

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2013

The Council of the Township of Monroe met in the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for a Regular Meeting.

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Gerald W. Tamburro with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by Sharon Doerfler, Township Clerk, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Stephen Dalina, Councilwoman Leslie Koppel, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

ALSO PRESENT for Council: Mayor Richard Pucci, Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton, Township Attorney Joel L. Shain and Engineer Mark Rasimowicz.

There were approximately forty (40) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Tamburro requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on January 4, 2013 on the Bulletin Board of the Office of the Township Clerk in the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 4, 2013;
3. Posted on January 4, 2013 on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Complex;
4. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
5. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

Council Present Tamburro called upon Local Historian, John Katerba, who reflected upon Vice-Presidents Millers role as liason to the Historical Commission for over twenty years.

Also in attendance was Vice-President Miller's wife Jean, his daughter Mary and grandson Paul Miller.

Mayor Pucci presented Vice-President Miller with a plaque and offered his thanks for his service not only on the Commission but for his many years on the Council and all he has done for the Community.

Vice-President Miller commented on his time as the Council Liaison to the Historical Commission and their many achievements.

Historian John Katerba introduced members of the Commission that were present this evening.

Council Members each offered their comments on their relationship with Council Vice-President Miller.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **11/21/2013** (Twp. & M.T.U.D.) were approved for payment as presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **MINUTES** of the **November 6, 2013 Regular Meeting, November 14, 2013 Special Meeting** and **November 25, 2013 Agenda Meeting** were approved for adoption as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Council President Tamburro stated that because the following Second Reading Ordinance was not advertised in the newspaper, after being submitted by the Clerk's Office and confirmed by the newspaper as having been received, the Ordinance cannot be voted on tonight, but rather will be addressed at the December 30, 2013 Special Meeting of Council.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the Public Hearing for the following entitled Ordinance was carried to the December 30, 2013 Special Meeting: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT"**. (Block 35, Lots 6.01 and 6.02).

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Bert Busch – gave the past history of what transpired with this rezoning and stating that as of this evening, an agreement has been reached with Toll Bros. and 29 of the 30 residents involved have signed the agreement.

Attorney Walter Toto - Thanked everyone involved in the process.

John Toth, 24 Kings Mill Ct. – Thanked the Council for listening to the concerns and allowing the time needed to work out those concerns.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PARCELS OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 77, LOT 11.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF MONROE TOWNSHIP.**

ORDINANCE as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has found it to be in the public interest that certain portions of parcels of land located along the east side of Spotswood-Englishtown Road be dedicated as open space (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the Township of Monroe must acquire certain portions of the parcels of land identified as Block 77, Lot 11.02 on the Tax Map of Monroe Township, as more fully described in the legal description attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Appraiser retained in connection with the Project has advised the Township of Monroe that the fair market value of the aforesaid portions of Block 77, Lot 11.02 is \$880,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Joan E. Pisuk and Jane Zelasko are the owners of the premises known as Block 77, Lot 11.02 in the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the Township of Monroe has negotiated the price of the land with the property owners; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the property owners and the Township of Monroe have agreed upon consideration of \$1,160,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has verified that there are sufficient funds remaining from the issuance of bonds pursuant to the Open Space Acquisition Bond Ordinance Number O-2-2012-001, to pay for the aforesaid acquisition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The purchase price for portions of Block 77, Lot 11.02 as shown on the Monroe Township Tax Map, owned by Joan E. Pisuk and Jane Zelasko, shall be One Million, One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,160,000.00), as determined through arms-length negotiations and in accordance with the "Eminent Domain Act" (Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the New Jersey Statutes).

Section 2. The Township Council shall provide sufficient funds for the acquisition of such property from the funds raised by the issuance of bonds pursuant to Bond Ordinance Number O-2-2012-001, which was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Council on January 4, 2012, and approved on second reading and final adoption on February 6, 2012.

Section 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Deed transferring the property on the referenced Lot and Block for municipal use, provided the Deed is in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney.

Section 4. The owner of the property shall convey the property free and clear of encumbrances and restrictions.

