township of Monroe

R:93-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing and Appointing Conditional Redeveloper, MJ Voorhees SS, LLC for Block 101, Lot 7

R:94-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing an Award of Contract to Command Co. Inc. for the Monroe Township Dog Park

R:95-2022 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:87-2022 through R:95-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

H.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the Ordinance listed on the agenda for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak on the Ordinance for Second Reading, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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H.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:04-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 74 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Fees"

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

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:04-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:04-2022 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

7 AYES (Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt, Wolfe)

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance **O:04-2022** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:05-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 4 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Administrative Code"

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:05-2022 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

I.) NEW BUSINESS – None

J.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

K.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor DiLucia thanked Council for their support of Resolution R:94-2022, which authorized the award of contract for the Dog Park. He spoke regarding the history of the Dog Park and the grant that the Township had received from Green Acres for the park, noting it has been a long time in the making. Mayor DiLucia thanked Pennoni Associates, Inc. for the plan they created, which was an alternate from the original plan and includes a walking trail. He is hopeful that the Dog Park will be completed by early summer. The Mayor thanked everyone who has worked on this project over the years, including the two previous Mayors, who have been a part of this.

Deputy Mayor DiLolle spoke regarding the Dog Park, noting it has been a long time coming. He is happy to see this project get underway and he believes it is just another "feather in the cap" for Monroe Township.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Salvadori reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 9th beginning at 12 noon, located at Owens Memorial Park. He stated, the Township's Shredding Event will be held on April 2nd, located at the Public Works Building, and will include an electronics drop-off. Bulk pick-up will still be taking place that day, as well.

Cncl. McKinney reported, in February, the Historical Society held a Black Ancestry Presentation for Black History Month, which was a very successful event. On behalf of the Historical Society, Cncl. McKinney thanked the Director of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux for all of her help and hard work. March is Woman's History Month and on March 26th, beginning at 1:00pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center, the Historical Society will be holding a

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K.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Woman's History Presentation, where George Washington, portrayed by Samuel Davis, will speak on the women of the Revolutionary War.

Cncl. Valcourt reported, the Economic Development Committee has rescheduled their Reorganization Meeting to March 21st at 7:00pm in the Economic Development Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Municipal Building.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox mentioned that she received a photo of the 1935 Maple Grove fifth-grade class from a gentleman who resides in Cape May and has forwarded the photo to the Historical Society for display.

Cncl. Pres. Wolfe attended the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on March 9th. The Easter Egg Hunt is returning this year and will be held on Saturday, April 9th at Owens Memorial Park from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, with a rain date of April 10th.

L.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Marlene McMahon, 173 Palomino Place, informed Council of residents' concerns over the budget, as it affects taxes, so that they are aware of how residents feel. Ms. McMahon addressed Councilwoman Valcourt, Councilwoman Fox, Councilman Wolfe, Councilwoman Falcone and Councilman O'Reilly individually regarding various matters.

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

Cncl. Pres. Wolfe advised that Council will be going into Closed Session to discuss Resolution R:95-2022, relating to potential litigation with Autumn Lake Winery; action may or may not be taken.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

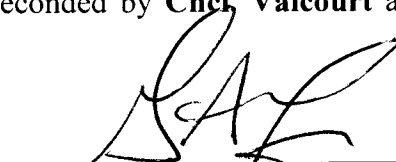
Solicitor Trimble advised that no action was taken during the Closed Executive Session.

M.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of March 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.



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 Council Meeting of March 14, 2022 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 4/25/22
Date _____