

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AUGUST 28, 2024**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:02 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. Fox led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Cncl. Denise Adams	Present	
Cncl. Carolann Fox	Present	
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Vice-Pres. Donald Heverly		Excused
Cncl. Steven McKinney		Excused
Cncl. Patrick O'Reilly	Present	
Cncl. Pres. Chelsea Valcourt	Present	
Mayor Gregory A. Wolfe	Present	
Deputy Mayor, Joseph Kurz	Present	
Solicitor, Sandra Graise	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		Excused
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	Present	
Chief Financial Officer, Lorraine Boyer	Present	
Police Chief Ryan Borkowski	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Aileen Chiselko	Present	

B.) PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

Assemblyman Daniel Hutchinson and **Assemblyman Cody Miller** presented the Township with a check on behalf of the Gloucester County Office, 4th Legislative District in the amount of \$400,000.00 to help fund the demolition of the current Williamstown Fire Department station and the reconstruction of the new station. **Mayor Wolfe** spoke in reference to the new Williamstown Fire Department project.

C.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Resolution R:229-2024 Farmland Auction – Establish Minimum Bid Amounts

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C.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Solicitor Graise explained that within Resolution R:229-2024, Council has the ability to establish a minimum bid amount to be required at the upcoming farmland auction. She noted the amounts of the previous auctions for both properties. A discussion ensued among the members of Council in attendance and it was agreed to leave the Resolution as-is, with no minimum bid.

D.) QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED – None

E.) QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCES SCHEDULED – None

F.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

G.) CORRESPONDENCE – None

H.) RESOLUTIONS

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

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to bracket for approval, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:229-2024 through R:252-2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS R:229-2024 THROUGH R:252-2024

R:229-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Establishing a Date and Time for a Public Auction for the Lease of Monroe Township Owned Properties for Farming Purposes for the Years 2025 to 2027

R:230-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Person-To-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0811-33-009-009 from Kala-Trofi, LLC to Varkiza Partners, LLC

R:231-2024 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Designating Deputy Clerk Jennifer Harbison as the Deputy Records Custodian Within the Township Until November 1, 2024

R:232-2024 Resolution Approving the Bill List and Paid List for the Council Meeting of August 28, 2024

R:233-2024 Resolution Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:234-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Amending Resolution R:216-2024 Adjusting Township of Monroe Tax Records

R:235-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Change Fund for Various Departments Within the Township of Monroe

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H.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

R:236-2024 Resolution Approving the Renewal of a Municipal Cannabis License for Acreage CCF New Jersey DBA The Botanist

R:237-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving a Municipal Cannabis License for ReLeaf Cannabis, LLC

R:238-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe In Support of the Location and Operation of a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Facility by My Baby Buds, LLC

R:239-2024 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:240-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant

R:241-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2024 Local Recreational Improvement Grant – Green Meadows Playground Basketball Court

R:242-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2024 Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Grant – Monroe Sanitary Landfill

R:243-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2024 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program

R:244-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2024 Green Acres Program – Jake's Law Playground at the Pfeiffer Community Center

R:245-2024 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – 2024 Distracted Driving Crackdown, U Drive. U Text. U Pay. (April 1-30, 2024)

R:246-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Performance Guarantee in the Amount of \$38,713.20 for Green Leaf Wellness Solutions, LLC Site Plan #534, Block 1901, Lot 1

R:247-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Acceptance of a Safety & Stabilization Guarantee in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for Green Leaf Wellness Solutions, LLC Site Plan #534, Block 1901, Lot 1

R:248-2024 Resolution of the Township of Monroe Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the 2023 & 2024 Road Improvement Program

R:249-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Monroe Township Board of Education for School Resource Officer Services for the 2024-2025 School Year

R:250-2024 Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Stormwater Management Agreement Between the Township of Monroe and Monroe Development Associates, LLC

R:251-2024 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Approving an Amended Mining Permit for Sahara Sand of Franklin, Inc.

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H.) RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

R:252-2024 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Discuss Matters Falling Under Pending/Anticipated Litigation Subject to Attorney-Client Privilege Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7)

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve, by Consent Agenda, Resolutions R:229-2024 through R:252-2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

R:253-2024 Resolution Appointing Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:253-2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open nominations for a Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance

Cncl. Fox nominated Bob Heffner as a Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. **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. Adams** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF BOB HEFFNER
AS MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. **Bob Heffner** was duly approved as a Member to the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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 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. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:38-2024 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.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:38-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:38-2024 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance **O:38-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

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I.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

O:39-2024 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 252 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Taxation"

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:39-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:39-2024 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance **O:39-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:40-2024 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 230 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Peddlers and Solicitors"

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:40-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:40-2024 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance **O:40-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:41-2024 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe Repealing Chapter 285, Garbage and Refuse and Amending Chapter 175, Land Management of the Code of 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:41-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:41-2024 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance **O:41-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:42-2024 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.

