

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
MAY 22, 2024**

**A.) OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by **Cncl. Pres., Chelsea Valcourt** 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., Chelsea Valcourt** 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. Adams** led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Cncl. Fox** offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**B.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

- Monroe Township Police Promotions – Swearing-in Ceremony

**Chief Borkowski** opened the swearing-in-ceremony by calling for the presentation of the Colors by the **Monroe Township FOP 125 Honor Guard**. Chief Borkowski thanked the family and friends of the Officers being promoted this evening, noting it is due to their love and care that the Officers are successful in their mission. He thanked the Officers of the Monroe Township Police Department for attending this evening's Council Meeting in support of the promotions. He thanked Mayor Wolfe, Administration, Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart, Council, and the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rumpf for their continued support of the amazing Police Department. Chief Borkowski gave a special thank you to the Monroe Township FOP

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

125 Honor Guard. Chief Borkowski congratulated the Officers and wished them the best of luck in their new leadership roles.

**Chief Borkowski** called forward **Sgt. Joey Clidy**. Sgt. Joey Clidy is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. **Mayor Wolfe** administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Joey Clidy, while his fiancé held the Bible and his family looked on.

**Chief Borkowski** called forward **Officer Nicholas Marchisello**. Officer Nicholas Marchisello is being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. **Mayor Wolfe** administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Nicholas Marchisello, while his wife held the Bible and his family looked on.

**Chief Borkowski** presented Sergeant Marchisello with a retirement plaque in honor of his recently retired K9 partner, Paco after eight (8) years of service.

**Chief Borkowski** called for the Colors to be retired and a short recess took place to allow time for everyone in attendance to congratulate the newly promoted Officers.

- Certificate of Recognition – “Miss Seashore Line 2024” – Amanda Peacock

**Cncl. Pres. Valcourt** and **Mayor Wolfe** presented a Certificate of Recognition to Amanda Peacock in recognition of earning the title of Miss Seashore Line 2024.

- Robbie Conley Architect, LLC – New Williamstown Firehouse Project

**Robbie Conley** addressed the Mayor and Council to present the new Williamstown Firehouse project and request approval to advertise for bids/proposals for a single contract for the construction of the New Williamstown Firehouse. Mr. Conley explained, when his firm was brought in, they were asked to design a firehouse that would fall within an \$8 million budget, noting the building itself is expected to come in under \$7 million and when the site work, generator, all of the other equipment, and a contingency is added, he is expecting the total to come in just under \$8 million.

**C.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Health Insurance Benefits Administrator (Resolution R:171-2024)

**Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart** explained that Resolution R:171-2024 is providing the Human Resources Coordinator, Christine Scola authorization to sign any health insurance benefits paperwork received, with the stipulation that any paperwork received will be first reviewed by the Solicitor.

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

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

**F.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Meeting of April 24, 2024 and Closed Executive Session of April 24, 2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. O'Reilly** who Abstained from voting.

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**G.) CORRESPONDENCE**

• **Amusement Licenses**

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar	Sharky's Sports Bar & Grill
Geets Diner	Trio Tavern
Mirarchi's Williamstown Inn	Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort
Rack's Pub & Grill	

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve the Amusement Licenses for the above listed facilities. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**H.) RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:167-2024 through R:176-2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:167-2024 THROUGH R:176-2024**

**R:167-2024** Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of May 22, 2024

**R:168-2024** Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

**R:169-2024** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FY2024 National Opioid Settlement Grant

**R:170-2024** Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege, Plenary Retail Distribution and Club Licenses within the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey for the Years 2024-2025 License Term

**R:171-2024** Resolution Designating Christine Scola, PHR, as Benefits Administrator for the Township of Monroe and Granting Authority to Execute Documents Related to the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund

**R:172-2024** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Safety & Stabilization Bond, in the Form of a Cash Bond, in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Lydia Security Monitoring, Site Plan #SP-535 (Block 13901, Lot 28.02)

**R:173-2024** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in Support of the Solar Landscape Community Solar Application

**R:174-2024** Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Mayor of the Township of Monroe to Enter into Developer's Agreement Among the Township of Monroe and Glassboro Road Associates, LLC Concerning Real Property Identified as Block 13901, Lots 1 & 1.01 & Block 13601, Lot 11

**R:175-2024** Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Construction of the New Williamstown Firehouse

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

**R:176-2024** Resolution Appointing Spiro Harrison & Nelson as Development Counsel for the Township of Monroe for the Remainder of 2024

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:167-2024 through R:176-2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. McKinney** who Abstained from voting on Resolution R:175-2024.

