

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JULY 25, 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		Excused
Dir. of Code Enforcement, Joseph Broderick	Present	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux	Present	(arrived @ 7:07pm)
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	Present	
Dir. of Real Estate, Angelina Matese		Excused
Police Chief Craig Monahan	Present	
Auditor, Michael Cesaro	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

B.) SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

- White Horse RV Center

Ed Hutchinson of White Horse RV Center addressed the Mayor and Council. White Horse RV Center is a second-generation family-owned business, operating since 1973, and has been located at 980 North Black Horse Pike, Williamstown for 26 years. White Horse RV Center is an RV dealership, selling and servicing RVs, has parts and accessories available at their location, and has approximately 250 RVs in stock, ranging from 13 feet to 42 feet. Mr. Hutchinson welcomed everyone to visit White Horse RV Center in-person, their website at www.whitehorserv.com, or call (856) 262-1717.

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B.) SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS (cont'd)

Steve Slotnick, Chamber of Commerce thanked Mr. Hutchinson for attending this evening's Council Meeting, noting the Chamber was provided with a tour of White Horse RV Center.

C.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

At this time, **Mayor DiLucia** made the following appointments:

Municipal Alliance Commission – Deana Tatusko – Unexpired Term 12/31/2024
Municipal Alliance Commission – Meghan Gavin – Unexpired Term 12/31/2024

Mayor DiLucia mentioned there was another Citizen Leadership form received for the Municipal Alliance Commission; however, the interested party is not a resident of Monroe Township, which prohibits him from appointing them to the Commission. He believes the Municipal Alliance Commission has the authority under their Code to appoint Associate Members, should they choose to do so.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
DEANA TATUSKO AS MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION
THAT REQUIRES ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL
7 AYES (Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Deana Tatusko was duly approved as a Member to the Municipal Alliance Commission.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
MEGHAN GAVIN AS MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION
THAT REQUIRES ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL
7 AYES (Falcone, Fox, Garbowski, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt, Wolfe)**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Meghan Gavin was duly approved as a Member to the Municipal Alliance Commission.

D.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- December 8, 2021 Land Sale – Bidders' Balances Due

Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko spoke regarding bidders' remaining unpaid balances for several properties, which were bid on at the December 8, 2021 Land Sale. She informed Council that letters were mailed by the Solicitor's office on March 22, 2022 informing the bidders to pay their balance(s) due within twenty (20) days, which was April 11, 2022; a second letter was mailed on June 2, 2022, reminding the bidders to pay their balance(s) due and informing them of the extended payment deadline of June 20, 2022 and a third letter was mailed on June 22, 2022, reminding the bidders to pay their balance(s) due and informing them of an additional extended payment deadline of July 6, 2022. Mrs. Chiselko suggested that Council discuss how to move forward with the unpaid properties. **Cncl. Pres. Wolfe** stated, a poll was taken last month with Council to extend the deadline for the second time; he then asked Council for their outlook on this matter. **Solicitor Trimble** asked if the bidders with the remaining balances have responded in any way, to which Mrs. Chiselko stated, one bidder has informed her that he is unsure if he will be purchasing the two properties that he owes balances on. Solicitor Trimble advised that Council end the process, as the Township has already provided two (2) extensions, noting this has been ongoing and the bidders have been provided plenty of opportunities to pay. He noted, Council does not want to have to provide multiple extensions in future land sales and set a precedent that says that the land sales are open for a long period of time. **Cncl. Pres. Wolfe** stated, unless anyone wants to make a motion for an additional extension, he would like to see this process end. **Cncl. Valcourt** asked if the unpaid properties

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D.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (cont'd)

will be placed on the next Land Sale, to which Solicitor Trimble confirmed. **Cncl. Falcone** asked, if during the time the Township is waiting on the payments, is anyone else able to purchase these properties. **Mr. Trimble** advised that the Ordinance for the next Land Sale can be amended to reflect this provision, if the Township Council wishes to do so; at this time, the current Ordinance does provide this provision. **Mrs. Chiselko** informed Council that the total amount of unpaid balances due is \$91,782.72. Solicitor Trimble said, there were 129 properties sold and 13 properties that were not closed on. The Municipal Clerk and Solicitor confirmed no further letters will be mailed to the bidders and no deposits on the unpaid balances will be refunded, to which Council agreed.