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I.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:42-2024 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:42-2024 FOR SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING –**

5 AYES (Adams, Fox, Garbowski, O'Reilly, Valcourt), 2 ABSENT (Heverly, McKinney)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Ordinance **O:42-2024** was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:43-2024 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"

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:43-2024 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:44-2024 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"

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:44-2024 for First Reading and Publication with the discussed changes. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:45-2024 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to Amend Chapter 75 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Entitled "Wedding and Civil Ceremonies"

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:45-2024 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:46-2024 An Ordinance of the Township Council of Monroe Accepting a Donation of Real Property known as Lot 3.02, Block 3205 Created by Minor Subdivision Approval dated November 9, 2023 and Ratified by Resolution dated November 16, 2023

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:46-2024 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Fox** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

O:47-2024 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 Timothy Tonzczynyn, LLC, 905 Birch Lane, Block 8812, Lot 117

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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:47-2024 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

J.) NEW BUSINESS – None

K.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

L.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Wolfe provided a brief update on the Route 322 and Fries Mill Road project, noting he had a meeting earlier today with the State Department of Transportation, the Deputy Commissioner, as well as one of their engineers and after that meeting, he met with the County engineers, who advised that the project is getting close to getting the work back on track. Once the stormwater basin issues are resolved, the work will resume possibly by the end of September. He noted, his meetings and persistence with going through the State to get the project back on track, seems to be working. On August 3rd, the Mayor attended the Williamstown High School Golf Outing. On August 5th, he attended a meeting for the Best of Gloucester County, where Monroe Township has been selected to host the upcoming awards ceremony in September. He stated, it is a great honor to host the event, which will take place at Owens Memorial Park. On August 8th, he attended the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City, where he was able to meet with various developers to showcase why they should come to Monroe Township to do business. On August 11th, he hosted an event at the Township's dog park to honor the Former Mayor Richard DiLucia and officially dedicate the park to Mayor DiLucia, as Mayor DiLucia was very instrumental in making the dog park a reality. On August 24th, Mayor Wolfe attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Dollar General located at 1380 N. Black Horse Pike. On August 26th, the Township hosted their 1st Healing in Unity event, which was a very moving vigil, where residents who lost their lives to addiction were remembered and honored. Mayor Wolfe advised that the Township will continue to be proactive with enforcement and the newly created Opioid Task Force will be able to help provide education, assistance, relocation and public awareness. The Mayor also attended the Planning Board Meetings this month, along with many other business-related meetings, employee related meetings and Administrative meetings on a daily basis, and officiated two (2) weddings. Mayor Wolfe reminded everyone as the summer winds down to please be mindful with the children returning to school, to stop for the school buses and be mindful as the children are walking to and from school each day. He wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Deputy Mayor Kurz attended the National Night Out along with several other Township officials on August 6th at Owens Memorial Park, presented by the Monroe Township Police Department and the Municipal Alliance Commission. On August 12th, he officiated two (2) weddings and congratulated both couples. On August 15th, he attended the Melodies on Main event sponsored by the Economic Development Commission, noting it was a very well attended event. On August 21st, he attended Cone with a Cop, sponsored by the Monroe Township Police FOP #125 at Stio's Ice Cream, noting that it was a great event, which provides the public an opportunity to meet and talk with some of the police officers. On August 26th, he attended the Healing and Unity Vigil at Owens Memorial Park, noting it was a very moving and informative event.

Solicitor, Mrs. Graise reported, the sale to the Township of Block 3205, Lot 28 has been completed. She advised that the Township has a new Open Public Records Act Request Form which has been issued today by the Government Records Council and will be updated on the Township's website.

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

Business Administrator, Mr. DeHart explained the Bond and Note Sale, noting the CFO provided Council with paperwork explaining the figures from the sale and reported that the Township received a “AA” rating, which is the 2nd best rating that a municipality can obtain in the State of New Jersey. Mr. DeHart spoke regarding some changes that will be taking place in the municipal building within the next month or so. He stated, he had received a few complaints where an office was periodically closed and after performing some evaluations on how to better serve the residents, it has been decided that the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment and Zoning Offices will be combined, and also the Office of Vital Statistics will be merging with the Clerk’s Office. He spoke regarding the need to create a receptionist position, to help guide the residents as they enter the municipal building. Mr. DeHart and the Township Planner have met with the property owner of Williamstown Square, where they provided an update that the developer is marketing the property as an area of redevelopment and trying to get the property sold, so they can move forward. He spoke regarding the Pineland Trust grant/loan that was issued to the Township and explained how he and the CFO are researching ways that the Township can potentially use the funds to possibly help move the project forward. Mr. DeHart explained, part of the project that they are looking into is having the intersection located at Corkery Lane and the Black Horse Pike redeveloped. He stated, the intersection is 50% state highway, 25% county highway, and 25% township highway, explaining the potential burden the project would place on the taxpayers. **Mayor Wolfe** reported, currently there are significant delays with the Route 322 and Fries Mill Road project, which is a State and a County project, noting he would like to resolve this project prior to the Township taking on any additional projects.

