

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**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., Carolann Fox** 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., Carolann Fox** 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. Garbowski** led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Cncl. Heverly** offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Cncl. Denise Adams	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Donald Heverly	Present	
Cncl. Steven McKinney		Excused
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Chelsea Valcourt	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Carolann Fox	Present	
Mayor Gregory A. Wolfe	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Solicitor, Nicholas Sullivan	Present	
Business Administrator, James V. DeHart, III	Present	
Dir. of Code Enforcement, William Sebastian	Present	
Dir. of Community Affairs, Donna Park	Present	
Dir. of Community Development, Joseph Marino	Present	
Dir. of Finance, Lorraine Boyer	Present	
Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Brian Cope	Present	
Dir. of Public Safety, Jon Rumpf	Present	
Dir. of Public Works, Marvin Dilks	Present	
Dir. of Real Estate, Jennifer Pesotski		Excused
Police Chief Craig Monahan	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

**B.) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Wolfe** made the following appointment:

**Open Space Advisory Committee – Marjorie Sherrard – 3-Year Term 12/31/2025**

**C.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

- Open Space Advisory Committee – 2023 Recommendations to Council

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**C.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS (cont'd)**

**Len Fritz, Chairman, Open Space Advisory Committee** addressed Council to present and discuss the Open Space Advisory Committee's list of recommendations for the year 2023. He acknowledged the Committee's completed projects, the current projects and the projects they would like to work on in the future. He spoke in reference to the Sykes Lane parking lot, which the Committee acquired and created, that connects to the bike trail and provides parking for the residents using the bike trail, also noting the future plans for the lot and the need for expansion in the near future. With regards to the Master Plan, the Committee would like to ensure that Open Space is not forgotten and is included. Mr. Fritz noted, the Committee is working on creating a trail around Mary Mazza Duffy Park, along with possible other ways to expand the bike trails and connector trails. **Mayor Wolfe** stated, the Township will be supporting the farmland preservation of the Leshay property and will be moving forward with the letter of support. **Cncl. Pres. Fox** congratulated the Open Space Advisory Committee on the completion of the Sykes Lane parking lot project.

**D.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None**

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

**F.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED**

**Mayor Wolfe** spoke regarding Ordinance O:07-2023, pertaining to Peddling and Soliciting. He asked if language can be added to page 3 of the Ordinance, Section 230-9 "Exceptions", specifically relating to local businesses, to state "local business owners distributing literature to promote local business, as long as they email the Township Clerk and the Chief of Police indicating the date, time, location, they will be distributing literature and a detailed list of individuals' names, addresses and date of births of those who will be distributing that literature." He believes this will help the local business owners, rather than going through the entire peddling and soliciting process stated in the Code, when there is not going to be any oral communications/contact with residents, simply just dropping off literature. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** stated, she is not opposed to the Mayor's request; however, she would like the language to clearly state that the local business owners are still to submit to the time limits. **Solicitor Sullivan** agreed the language should be added to Section 3 as an exception. **Mayor Wolfe** spoke regarding page 11, Section 230-31 "Time and Place Restrictions", regarding the food trucks and food vendors, noting that in this section, it states a time restriction; however, most of the events run later than the time restrictions listed. He asked if the time can be extended for the food trucks and the language amended, to which **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** agreed. The Mayor asked where this Ordinance falls in line with public safety and the required fire inspections, noting he would like language added to include the fire inspections. **Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko** suggested, due to the substantial changes requested, that the Ordinance be removed from this evening's Agenda and be placed back for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at the next scheduled Council Meeting, to which **Solicitor Sullivan** agreed. **Cncl. Pres. Fox** advised that Ordinance O:07-2023 will be removed from this evening's Agenda.

**G.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Meeting of January 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**H.) CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Used Motor Vehicle Dealer – Approval Certificate**  
John Clark's Auto & Tire Center, Inc. D/B/A Clark's Auto Repair – 633 S. Black Horse Pike

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**H.) CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve a Used Motor Vehicle Dealer – Approval Certificate for **John Clark's Auto & Tire Center, Inc. D/B/A Clark's Autor Repair**. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**I.) RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Sherri Kennedy, 375 Bryn Mawr Drive**, addressed Council, regarding Resolution R:71-2023, to ask if Board of Education Members can just pull-up to the fuel tanks and access gas for their vehicles. **Mayor Wolfe** and **Cncl. O'Reilly** clarified and explained the shared services agreement.

