

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2014

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 Vice-President Leslie Koppel with a Salute to the Flag who asked that everyone please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer for the well-being of Michael Nichols, a young Hockey Player, who was seriously injured in a hockey game over the weekend.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Stephen Dalina, Councilman Michael Leibowitz (**via speaker-phone**), Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, and Council Vice-President Leslie Koppel.

ABSENT: 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 twenty (20) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council Vice-President Koppel 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 3, 2014 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 3, 2014;
3. Posted 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.

The following **PROCLAMATION** of Mayor Richard Pucci was read into the record:

AMERICAN HEART MONTH
February 2014

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **02/24/2014** were approved for payment as presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye

Council Vice-President Koppel stated that although Councilwoman Schneider was not seated as a Council Member at the December 30th Special Meeting, she was in attendance at this meeting and has reviewed the video of the meeting which allows her to legally vote on the Minutes of the December 30th Meeting.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **December 30, 2013 Special Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **January 1, 2014 Re-Organization Meeting, January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting** and **January 27, 2014 Agenda Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$284,160 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF, WHICH AMOUNT IS AN ENERGY ALLOCATION GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-2-2014-001)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), wishes to undertake the acquisition and installation of a generator for the Community Center by, in and for the Township, and all as shall be more particularly described in documents on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and by this reference incorporated herein (collectively, the "Capital Improvements"), by, in and for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said Capital Improvements is estimated to be \$284,160; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received or is expected to receive an Energy Allocation Grant from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$284,160 (the "Grant") to undertake the Capital Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of the Grant in order to undertake the aforesaid Capital Improvements.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The capital improvement or purpose described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized as a general capital improvement to be undertaken by the Township. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$284,160, which amount is the Grant received or expected to be received by the Township and deposited into the General Capital Fund for said improvement or purpose stated in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2. The capital improvement or purpose hereby authorized is the acquisition and installation of a generator for the Community Center by, in and for the Township, and all as shall be more particularly described in documents on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and by this reference incorporated herein and also including all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

SECTION 3. The expenditure of the Grant for the improvement or purpose set forth in Section 2 hereof is hereby authorized and approved. The Mayor, the Clerk, the Chief Financial Officer and any other official/officer of the Township are each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management or any other agreement necessary to undertake the improvement of purpose set forth herein and to effectuate the transaction contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is on file in the office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the preamble to this capital ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Council Vice-President Koppel opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion.

Robert Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – confirmed that this generator is for the Community Center on Monmouth Road and not the Senior Center and asked if the Senior Center has a generator as well.

Administrator Hamilton reminded Mr. Zeglarski that in last years' Capital Budget we put \$525,000.00 for generators in both buildings. This \$284,000.00 is specifically earmarked for the Community Center. Most of the funds for that building will come from the FEMA Grant.

Mr. Zeglarski asked if there were any tax implications and Administrator Hamilton answered "no" it is actually a positive.

As Councilman Dalina and Councilman Leibowitz regularly moved and seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title, was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$284,160 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF, WHICH AMOUNT IS AN ENERGY ALLOCATION GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-3-2006-010 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MARCH 27, 2006 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL LAWFUL AND PUBLIC PURPOSES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP"); APPROPRIATING \$20,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$18,839,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF", AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND DOWN PAYMENTS THEREIN.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-2-2014-002)

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The bond ordinance of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), heretofore finally adopted by the Township Council on March 27, 2006, number O-3-2006-010, entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL LAWFUL AND PUBLIC PURPOSES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP"); APPROPRIATING \$20,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$18,839,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF," as amended and supplemented by Bond Ordinance Number O-12-2007-041 finally adopted on December 3, 2007, Bond Ordinance Number O-7-2008-012 finally adopted on July 7, 2008, Bond Ordinance Number O-1-2009-004 finally adopted on January 5, 2009, Bond Ordinance Number O-10-2010-021 finally adopted on October 4, 2010 and Bond Ordinance Number O-8-2012-021 finally adopted on August 6, 2012 (collectively the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent and with the effect as follows:

SECTION 2. An appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of all authorizations and down payments) allocated to the improvement or purpose contained in Section 3(a) of the Original Ordinance is hereby reallocated to the improvement or purpose contained in Section 3(c) of the Original Ordinance. An appropriation in the amount of \$180,000 (inclusive of all authorizations and down payments) allocated to the improvement or purpose contained in Section 3(b) of the Original Ordinance is hereby reallocated to the improvement or purpose contained in Section 3(c) of the Original Ordinance. Therefore, Section 3 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 3. The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(a) Improvements to the Township's Public Library located on a portion of Block 48.40, Lot 10 commonly known as One Municipal Plaza, consisting of the construction and installation of a 25,000 square foot addition having a useful life or durability at least equal to that of a <u>Class B</u> structure (as defined under	\$7,200,000	\$6,854,900	\$345,100	15 years

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<p>the Local Bond Law), including all associated renovations to the existing building, site preparation, interior and exterior construction, the acquisition of, as necessary, all furnishings, associated plumbing, electrical work, paving, curbing, site restoration, landscaping, and other aesthetic improvements;</p>				
<p>(b) improvements to the Township Community Center located on Block 169, Lot 33 commonly known as 120 Monmouth Road, consisting of the construction and installation of a 21,000 square foot addition having a useful life or durability at least equal to that of a <u>Class B</u> structure (as defined under the Local Bond Law) to provide for a new gym, additional activity rooms and, as applicable, additional office space, including all associated renovations to the existing building, site preparation, interior and exterior construction, the acquisition of, as necessary, all furnishings, associated paving, curbing, site restoration, landscaping and other aesthetic improvements; and</p>	\$7,120,000	\$6,781,300	\$338,700	15 years
<p>(c) construction of a new Senior Center to be located on property to be acquired by the Township including, but not limited to, the excavation and site preparation, the construction and installation of a 26,000 to 27,000 square foot building having a useful life or durability at least equal to that of a <u>Class B</u> structure (as defined under the Local Bond Law), to provide for program, storage, multi-purpose and coat rooms, lobby, reception and lounge areas, bathrooms, a kitchen and office space, including the acquisition of, as necessary, furnishings, plumbing, electrical work and all associated paving,</p>	<p>\$12,980,000 (includes \$108,225 2006 HCD Grant, \$108,225 2007 HCD Grant and \$100,000 State Grant)</p>	\$12,046,250	\$617,300	30 years

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curbing, site restoration, landscaping and other aesthetic improvements.				
TOTALS	\$27,300,000	\$25,682,450	\$1,301,10	

(d) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$25,682,450.

(e) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$27,300,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the 2006 HCD Grant, the 2007 HCD Grant, the State Grant and the aggregate amount of the down payments available for said purposes.

(f) All such improvements or purposes shall include architectural, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office.”

SECTION 3. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is on file in the office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes set forth in the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by the Original Ordinance, as amended and supplemented hereby, is 22.035 years.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Council Vice-President Koppel opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion.

Robert Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – stated that in the second section, dollars are moved from the library to the senior center and also moving \$180,000 from the Community Center on Monmouth Rd. to the Senior Citizen Center and asked why the movement of funds? Are we talking about \$26 million dollars in notes or have we issued or going to be issuing the 50 year bonds?

Administrator Hamilton explained it is not \$26 million but rather \$21-\$22 million and second, the Bonds were already sold on this project last year. This is taking surplus funds that were left over from the Library and the Community Center Projects, which have been completed, and moving them into the Senior Center Project, which is not yet completely closed out. If the funds are needed, they will be expended and, if not, they’ll be cancelled and a reduction to the debt service will occur.