Director of Code Enforcement, Mr. Sebastian reported, for the month of July, the Construction Department has performed 285 building inspections, 74 fire inspections, 239 electrical inspections, 169 plumbing inspections, 72 mechanical inspections, and 0 pool inspections for a total of 839 inspections. The Housing Department has performed 397 inspections and the Zoning Department had 118 applications reviewed, for a grand total of 1,354 inspections for the month of July and year-to-date, 7,687 inspections.

Director of Public Safety, Mr. Rumpf reported, the Williamstown Fire Department has temporarily moved to Blue Bell Road and Corkery Lane, as they await the construction of the new building to begin. The Williamstown Fire Department reported 70 calls for service in July, year to date, 454 total calls along with total members hours worked were 198 hours. There is not a report for the Cecil Fire Department. He reported that for the month of July, the Police Department handled 4,610 calls for service with a total of 31,240 calls for service year to date.

Cncl. Adams thanked the members of the Municipal Alliance and the Police Department who volunteered at the National Night Out event, which was a huge success for the community. She thanked the members of the Municipal Alliance Commission for their help with the Healing in Unity Vigil. Cncl. Adams encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Melodies on Main, sponsored by the Economic Development Commission, scheduled on September 19th, which helps to support the small businesses along Main Street and in Monroe Township.

Cncl. Fox attended the dedication of the Monroe Township Dog Park to Mayor Richard DiLucia on August 11th. On August 19th, she attended the Rent Leveling Board Meeting. On August 21st, she attended the MMUA Meeting and there is nothing new to report at this time. On August 26th, she attended the Healing in Unity Vigil, noting it was a very heartwarming event and encouraged everyone to attend a future event.

Cncl. Garbowski thanked Newfield Bank for their donation of a portion of their parking lot to allow addition municipal parking for the businesses located on Main Street. He wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

Cncl. Pres. Valcourt extended her gratitude to our Assemblymen for their work in securing the funding for the new firehouse. She wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend and back to school season.

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M.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

Keith Lawrence, 722 Dartmoor Avenue, representing SJ Braves Travel Baseball Organization addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his concerns of the newly amended increased field rental fees and their effect on their baseball teams. **Mayor Wolfe** addressed Mr. Lawrence's concerns, noting he has held several meetings with various sports organizations and explained the history of the Parks & Recreation/Sports Advisory Board Handbook.

Elizabeth Sowers, 1035 Bonnie Blue Circle, suggested researching funding opportunities through Green Acres Grants to create and update new and existing sports fields and expressed her concerns with the increased field rental fees and the non-resident restrictions. **Mayor Wolfe** and **Director of Parks & Recreation, Brian Cope** addressed Ms. Sowers' concerns.

Jeff Mercanti, 200 Buckingham Court, expressed his concerns with the increased field rental fees, the non-resident restrictions, and the amended rules in the Parks & Recreation/Sports Advisory Board Handbook.

A discussion between the members of the public and the Mayor ensued.

Morgan Jost, 417 Stockton Loop, spoke regarding her personal experience with her children playing in Little League, the opportunities travel baseball and softball have offered, and expressed her concerns with the increased field rental fees and the impact on the SJ Braves Travel Baseball Organization. **Mayor Wolfe** addressed Ms. Jost's concerns and requested that Council bring this matter to the September 11th Ordinance Committee for review and discuss an amendment of the field rental fees to help the sports organizations, to which Council agreed. The Mayor suggested reaching out to neighboring towns to engage in shared services agreements to help with obtaining and utilizing additional fields.

Eric Fooder, 2014 Burlington Circle, spoke regarding the tax payers' point of view in reference to the concerns presented from the SJ Braves Travel Baseball parents and the costs of the fields and lights.

Keith Lawrence, 722 Dartmoor Avenue thanked the Mayor and Council for their time in allowing him and the other parents' voices to be heard and asked that they do their investigation and not just ask Parks & Recreation about the field rental fees.

Business Administrator, Jim DeHart spoke regarding the benefits from shared service agreements with neighboring towns.

Scott Obermeier, 720 Davinci Way spoke regarding the benefits that the SJ Braves Travel Baseball organization provide to the Township, expressed his concerns with the field rental fees and asked Council to amend the Ordinance to make it fair.

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

At this time, **Cncl. Pres. Valcourt** advised that Council will be going into Closed Executive Session to discuss Resolution R:252-2024, relating to matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, where no action will be taken.

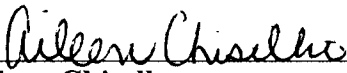
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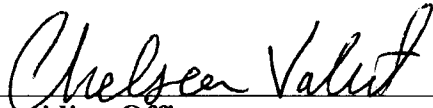
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N.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of August 28, 2024. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. O'Reilly** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,


Aileen Chiselko
Municipal Clerk


Chelsea Valut
Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings, as well as hand-written notes taken, of the Council Meeting of August 28, 2024, 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 11/27/2024
Date _____