**I.) ORDINANCES**

**Cncl. Garbowski** 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. 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. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:19-2024** An Ordinance of the Township of Monroe Mandating Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees in the Township of Monroe, Gloucester County, New Jersey

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

**Cncl. Fox** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:19-2024 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:19-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:19-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:20-2024** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175, Land Management, and Chapter 245, Soil Removal, of the Code of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey

**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:20-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:20-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:20-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:21-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, to Amend Chapter 230 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Peddling And Soliciting"

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

**Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:21-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:21-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:21-2024 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:22-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, to Amend Chapter 226 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Parks and Playgrounds"

**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:22-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:22-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:22-2024 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:23-2024** 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:23-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:23-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:23-2024 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:24-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Adopt the User Handbook 2024 For Monroe Township Parks & Recreation Within the Township of Monroe

**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:24-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:24-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
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7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

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

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:24-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:25-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Section 175-163.4 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Cannabis"

**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:25-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:25-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:25-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:26-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Providing for the Implementation 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 Keith Mayo, 2352 Sunnyhill Avenue, Block 9209, Lot 15.01

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

**Cncl. Heverly** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:26-2024 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:26-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:26-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:27-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Providing for the Implementation 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 Keith Mayo, 2348 Sunnyhill Avenue, Block 9209, Lot 15 (Amending O:32-2023)

**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:27-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:27-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:27-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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

**O:28-2024** An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester Establishing Chapter 263 of the Code of the Township of Monroe Entitled "Tree Removal and Replacement"

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

**Cncl. Heverly** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:28-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:28-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:28-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:29-2024** 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. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:29-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:29-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:29-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:30-2024** An Ordinance of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 175 of the Township 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. Garbowski** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:30-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:30-2024 FOR SECOND READING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

**7 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, Heverly, McKinney, O'Reilly, Valcourt)**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance **O:30-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:31-2024** An Ordinance of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Agreement and other related documents with Octagon Towers, LLC to Complete the Closing of the Easement Acquisition

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

**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:31-2024 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**J.) NEW BUSINESS – None**

**K.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**L.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Mayor Wolfe** reported that the Township hosted “Take Your Child to Work Day” on April 25<sup>th</sup>, which the children of township employees had a very busy day, with a full schedule learning about what their parents do on a daily basis. He thanked Human Resources Coordinator, Christine Scola and her assistant, Felicia McBride for organizing the day and for a job well done. On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor attended a domino cereal box event at Holly Glen Elementary School, where he was able to participate in the countdown with the students. The students had set a goal to collect approximately 450 boxes of cereal to donate them to the local food pantry; however, they exceeded their goal and collected over 1,500 boxes of cereal. The Mayor thanked the principal, Karen Crossley for including the Township in their event. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Annual Autism Awareness Event at the Pfeiffer Community Center, where they announced that the Township has received a \$750,000.00 grant to create an all-inclusive park for children with special needs to be located at the Pfeiffer Community Center. The Township has partnered with a local non-profit organization, Finn’s Friends, to organize and host this event. The Mayor thanked the Department of Community Affairs and the Parks & Recreation Department, along with the Directors, Brian Cope and Donna Park for working together and making all of the events a success. Also, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ace Discount Depot, which is located on Jefferson Avenue in the center of Williamstown. The Mayor wished Ace Discount Depot the best of luck in the future and thanked them for choosing Monroe Township. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Township’s Shredding Event at Public Works, and commended the Green Team for hosting these events throughout the year for the residents. Also, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Wolfe attended the Williamstown Firehouse Hoagie Sale, showing his support for the all-volunteer department, and thanked the residents for their support as well. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at High End Armory, located on the Black Horse Pike near Prosser Avenue. The Mayor welcomed High End Armory and thanked them for choosing Monroe Township, noting they also have another business located on the same property that has been in business for quite a few years, High End Stereo and Performance. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at K & N Barbershop located on the South Black Horse Pike in the area of South Main Street. The Mayor wished the owners much success and thanked them for choosing Monroe Township. Mayor Wolfe attended many other meetings throughout the month, including two (2) Planning Board Meetings, an Ordinance Committee Meeting, Council Meetings, many meetings with possible new businesses, and officiated one (1) wedding. He congratulated all of the police officers who were promoted earlier this evening, noting they are well-deserved promotions and wished the officers success in their new roles. He congratulated Detective Lieutenant Dan Riggins on his retirement, wishing him the very best in the next chapter of his life. The Mayor wished all of the moms a very happy and enjoyable belated Mother’s Day. He spoke regarding all of the various events that are scheduled for this upcoming Memorial Day weekend. He stated that the upcoming Township Appreciation Day will be another fantastic day, where they are anticipating crowds of approximately 10,000 people. Mayor Wolfe wished everyone a safe and happy summer.