E.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED

Cncl. Valcourt questioned page 39 of the 2022 Municipal Budget, under the comparative statement of current funds in regard to the usage of the surplus. The auditor, **Mr. Cesaro** explained that the State requires the Township and all municipalities to show the balance they have as surplus as of December 31, 2021; the next line indicates how much the Township is utilizing for tax relief in the 2022 Municipal Budget, which is \$4,220,000.00 and then it shows the balance remaining for use during the year in case an emergency were to occur of \$2.1 million. **Cncl. Valcourt** asked if the Township will be reducing the surplus by half, to which **Director of Finance, Lorraine Boyer** informed there is a lot of anticipation of revenue coming in that they know will build the surplus. **Mr. Cesaro** stated, in the 2022 Municipal Budget, the amount of surplus that is "remaining" is greater than what was in the previous year's budget, so the Township is trending in a better direction. **Mayor DiLucia** noted that he believes the Township will also be receiving approximately \$200,000.00 from a Municipal State Aide Grant, to which Ms. Boyer confirmed. **Mr. Cesaro** clarified that money will come in, but he is not amending the budget for 2022, so the State will require the Township to set that money aside to utilize in the 2023 Municipal Budget and this will also help to build the surplus. **Cncl. O'Reilly** asked if the \$200,000.00 is coming from a grant or state aide, to which Ms. Boyer confirmed it is a state aide. **Mr. Cesaro** advised that it is referred to as the Municipal Relief Fund, noting there is a certain portion of state aide, because the State did very well in fiscal year 2022; they have provided to municipalities and counties various funds under this Municipal Relief Fund, and the Township's share will be \$209,855.00 with no restrictions.

F.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED – None

G.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Valcourt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Meeting of June 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Garbowski**, who abstained.

H.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

I.) 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.

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I.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:152-2022 through R:162-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:152-2022 THROUGH R:162-2022

R:152-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing a Change Order for a Contract with Command Co., Inc. for the Monroe Township Dog Park – *(previously Tabled at 7/6/22 Ordinance Committee Meeting)*

R:153-2022 Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into A Shared Services Agreement with the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority – *(previously Tabled at 7/6/22 Ordinance Committee Meeting)*

R:154-2022 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of July 25, 2022

Cncl. Pres. Wolfe informed Council that there was a late request to add a couple of bills. These bills were not added to this evening's Bill List Resolution, but will be added for the next scheduled Council Meeting.

R:155-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Issuance of a 2022 Junkyard License to Schultz Enterprises, Inc. t/a Shorty's Auto Parts

R:156-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Waiver of Zoning Board Fees for a Bulk Variance Application for 1122 Dublin Court

R:157-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Main Street Donations

R:158-2022 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997 for Block 7001, Lot 13

R:159-2022 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing a Lien Be Placed on Various Properties for Failure to Comply with Chapter 295 of the Code of the Township of Monroe

R:160-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing an Award of Contract to South State, Inc. for the NJDOT FY 2022 Municipal Aid Whispering Woods Phase 2 Project

R:161-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor of the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Developer's Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and Blue Cork Winery & Vineyard, Inc. Concerning Real Property Identified as Block 10901, Lots 4 & 32

R:162-2022 Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Contract with the Municipal Bond Counsel of the Township of Monroe for the Year 2022

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolutions R:152-2022 through R:162-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:163-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reading of the 2022 Municipal Budget by Title Only

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Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:163-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:164-2022 Public Hearing of 2022 Municipal Budget

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:164-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

With no one wishing to speak on the 2022 Municipal Budget, **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.

R:165-2022 Adoption of 2022 Municipal Budget

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:165-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:165-2022 –
ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Resolution **R:165-2022** was duly approved.

R:166-2022 Resolution of the Township of Monroe to Amend Capital Budget

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:166-2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

J.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the Ordinances 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 Ordinances 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:11-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 280 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled “Animal Control”

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

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:11-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres. Wolfe** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:11-2022 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:11-2022** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:12-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 31 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled “Environmental Commissions”

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J.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

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

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:12-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:12-2022 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:12-2022 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:13-2022 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. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:13-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:13-2022 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:13-2022 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:14-2022 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 175 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Land Management"

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

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:14-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:14-2022 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:14-2022 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:15-2022 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements In and For the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$4,824,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, In the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$4,582,800; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

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J.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. O'Reilly asked if the amounts listed in the title of Bond Ordinance O:15-2022 need to be the same amount. **Director of Finance, Lorraine Boyer** clarified that the amount, \$4,824,000, includes the down payment of 5%.

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

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:15-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:15-2022 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:15-2022 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:16-2022 An Ordinance of the Township of Monroe Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for the Orchard Drive Area Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14

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

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance O:16-2022 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:16-2022 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:16-2022 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:17-2022 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"

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:17-2022 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:18-2022 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"

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:18-2022 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Falcone** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

K.) NEW BUSINESS – None

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L.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