With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the public portion for Resolutions scheduled. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heverly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:57-2023 through R:75-2023 and Resolution R:80-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:57-2023 THROUGH R:75-2023  
AND RESOLUTION R:80-2023**

**R:57-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Transferring Funds for the Budget Year 2022

**R:58-2023** Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior to Adoption of the 2023 Budget for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester

**R:59-2023** Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of February 13, 2023

**R:60-2023** Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

**R:61-2023** Resolution Appointing Mark Cunard as Interim Fire Official for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

**R:62-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester Increasing the Police Department Change Fund

**R:63-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 3 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

**R:64-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 5 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

**R:65-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 6 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

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**I.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)**

**R:66-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 7 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

**R:67-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 8 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

**R:68-2023** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Reduction and Release of the Safety & Stabilization Guarantee for Hamilton Greene, Subdivision #1823, Phase 5 (Block 14401, Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11 and Block 14501, Lots 24, 24.01 & 25)

**R:69-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 for South State, Inc. in the Decreased Amount of \$13,065.30 for Services Associated with the NJDOT FY 2021 Municipal Aid Whispering Woods Project in the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

**R:70-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority and the Township of Monroe for the Use of a Large Stage for the Music Festival

**R:71-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and the Monroe Township Board of Education for Use of the Fuel System

**R:72-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Monroe Township Board of Education for School Resource Officer Services for the 2022-2023 School Year

**R:73-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Contract with the Substitute Public Defender for the Monroe Township Municipal Court for the Year 2023

**R:74-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Contract with Triad Advisory Services, Inc. for Grant Consultant Services for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey for the Year 2023

**R:75-2023** Resolution Authorizing the Township of Monroe to Enter into a Contract with Triad Advisory Services, Inc. for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services for the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey for the Year 2023

**R:80-2023** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Amending Resolution R:51-2023 Rejecting All Bids for Williamstown Fire Station Demolition Project

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to approve Resolutions R:57-2023 through R:75-2023 and Resolution R:80-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**R:76-2023** Resolution Appointing Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to approve Resolution R:76-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heverly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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**I.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Adams** nominated Al Rossi as Alternate Member #1 to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. **Cncl. O'Reilly** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF AL ROSSI  
AS ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Al Rossi was duly approved as Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

**R:77-2023** Resolution Appointing Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to approve Resolution R:77-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to open nominations for Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Adams** nominated Bruce Rice as Alternate Member #2 to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. **Cncl. O'Reilly** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF BRUCE RICE  
AS ALTERNATE #2 MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Bruce Rice was duly approved as Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission.

**R:78-2023** Resolution Appointing Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:78-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to open nominations for Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Adams** nominated Frank Seidenberg as Alternate Member #1 to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Cncl. O'Reilly** seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

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**I.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF FRANK SEIDENBERG  
AS ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Frank Seidenberg** was duly approved as Alternate #1 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**R:79-2023** Resolution Appointing Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Resolution R:79-2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to open nominations for Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Cncl. Adams** nominated Bruce Rice as Alternate Member #2 to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Cncl. O'Reilly** seconded the nomination.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** nominated Mark Kozachyn as Alternate Member #2 to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The nomination was not seconded. No other nominations were made.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF BRUCE RICE  
AS ALTERNATE #2 MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Bruce Rice** was duly approved as Alternate #2 Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**J.) ORDINANCES**

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the Ordinances listed on the agenda for Second Reading. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance. 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. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**O:02-2023** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 162 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Housing Standards"

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

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**J.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)**

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:02-2023 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:02-2023 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Ordinance **O:02-2023** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:03-2023** 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"

**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:03-2023 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:03-2023 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.** Ordinance **O:03-2023** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:04-2023** An Ordinance of the Township of Monroe Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for a Portion of the Commercial Corridor Rehabilitation Area Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7

**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:04-2023 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**O:05-2023** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article XVII of the Township of Monroe Entitled "Department of Community Development and Land Use"

**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:05-2023 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**O:06-2023** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article XVI of the Township of Monroe Entitled "Department of Code Enforcement"

**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:06-2023 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

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**K.) NEW BUSINESS**

**Cncl. Pres. Fox** advised, for the record, that **Cncl. Don Heverly** will be the Council Liaison to the Sports Advisory Committee.

