

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 9, 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. Vice-Pres. Fox led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and 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		Excused
Dir. of Code Enforcement, Joseph Broderick	Present	
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	Present	(arrived @ 7:06pm)
Police Chief Craig Monahan	Present	
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jennifer Harbison	Present	

PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Hardenbergh Insurance Group, Joe Henry – Safety on the Agenda

Joe Henry, Hardenbergh Insurance Group – Township Risk Management Consultants, provided a presentation of the annual “Safety on the Agenda”, focusing this year on “Slips, Trips and Falls”, which has been created by Hardenbergh Insurance Group along with the members of the Safety Committee, Pat Mason, Christine Scola and Kayla Spurka. Mr. Henry reported that in 2021, the Township received \$4,500.00 as a Safety Incentive Award.

B.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None

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C.) **QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED** – None

D.) **QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED** – None

E.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Meeting of April 11, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

F.) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Used Motor Vehicle Dealer – Approval Certificate**
Debbi Group, LLC – 2010 N. Black Horse Pike

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jennifer Harbison explained, the Zoning Officer has advised that all of the paperwork is in order and has recommended the issuance of the license.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:122-2022 through R:126-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:122-2022 THROUGH R:126-2022

R:122-2022 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior to Adoption of the 2022 Budget for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester

R:123-2022 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:124-2022 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of May 9, 2022

R:125-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Safety and Stabilization Guarantee, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Monroe Substation (Atlantic City Electric), Phase 2, Site Plan #500, Block 12901, Lots 1, 3, 4, 11 & 13

R:126-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester and the Township of Monroe (Family Movie Entertainment)

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:122-2022 through R:126-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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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. Vice-Pres. Fox** 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.

O:09-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 104 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Buildings"

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:09-2022 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:09-2022 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:09-2022** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:10-2022 An Ordinance Providing for the Implementation in the Township of Monroe of the "Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Law" Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 Et Seq. and Approving Property Tax Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and South Jersey Storage, LLC, 856 Sicklerville Road, Block 2201, Lot 4

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. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:10-2022 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

I.) NEW BUSINESS – None

J.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

K.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor DiLucia reported that over the past few weeks, he has been in contract negotiations with the Captains' Association, Supervisors' Association, Local 360, and the Police Association. He is confident that even though the negotiations are in the early stages, that agreements will be made which will satisfy both sides. He noted, these are very difficult times to be negotiating contracts, with inflation and costs rising. The cost of living increased 5.9% during the measuring periods and since then has accelerated even more. The negotiations will be difficult at best but he is confident that he will be able to work them out. Mayor DiLucia advised that work has finally begun on Route 322 and Fries Mill Road, noting he is hopeful that this work was prompted by the action taken by Council and himself, by sending a Resolution and letter to the County.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Salvadori advised, the annual Music Fest is scheduled for June 4th.

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L.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

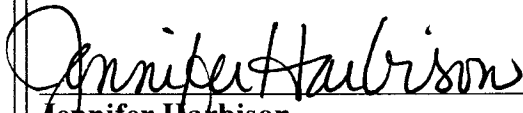
Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Marlene McMahon, 173 Palomino Place addressed the accusations that were made against her after the previous Council Meeting and provided a brief history of herself. Ms. McMahon spoke regarding the new Township bus, noting she has received all of the names of the County Commissioners but has not been able to speak to them yet. Ms. McMahon expressed her concerns with the alternate and full member nomination process that took place at the previous Council Meeting.


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.

M.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of May 9, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.



Jennifer Harbison
Deputy 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 May 9, 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 _____
Approved as corrected _____



Date 5/23/2022
Date _____