Section 5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary to convey the property to Monroe Township.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing for Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – asked where property is located.

Engineer Mark Rasimowicz responded by stating it is 19 ½ acres located off Legends Drive which is off Spotswood-Englishtown Rd. There is no frontage along Spotswood-Englishtown Rd.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – asked the purpose and use for this property to which Council President Tamburro responded “open space”. She then asked if it is Open Space for Municipal use and Engineer Rasimowicz stated that it is not detailed in the Ordinance if it is for open space or municipal use, but he believes it is set up for open space.

Ms. Arminio asked that the Council Table the matter until it is clear which way the land is being conveyed and Council President Tamburro guaranteed that it will be used as open space.

She next asked the cost of the acquisition to which Administrator Hamilton responded \$1,160,000.

As Councilman Dalina and Councilwoman Koppel regularly moved and seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PARCELS OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 77, LOT 11.02 ON THE TAX MAP OF MONROE TOWNSHIP.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2013-023

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: ORDINANCE as follows: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE.** (M.T.U.D. – Water Operations Field Mgr.)

ORDINANCE as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the 2011 - 2014 Supervisory Personnel Salary and Wage Ordinance shall be amended, effective January 1, 2014 as follows:

SECTION 1. The following annual salaries, wages and fees shall be paid to the following Supervisory Personnel of the Township of Monroe as herein below specified:

	<u>2014</u>	
	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
MTUD WATER OPERATIONS FIELD MANAGER	\$ 70,000	\$ 90,000

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – asked how many employees and Council President Tamburro responded “one” and that it’s a new position to comply with the T-3 license required by DEP.

She then asked the title and Administrator Hamilton advised “MTUD Water Operations Field Manager” and further explained what his duties will be.

She next asked the number of new employees hired at the MTUD and Administrator Hamilton advised that the number of employees has actually gone down.

She then asked the salary and if we hired within for this position and Administrator Hamilton explained the salary range and advised there is no one in-house qualified for the position.

As Councilwoman Koppel and Councilman Dalina regularly moved and seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE.** (M.T.U.D. – Water Operations Field Mgr.)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2013-023

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Council President Tamburro requested the Council Members to review Resolutions a. through x. and will be happy to address any questions.

Councilwoman Koppel questioned Resolution #12.a. – Authorizing the preparation of specifications and advertise for receipt of bids for a Roll-Off Truck for the DPW, asking for an explanation of a roll-off truck to which Administrator Hamilton explained.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the following Resolutions were moved for adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA**, as hereinbelow set forth:

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

RESOLUTIONS adopted under the **CONSENT AGENDA** are as follows:

R-12-2013-269 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / QPA TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR A ROLL-OFF TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- R-12-2013-270 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.
- R-12-2013-271 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS STATE TAX COURT APPEALS IN YEAR 2013 AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-12-2013-272 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
- R-12-2013-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE IN VARIOUS MATTERS OF EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-12-2013-274 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH HESSER G. MCBRIDE, JR. ESQ. FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO ENERGY AGGREGATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.
- R-12-2013-275 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.
- R-12-2013-276 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES.
- R-12-2013-277 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 424 – “PUMP STATION & WELL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES” TO RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-12-2013-278 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.1 SUBMITTED BY CRC GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH ENCORE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3.
- R-12-2013-279 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT EXECUTED BY INSURANCE DESIGN ADMINISTRATORS.
- R-12-2013-280 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR W&S 1074 – PRINCETON ORTHOPEDIC.
- R-12-2013-281 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR W&S 1021 – RIVER ROAD ESTATES, BLOCK 169.22, LOTS 2.01-2.04.
- R-12-2013-282 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR W&S 814 – WOODLANDS @ MONROE, PB#795-02.
- R-12-2013-283 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR W&S 714, HOBART HILLS, PB#723-00.