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**Deputy Mayor Kurz** attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at High End Armory on May 7<sup>th</sup> along with the Mayor, offering his congratulations and wishing them much success. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, he was present at Whitehall Elementary School when the Police Unity Tour passed through Monroe Township. This year, the Monroe Township Police Unity Team consisted of Detective Mike Matkowsky, Officer Bill Giberson, and retired Chief Jim DeHart. Mr. Kurz congratulated the officers on a truly worthwhile adventure. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, he also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at K & N Barbershop, wishing them success with their business. Mr. Kurz congratulated the police officers who were promoted earlier this evening.

**Director of Code Enforcement, Mr. Sebastian** reported, for the month of April, the Construction Department has performed 237 building inspections, 75 fire inspections, 192 electrical inspections, 132 plumbing inspections, and 32 mechanical inspections, for a total of 668 inspections. The Housing Department has performed 254 inspections and the Zoning Department had 169 applications reviewed, for a grand total of 1,091 inspections for the month of April and year to date, 3,748 inspections.

**Director of Community Development, Mr. Marino** congratulated the police officers on their promotions this evening. He thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the Firehouse Resolution, noting all of the time that has been spent on this project by Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart, Deputy Mayor Kurz and members of the Fire Department.

**Director of Parks & Recreation, Mr. Cope** reported that the Annual Music Festival will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Owens Park from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. He advised, there will be three (3) live bands, over one hundred (100) vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, amusements, a dunk tank sponsored by Project Graduation, a beer garden sponsored by the Williamstown Fire Department along with the fireworks display beginning at 10:00pm.

**Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rumpf** reported that the Williamstown Fire Department reported 70 calls for service with a total of 124 hours in April, year to date, 248 total calls. The Business Inspections have all been added to ProPhoenix and they are up to over seven hundred (700) inspections, which has doubled from the 2023 totals, so the inspectors are extremely busy and doing a great job. He does not have a report on the Cecil Fire Department. Mr. Rumpf congratulated Lieutenant Clidy and Sergeant Marchisello on their promotions and Lieutenant Riggins on his soon-to-be retirement. The Monroe Township Police Department handled 4,637 calls for service for the month of April and year to date, 17,403 total calls, averaging approximately 4,500 calls per month. Mr. Rumpf spoke in reference to the new rendition of the Williamstown Fire Department, noting when the project is completed, everyone will be very proud of the building as it will serve as a focal point on Main Street and commending everyone who has worked on the project.

**Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Boyer** congratulated the police officers who were promoted this evening and wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend.

**Cncl. Adams** congratulated the police officers who were promoted and their families. Cncl. Adams noted, as liaison to the Economic Development Commission, she is pleased to see how well the Commission is working with the Administration, connecting with, recruiting and welcoming new businesses to the town. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day weekend, encouraging everyone to take time to remember the reason for this holiday weekend and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country.

