

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 1, 2014

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

The Re-Organization Meeting was Called to Order at 12:00 noon by Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, with a Salute to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Monsignor Joseph M. Curry of Immaculate Conception Church.

The Township Clerk certified the November 5, 2013 election results and administered the Oaths of Office to Councilwoman Elizabeth “Betty” Schneider (Ward 1), with her grandson Matthew holding the Bible; Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro (Ward 2), with his wife Carole, Grand-daughter Olivia Lombardi, Grand-daughter Marissa Manza and Grandson Joseph Manza holding the Bible, and Councilman Michael Leibowitz (Ward 3), with wife Judy and Grand-daughter Lauren holding the Bible.

After being sworn-in to office, remarks were made by Ward 1 Councilwoman Schneider, Ward 2 Councilman Tamburro and Ward 3 Councilman Leibowitz.

UPON ROLL CALL by Deputy Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Elizabeth Schneider (Ward 1), Gerald W. Tamburro (Ward 2), Michael Leibowitz (Ward 3), Leslie Koppel (Councilwoman-at-Large) and Stephen Dalina (Councilman-at-Large).

ALSO PRESENT were: Mayor Richard Pucci, Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton, and Township Attorney Joel L. Shain.

There were approximately one hundred (100) members of the public present in the audience.

Deputy Clerk, Patricia Reid, 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 December 20, 2013 in 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 and CRANBURY PRESS** on December 27, 2013;
3. Posted on December 20, 2013 on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Complex;
4. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

The Township Clerk announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Nominated Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro to serve as Council President for a two (2) year term, Seconded by Councilman Stephen Dalina.

The Township Clerk asked if there were any further Nominations, and there being none, she requested a Motion to close the Nominations.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Leslie Koppel and seconded by Councilman Stephen Dalina, the **NOMINATIONS** for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** were closed and a Roll Call Vote was taken on the Nomination of Gerald W. Tamburro to serve as Council President.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

The Township Clerk announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilman Stephen Dalina Nominated Councilwoman Leslie Koppel to serve as Council Vice-President for a two (2) year term, Seconded by Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro.

The Township Clerk asked if there were any further Nominations, there being none, she requested a Motion to Close the Nominations.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Tamburro, the **NOMINATION** for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** was closed and a Roll Call Vote was taken on the Nomination of Leslie Koppel to serve as Council Vice-President.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** of **APPOINTMENT** were adopted as herein below set forth:

RESOLUTIONS as follows:

R-1-2014-001A RESOLUTION ELECTING GERALD W. TAMBURRO PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, NEW JERSEY

R-1-2010-001B RESOLUTION ELECTING LESLIE KOPPEL AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, NEW JERSEY

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

The Township Clerk administered **OATHS OF OFFICE** to Councilman Gerald W. Tamburro to serve as Council President for a term of two (2) years and to Councilwoman Leslie Koppel to serve as Council Vice-President for a term of two (2) years.

The Township Clerk officially turned the meeting over to Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

Remarks were made by Council President Tamburro and Mayor Richard Pucci.

Benediction was given by Rabbi Ben Levy of the Monroe Township Jewish Center.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the January 1, 2014 Re-Organization Meeting was Adjourned at 1:45 PM.

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

Everyone was invited by the Mayor and Council to partake of light refreshments in the lower level of the Municipal Building.

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on February 10, 2014