- R-12-2013-284** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT NO. 425 - "WATER & WASTEWATER LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES" AND AUTHORIZING THE REBID OF THE CONTRACT BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-12-2013-285** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 410 – "SODIUM CHLORIDE" TO MORTON SALT, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-12-2013-286** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES FOR YEAR 2014.
- R-12-2013-287** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$108,528.72
- R-12-2013-288** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year-End Holiday Crackdown - \$4,400.00
- R-12-2013-289** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) 2013 Sustainable Jersey Small Grant - \$2,000.00
- R-12-2013-290** RESOLUTION REFUNDING COUNTY TAX COURT JUDGMENTS FOR YEAR 2013.
- R-12-2013-291** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH O'BRIEN & GERE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO PUMP STATION NO. 3 IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-12-2013-292** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT BEQUEATHED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON AGING IN THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLOTTE EDER.

Mayor Pucci – Spoke about the Energy Aggregation. He also wished everyone the best for the Holidays. The Mayor further expressed his concerns on the many serious issues coming out of Trenton and the future impact on municipalities.

Administrator Hamilton – extended his congratulations to the Mayor and Council for taking advantage of a new program, Monroe being one of the first in the State to initiate the program and coming away with a successful end result.

Engineer Rasimowicz – Wished everyone a Happy Holiday

Council Reports:

Council President Tamburro - Agreed with the Mayor regarding the serious issues coming out of Trenton, one being the tax savings for Seniors being less than \$25.00.

He next spoke on the Energy Aggregation Program and gave an example of the price he pays for JCP&L vs. the price received from Con-Ed Solutions, which amounts to a huge savings. Notices will be sent out shortly by Con-Ed Solutions explaining the program in depth.

Advised there was a Menorah Lighting on Thursday and wished a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas to all.

Councilman Leibowitz – wished everyone Happy Holidays and informed everyone there will be a Murder Mystery Night at the Monroe Township Jewish Center.

Councilman Dalina – Also wished everyone Happy Holidays and next spoke on the Fitness Program Report involving the Recreation Center. Since the health room has opened up, there have been over 75,000 reservations made; 2,000 people a month are going to the Community Center to work out.

He then commented on a problem at the Library whereby books were being stolen. The mystery has been solved thanks to two (2) Librarians who will be receiving Awards for their excellent detective work. He also thanked the Police Dept. for their efforts.

Councilwoman Koppel – mentioned the savings she would have realized on her electric bill last month if the Energy Aggregation Program had been in place.

She read a letter to the Mayor and Council that had been written by a resident complimenting the high level of cultural activities provided by the town.

Council Vice-President Miller – offered a few words of observation about each of the Council Members and Clerk.

Public:

Mark Klein, 53 Turnberry Dr. – Wished Mr. Miller the best in his retirement and congratulated Councilman Leibowitz, Council elect Betty Schneider & Council President Tamburro on their success in the election.

Phil Levy, 92 Kings Mill - Thanked Council Vice-President Miller for his many years of service. He further spoke about a “Shop Marlboro” program offered in Marlboro Township involving rebates on their taxes each year in appreciation for doing business in Marlboro. This is program is enacted by a simple Resolution or Ordinance by the governing body.

Hy Grossman – 15 Doral Dr. - Wished everyone Happy Holidays and questioned Item #12.f. – Modification to a Professional Service Contract with Hesser McBride (Legal Counsel for the Energy Aggregation Program).

Council President Tamburro explained that these are final bills that needed to be approved and passed on to ConEdison Solutions for payment.

Mr. Grossman next asked about the status of the new property assessments and Administrator Hamilton explained that the Tax Assessor is currently reviewing the 22,000 properties. Once the Tax Assessor has completed his review, letters will go out to the property owners advising them of the new values. The Tax Assessor then has to certify the results to the County Tax Board.

Marianne Lester, 44 Avenue I – Questioned the following items on the Agenda:

Item #12.c. - Additional fees to Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello for State Court Tax Appeals, asking the amount, to which Administrator Hamilton responded - \$100,000.

Item #12.e.- asked what is included in the various matters of extraordinary litigation and the amounts. Administrator Hamilton advised the various matters are Stonebridge Community Association vs. the Township regarding services reimbursement - \$20,000; Energy Aggregation work - \$26,000 and JSM @ 33 involving an Appeal of the Planning Board Denial - \$20,000.