**Cncl. Fox** attended several of the ribbon cutting ceremonies and events that the Mayor had previously reported on. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, she attended the Senior Commission meeting, where they are working on several upcoming events, which she will be announcing in the near future. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, she attended the MMUA meeting, reporting that as of July 1, 2024, the residential and commercial water rates will begin a two-year rate increase. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, she attended the Rent Level Board meeting. Cncl. Fox congratulated the police officers on their promotions. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day weekend.

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**Cncl. Garbowski** congratulated the police officers who were promoted earlier this evening. He thanked everyone who supported the Library's Book Sale held at the end of April, noting the Friends of the Library raised \$1,762.00. Cncl. Garbowski thanked Mayor Wolfe and Business Administrator Mr. DeHart for their quick response to the several blighted properties along South and North Black Horse Pike. He asked that a regular surveillance is made to these properties to ensure that they are kept secure and in compliance with the Township Code. Cncl. Garbowski wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day, thanking everyone who has and is serving this country.

**Cncl. McKinney** congratulated the police officers who were promoted earlier this evening. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day and encouraged everyone to take time and reflect what this weekend is about.

**Cncl. O'Reilly** wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day and congratulated all of the police officers on their promotions.

**Cncl. Vice-Pres., Mr. Heverly** congratulated the police officers on their promotions. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day, encouraging everyone to take the time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

**Cncl. Pres., Miss Valcourt** congratulated Lieutenant Clidy and Sergeant Marchisello and commended the Police Department on the tremendous job they do in forming relations with the community and a job well done. She attended the Annual Autism Awareness Event, thanking everyone who was involved in organizing and running that event. Cncl. Pres. Valcourt stated that there are only ten (10) days left until the Music Festival and encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the event. She wished everyone a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and encouraged everyone to attend one of the Township sponsored events.

**Mayor Wolfe** commended the Green Team, Deb Bender and Tiffany Carney on a fantastic job done at the Clean Communities Event, which was held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. He reported, there were approximately 200 non-profit people in attendance from various groups who were earned money, which is awarded to the Township through grants, to help clean up the community. Mayor Wolfe stated, based on Cncl. Fox's report, it is time for the Administration to request a meeting with the MMUA to discuss their reasoning for a rate increase when they have a bank account with approximately \$30 million.

**M.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

**Stu Gerstein, 116 Castlebay Drive** addressed the Mayor and Council to provide an update on the Community Garden, noting there are thirty-five (35) plots, five (5) of the plots are shared plots containing herbs and flowers, and the remaining thirty (30) plots are rented for \$10 per plot. He mentioned that one of the gardeners has started a Children's Garden Club this year, in conjunction with the Library, educating the children on the benefits of gardens and how to create and maintain a garden. Mr. Gerstein expressed his concerns with security at the Community Gardens, noting the shed has been broken into and tools were stolen along with some of the gardeners' plants in their plots. He asked Council to have some security cameras installed on the solar panels to help secure the garden. **Mayor Wolfe** thanked Mr. Gerstein for his time and service with the Community Garden. He addressed the security concerns, noting he will work with the Business Administrator to secure funding to add additional security cameras to the Library's already established security system along with having the Police Department patrol the area more frequently.

**Jeff Simpler, 211 West Lois Drive** addressed the Mayor and Council to speak about his time serving on the Board of Education, how he was able to saving the taxpayers money during his term and the information he found out regarding the MMUA while serving on the BOE. Mr. Simpler discussed with Council the contents of an envelope he held in his hand, which he stated contained criminal information concerning the MMUA and their \$30 million budget surplus.

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

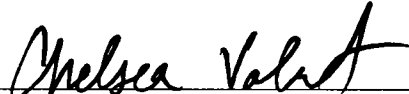
With no one else wishing to speak, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**N.) ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of May 22, 2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

  
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**Chelsea Valeri**  
**Presiding Officer**

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Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_

Date 6/26/2024  
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