**L.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Cncl. Adams** stated that she and **Cncl. Heverly** attended the Board of Health meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, where the expiration of the Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Release Pilot Program was discussed. Various parties attended the meeting, including the non-profit group, Pet Savers, the County Department of Health, representatives from the animal shelter, the resident who has a filed complaint, along with the resident who can benefit from this program. **Mrs. Adams** noted, it was determined at the Board of Health Meeting that the current TNVR Pilot Program should be extended at this time until another program is put into place, to be able to help mitigate the circumstances that are currently happening. She suggested, when the program is being updated for long-term, that a method for registration is included and implemented. The Board of Health did unanimously approve the program with two (2) conditions, that the non-profit group provide a liability certificate of insurance, which was provided, and also that they work with **Wendy Carey** from the County Department of Health and Animal Shelter, which was agreed upon. **Cncl. Adams** stated that the Board of Health would like to implement and use the current expired TNVR Pilot Program until a new one is implemented. **Cncl. Heverly** advised that **Pet Savers'** only issue with the pilot program was the need of some type of understanding from the Township to register the colonies, so that they can legally do what needs to be done. He asked if a type of "MOU" can be done until the program is amended and reimplemented. **Solicitor Sullivan** advised, a Resolution can be prepared, acknowledging the extension of the pilot program, which has expired, until a new Ordinance can be completed. **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** said that she would not like to see the pilot program extended past this year, so there will be a concrete deadline, to which all of Council in attendance agreed. **Cncl. Adams** advised, there are currently two (2) colonies in place, which were informally approved by the previous Business Administrator and the current program will now fall under the Board of Health. She believes a simple email to the Business Administrator will be sufficient to register a colony, as it was done for the current colonies that are in place. **Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart** advised, the registration process needs to be clearly stated in the Ordinance when it is amended. **Cncl. Adams** made a motion to authorize the extension of the current TNVR Pilot Program, via Resolution R:81-2023, to the end of calendar year 2023 or until a formalized TNVR program is in place. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT TNVR  
PILOT PROGRAM –**

**6 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 1 ABSENT (McKinney)**

**Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Resolution R:81-2023 was duly approved.**

**M.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Police Chief Monahan** congratulated Officer DiRenzi and his K9 partner, Odin for graduating the Philadelphia K9 Academy. Officer DiRenzi and K9 Odin are now cross-trained in patrol and narcotics.

**Cncl. Adams** attended the Municipal Alliance Reorganization meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, where some of the new members were sworn-in. She noted, she is looking forward to a positive year with the group, who are planning some new activities. **Cncl. Adams** attended the Board of Health meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> where the TNVR program was discussed.

**Cncl. Heverly** attended the Board of Health meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> where the TNVR program was discussed, noting he is confident that the issues will be resolved soon.



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

**Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** attended the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, noting one of the projects the Committee is going to be working on this year, is trying to connect the bike paths. She stated, there are Citizen Leadership Forms available in the back of the courtroom for the public, noting it is a great way to get involved, volunteer, and help make a difference in Monroe Township. Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

At this time, **Mayor Wolfe** spoke regarding the Open Space Advisory Committee, noting the Resolution was passed earlier this evening to allow the Township to engage with Triad Advisory Services, who is the Township's Grant Consultant, and does not cost anything to the taxpayers, unless there is approval to proceed with a grant. He noted, he is hopeful, with Triad's help, there will be funding available to be used for the bike trail. The Mayor stated, he will be meeting with the managers of each department to sit down with Triad to "pick their brain" on any opportunities that the Township may have for other grant writing services.