Item #12.x. - Gift Bequeathed to the Senior Center – asked if it was a monetary bequeath and Administrator Hamilton advised it is for \$130,000 and is specifically for programs or transportation vehicles.

Michele Arminio – Item #12.e. – asked the amounts of the various matters of extraordinary litigation. Administrator Hamilton again responded - JSM - \$20,000, Stonebridge - \$20,000 and Energy Aggregation, which will be reimbursed in the amount of \$26,000.

Item #12.m. – MTUD reduction of performance guarantee for W&S for River Road Estates, asking the overall charges for that development. Administrator Hamilton responded that the Resolution reflects performance guarantees posted with the utility department.

Item #12.r. – Authorizing MTUD to prepare bids for various goods - asked to name a few. Mr. Stoessler, Purchasing Mgr. at the M.T.U.D. stated paving & concrete, as needed, various water treatment chemicals, water meters, resin washing replacement, ion exchange system maintenance and water & sewer SCADA system. She asked the cost of changing out a water meter on a residence and Mr. Barnes, M.T.U.D. Mgr. responded between \$50 - \$60.00 per meter, not counting labor.

She next stated that it is her understanding that when the revaluation comes out, the residents will have a free opportunity to review it with the reval company and any questions will be answered to which Administrator Hamilton agreed.

She then stated that it is a very short window and asked when the County will certify the new tax rates and Administrator Hamilton advised that in the case of a revaluation, the property owner has until May 1st to file an appeal. The actual values have to be certified sometime in January, or upon request for an extension from the County Tax Board, it can go as much as a month later.

Bob Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr – reminded the Council of the dangerous intersection in Ward 3 – Spotswood-Englishtown Rd, Monmouth Rd, and Erickson Ave. Hopefully, someone can take a look at it in the future.

He then asked about the website and where different documents are located and the detail of the ordinances and resolutions. He also asked if there is a way of receiving these resolutions without paying for them before a Council Meeting. He feels it is a reasonable request to have access to the information on a timely basis. Council President Tamburro stated that they will look into it.

Councilman Leibowitz added that with regard to the dangerous intersection, in the past, residents have fought the improvements and did not want any changes made.

Tom Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel St. – feels that Mr. Zeglarski brings up an excellent point. If the residents had the information, most of the questions would not be asked. He noted that the open space ordinance, on the agenda tonight, is not on the website. Administrator Hamilton stated that the Ordinances are posted on the website. Mr. Nothstein questioned “why” we would pay \$1.16 million for a piece of land appraised at \$880,000. Administrator Hamilton responded that it was as a result of various negotiations between two appraisals, access to a part of the property that was being “carved out”, etc. Mr. Nothstein asked if any of the property is wetlands and Administration Hamilton responded that he did not know. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that there are some portions that are wetlands, but the majority of the land is uplands.

Mr. Nothstein also thanked Council Vice-President Miller for his years of service to the community.

Anthony Houck, 9 Toby Terrace – had a list of the following concerns:

1. Previously sent a request to Engineer Feist for a street light in his cul-de-sac, which is very dark. It is still not done. Engineer Rasimowicz will look into the matter.
2. An empty lot across the street - asked the cost to the Township to maintain due to access to a detention basin. Administrator Hamilton stated that maintenance to detention basins are calculated in a lump sum through the landscaping bid.
3. 4 Toby Terrace was purchased by a corporation and its' earmarked for a Group Home. Can he get any information on the type of home that is being proposed? Administrator Hamilton stated he will look into the matter.
4. A Street Sign on Toby Terrace keeps getting run over. His concern is the Bus Stop at this location. He was advised this would be a Board of Education – Transportation problem.
5. He next complained about garbage pick-up on the street six days a week. Four (4) different garbage companies, not including recyclables. He was told this is not a Township problem but rather a neighbor problem. Possibly get together and see if the neighbors on the street can get a better deal by contracting with one garbage hauler rather than four.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the meeting was Adjourned at 8:40pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on Dec. 30, 2013