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ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider Aye
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye

Copy of the Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2014-002

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

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider Aye
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye

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

- R-2-2014-014 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN BY EMAD GERGES AND MARIA BOULES ON 1084 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- R-2-2014-015 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH DM MEDICAL BILLINGS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THIRD PARTY BILLING. (Add'l \$29,000 for additional billing services)**
- R-2-2014-016 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD. (Reappointment of Gerald W. Tamburro as Chairman)**
- R-2-2014-017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL 90-DAYS OF EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.**
- R-2-2014-018 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-2-2014-019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX LIEN NO. 11-00160 (BLOCK 38, LOT 1) TO JM FERMIN d/b/a CORNERSTONE DEED ACQ., LLC.**
- R-2-2014-020 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-2-2014-021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN YEAR 2014 AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.**

- R-2-2014-022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS STATE TAX COURT APPEALS IN YEAR 2014 AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-2-2014-023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR VENDING MACHINE CONCESSIONS WITHIN MONROE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS.
- R-2-2014-024 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MARCH 3, 2014.
- R-2-2014-025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR ORCHARDS AT MONROE – SOUTH VILLAGE (PB#1089-10).
- R-2-2014-026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE I, SECTION 4C.
- R-2-2014-027 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2013.
- R-2-2014-028 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND.
- R-2-2014-029 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, ET ALS. vs DAREJAN ANDREATCH AND JORJ BORODIN AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-2-2014-030 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY AND TESTING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.
- R-2-2014-031 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DM MEDICAL BILLINGS, LLC FOR THIRD PARTY BILLING.
- R-2-2014-032 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 413 - "GENERATOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR" AWARDED TO FM GENERATOR, INC. FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT.
- R-2-2014-033 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 409 - "LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE" AWARDED TO KLENZOID, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2014-034 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 396-R "INSTRUMENTATION CALIBRATION AND SERVICE" AWARDED TO TJM CONTROLS, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2014-035 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 416 - "ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES" AWARDED TO LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").

- R-2-2014-036** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPER'S PUMP STATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE GABLES AT APLEGARTH VILLAGE, LLC AND BLOCK 17 ASSOCIATES, LLC (HIDDEN POND) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2014-037** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR S-866PS, FOUR SEASONS AT MONROE PUMP STATION.
- R-2-2014-038** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W-866.1R & S-866.2 ORCHARDS AT MONROE, PHASE 1 WATER & SEWER (PB#1089-10).
- R-2-2014-039** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W-866 IRRIGATION, ORCHARDS AT MONROE (PB#1089-10).
- R-2-2014-040** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF LETTERS OF CREDIT POSTED BY MONROE 33 DEVELOPERS, LLC UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W&S – 1010.1R, BLOCK 1, LOT 13.02 – (PB#1118-12).
- R-2-2014-041** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W&S 623 STRATFORD AT MONROE.
- R-2-2014-042** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W&S 623.3 STRATFORD AT MONROE, SECTION 3, WATER ONLY.
- R-2-2014-043** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY MATRIX DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPON THE POSTING OF A CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR W&S – 1084, BLOCK 56, LOTS 7.01, 9.01 & 17 – (PB#1103-11).
- R-2-2014-044** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT EXECUTED BY DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
- R-2-2014-045** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACTS TO SKYLINE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.
- R-2-2014-046** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 426 – "MOBILE METER READING SYSTEM" TO WATER WORKS SUPPLY COMPANY FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").

- R-2-2014-047** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 426 – “SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE” TO MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY AS REQUIRED FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2014-048** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LEGGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC. FOR GENERAL HYDRO-GEOLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2014-049** RESOLUTION AMENDING THE “PARKS, OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN” PORTION OF MONROE TOWNSHIP’S MASTER PLAN.
- R-2-2014-050** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (“Q.E.D.”), AN AUTHORIZED VENDER UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.
- R-2-2014-051** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 37 MORGAN WAY, UNIT 6 BUILDING 9.
- R-2-2014-052** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH ANDY MATT, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE PLANTINGS.
- R-2-2014-053** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT BEQUEATHED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON AGING IN THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLOTTE EDER.
- R-2-2014-054** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- R-2-2014-055** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR “CFC RECOVERY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM”.