**Cncl. Pres. Fox** attended the Seniors Commission meeting, noting the Commission has some really exciting trips planned for this year. On March 21, 2023, a bus trip has been scheduled to Sight and Sound to see Moses, with a cost of \$105.00, plus a \$2.00 cash tip for the driver, and the tickets will go on sale on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pfeiffer Community Center. She noted, the ticket sales are on a first come first serve basis. Cncl. Pres. Fox wished the Director of Public Works, Mr. Dilks, a very happy birthday.

**N.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

**Ronald DeSimone, 1232 Whispering Woods Drive** addressed the Mayor and Council to express his concerns with the traffic issues and excessive speeding that takes place on Whispering Woods Drive, noting it has become a very dangerous area. Mr. DeSimone stated, he would like speed cushions installed to help alleviate the speeding.

**Anthony Fratterelli, 1241 Whispering Woods Drive** expressed his concerns with the speeding on Whispering Woods Drive, noting he would like to see a real solution put into place to help deter speeding. **Mayor Wolfe** spoke regarding the speeding issue on Whispering Woods Drive, explaining what has been done in the past and what the Township is currently researching to help alleviate the problem.

**Daniel Palmieri, 1245 Whispering Woods Drive** stated, since a stop sign at the intersection of Whispering Woods Drive and the entrance to the bike path is not allowed, he suggested possibly installing signage in the middle of the road, similar to the signage at the crossways at Rowan University, in addition to speed indicators. **Mayor Wolfe** explained why stop signs are not legally allowed to be installed at the intersection of Whispering Woods Drive and the bike path entrance. **Police Chief Monahan** suggested making the area from the bike path entrance to Sundrop Court a no parking area on both sides of the road, so that there will not be any sight obstruction.

**David Easton, 1236 Whispering Woods Drive** expressed his concerns with the speeding issue on Whispering Woods Drive, stating that he believes that speed humps are the answer to the problem.

**Mayor Wolfe** stated, he will schedule a meeting with the Director of Public Safety, the Director of the Road Department, and the Chief of Police to discuss the issues on Whispering Woods Drive and the potential options to help solve the issues. **Cncl. O'Reilly** stated, he is currently working with the Mayor and the Business Administrator on purchasing the solar speed signs, which can be permanent or mobile, but will record all drivers and their speed in real time,

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**N.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION (cont'd)**

so that the Township can see the trends and properly address the problem. **Director of Public Works, Mr. Dilks** advised that on the day that the rumble strips were being removed, the Police Department was there stopping speeders and issuing tickets. He agreed that there is an issue in that area and noted that he is researching ways to help alleviate the problem. **Chief Monahan** explained the pros and cons to the installation of speed humps along Whispering Woods Drive. A discussion followed regarding the speeding issues on Whispering Woods Drive and the potential ways to alleviate it.


**Marlene McMahon, 173 Palomino Place** addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the microphones in the courtroom and how they intermittently do not work, asking that this issue be resolved. **Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart**, informed Mrs. McMahon that Township officials have been corresponding with the vendor in regard to the microphones to resolve this matter. Mrs. McMahon thanked Police Chief Monahan and the wonderful police officers who work for the Police Department. She noted, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Borkowski and Sergeant Gabbianelli attended the Friendly Village monthly meeting, advising the residents of the recent phone scams that have been targeting the senior citizens. Mrs. McMahon stated, there are a lot of speed bumps located within Friendly Village which do not deter speeding, noting from her experience the only things that deter speeding are signs and tickets. Mrs. McMahon thanked Cncl. O'Reilly for his help contacting Atlantic City Electric and having the street lights fixed within the Friendly Village community. **Police Chief Monahan** stated that the Police Department is currently performing a street light survey throughout the town.

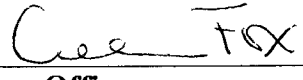
With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**O.) ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of February 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Vice-Pres. Valcourt** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Aileen Chiselko**  
**Municipal Clerk**

  
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**Presiding Officer**

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Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ *asc* \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_

Date 2/27/2023  
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