M.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor DiLucia spoke regarding the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget, stating that he is very happy to point out for the residents, that this is the sixth consecutive year that there has been a 0% tax increase for the municipality. He noted, it takes a team to accomplish something like this and he does not believe there is another township within Gloucester County that can accumulate a record that would surpass this. The Mayor thanked everyone involved with this accomplishment, the Budget Committee, Directors, Department Heads, and all of the employees. He believes the Township is in good financial shape barring unforeseen circumstances in the coming years. Mayor DiLucia spoke in reference to the dog park, noting the two (2) Resolutions, which were passed earlier this evening, authorized the construction of the dog park and the shared services agreement with the MMUA to install the water lines for the dog park, which will save the Township a significant amount of money. He said, this project has been eight (8) years in the making and he is hopeful that it will be completed by the end of the year, noting he is happy that the Township will be able to supply water for both the residents and the dogs at the dog park. Mayor DiLucia reported that the hockey rink has been completed, stating that those who participated with the project donated money from their funds to offset the cost to the taxpayers and he believes this is a win-win for the Township.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Salvadori reported, the 4th of July fireworks held at Owens Park were very successful. He thanked the Williamstown Fire Department, Cecil Fire Department, Police Department and Officer Fitzgibbon for running a very tight ship at the command center for the event. Mr. Salvadori said that he checked on the progress of the hockey rink and thanked Officer Martucci for his presence at the park. He also thanked Lieutenant Borkowski for informing him that National Night Out will take place on August 2nd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. He thanked Chief Monahan and the Police Department for being out in the community all of the time, doing everything they can for all of the residents of Monroe Township. Mr. Salvadori mentioned that he is amazed with the excellent job that was done on the hockey rink and invited everyone to visit the hockey rink at Owens Park. Mr. Salvadori advised, the next big event for the Parks and Recreation Commission is the Halloween Parade and he will report more on that in the near future.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Kurz reported, on July 13th, bids were received for the re-bid of the New Williamstown Fire Station Construction project. Two (2) bids were submitted, but subsequently one (1) bidder removed their submitted bid at a later date. He noted, since the bids received for the construction and demolitions projects were extremely high, the committee will be regrouping and meeting with Council, the Public Safety Committee and the Mayor to see how to proceed.

Director of Public Works, Mr. Mercado thanked the Mayor for all of his comments, noting it takes a team effort to make things happen and it is very fortunate that a lot of entities came together to make the dog park happen, providing a significant savings to the taxpayers. He is holding the line to have the project completed by the end of September, so the residents can begin to enjoy it prior to winter setting in. Mr. Mercado stated, there are many ongoing projects, around almost every corner in town there is some sort of road program, with two (2) going on at the same time, which is very comprehensive. He said that earlier this evening, Whispering Woods Phase 2 was awarded, noting that Whispering Woods Phase 1 has not yet been completed, because he is waiting for the additional striping that approaches the bike path, to be completed. The Stormwater Management Project is ongoing and once the capital is finalized, he will be able to proceed with the other 2022 Road Improvement Program projects, noting it is very possible that the Township may have three (3) road programs happening at the same time, which is a testament to the Administration and to all of the workers involved.

Police Chief Monahan reported that the Police Department, along with the Municipal Alliance Commission, will host National Night Out on August 2nd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Owens Parks.

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

Cncl. O'Reilly thanked Public Works for a fantastic job, as they have recently completed the bike trail parking lot located on Sykes Lane. He noted, it is great to see the residents already using the parking lot as opposed to parking along the street. This parking lot is the first phase of the project that the Open Space Advisory Committee is working on and they are looking to perform some additional upgrades at the site in the future.

Cncl. Valcourt attended the July 4th fireworks with her family. She congratulated everyone involved with the fireworks.

Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox stated, the Municipal Alliance Commission will hold National Night Out on August 2nd. She reported that she received a telephone call from a resident who stated how nice the paving was done on Herbert Blvd.

Cncl. Pres. Wolfe attended the Sports Advisory Board Meeting on July 11th, where they discussed their current Ordinance and will be bringing some recommendations to the Ordinance Committee in the near future. The Parks and Recreation Commission does not meet in the month of July. On July 21st, he attended the retirement celebration for Karen Slade, who has been an employee of the Township for almost 20 years. Cncl. Pres. Wolfe congratulated Karen and her family, wishing her the best of luck in her retirement.

Municipal Clerk, Mrs. Chiselko wished Karen Slade a very happy retirement, noting she has worked with Karen since 2004.

N.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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


David Belcher, 2820 Sunset Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council to speak regarding his concerns with the conditions of Sunset Avenue and the Victory Lakes area. He asked if Sunset Avenue is going to be repaved, to which the **Director of Public Works, Nicholas Mercado** said, he is waiting for South Jersey Gas Company to complete their work. He noted that Sunset Avenue is listed on the application for State Aide for this year and if it does not get completed, it will be placed on the Road Program. Mr. Mercado explained that street is a difficult street and will be completed in a couple of phases. Mr. Belcher asked if it would be possible to have solid yellow lines painted on Sunset Avenue, because it is severely needed. Mr. Mercado explained there is a striping program, which has some money left over and he is in the process of putting together a list of streets that require striping.

Philip DiCiano, 2900 Sunset Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council to express his concerns with the conditions of Sunset Avenue, explaining the various problems with the road that have occurred throughout the years. He asked when the road will be fixed, to which Mr. Mercado explained the application process and the funding for the Road Program.

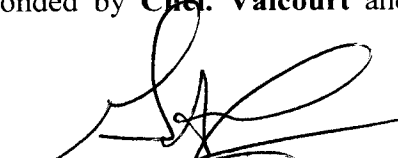
With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of July 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.



Aileen Chiselko
Municipal Clerk



Presiding Officer

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These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Council Meeting of July 25, 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 8/22/2022
Date _____