Mayor Pucci – Mentioned the passing of Gary Freedman and extended prayers & thoughts to his family.

He also mentioned the fundraiser coming up for Mike Nichols and the outpouring of support in our town for this High School hockey player who has been seriously injured.

The Mayor advised that a recent study was released by the Star Ledger ranking Monroe as one of the “Safest Communities” and complimented everyone involved within the community that has contributed in different ways to making this Community what it is today.

Administrator Hamilton – Advised there was a recent report received in his office showing that in 2013, 255 clients were handled in our local satellite Surrogates office.

He next spoke about the severe winter storms and the impact it is having on the Township. There have been some extraordinary challenges for our Department of Public Works. He spoke about the power outages from the ice storm that impacted 2000 residents and about the financial impact these storms have had on the budget. He stated we are now experiencing a shortage of salt.

Engineer Rasimowicz – No Report.

Council Reports:

Councilman Leibowitz – offered condolences to Mary Lange. He reported that Rabbi Levy was in the hospital. He also commended the DPW on all their hard work.

Councilman Dalina – spoke about the state, local and national support for Mike Nichols. Advised there will be a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 23rd with seating at 3pm and 6pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00. He also praised the DPW for the hard work.

Councilwoman Schneider – also agreed that the DPW deserves a lot of praise.

Council Vice-President Koppel – mentioned that on Friday, Feb. 21st the New Jersey Festival Orchestra will present “Gypsy Spirit” at the Marasco Performing Arts Center; Peter Yarro, of Peter, Paul & Mary will be performing on March 29th at 7pm.

There will be a Juried Art Show featured in the Library and people can submit their paintings, sculpture, photography & works of art. It is open to Monroe residents on Oct. 14th with the opening reception being held on Oct. 19th. Works will be on display for about 10 days.

The Fire District Elections & Budget Votes will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15th from 2-9pm.

She also acknowledged the two Boy Scouts sitting in the public from Troop 54.

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Brian Fabiano, 1 Talmadge Dr., Heritage Chase, appeared regarding the two assessment letters received on Jan. 21st and a second letter a week later. The second letter advised that their assessment had been revised. All residents in Heritage Chase have been increased by \$40,000, a 16% increase. A representative from Realty Appraisal explained that the 1st assessment had been mistakenly sent out prior to review and approval of the Tax Assessor. Mr. Elias, the Municipal Tax Assessor, responded that, indeed the 1st letter went out unapproved and the second letter reflected “market value”, which is what you would be able to sell your home for.

Anthony Houck, 9 Toby Terrace – complimented the DPW and the Police Dept. on an outstanding job this winter.

Mr. Houck further stated that the Monroe Township Website shows the new tax rate and he believes his taxes are going up 20%. He had a meeting scheduled with the appraisal company, however, it was cancelled due to the snow storms. The Tax Assessor and the representative from Realty Appraisal advised him to make another appointment to review his assessment.

Peter Lopresti, 433 Schoolhouse Rd. – advised the Council that “Parker House” is now attempting to acquire 12 acres behind the property they are now building on. He stated he is coming to the Council to see if anything can be done to stop them from expanding. The project is already massive in size and any further expansion will destroy the neighborhood. None of the officials present were aware of it and Mr. Lopresti was told that it will be looked into.

Mr. Lopresti also mentioned how well our streets were cleared in comparison to surrounding towns he has had to drive through.

Jennifer Hluchy, 436 Schoolhouse Rd. – wanted to clarify what Mr. Lopresti had touched on. Neighbors had requested, through their attorney, that under conditional uses, long term care facilities be removed from the Code completely moving forward. Anyone applying would have to seek a Use Variance vs. a Conditional Use and that any applications for these massive projects in an R-30 zone be located on a County Road. To “piggy back” a like facility on 12 acres behind the current facility would be detrimental to the current residents. The land has not been purchased yet but they are testing the soil, so it appears they are interested in moving forward with the possible purchase. The concern is to amend the Ordinance so that no second facility can be built at this time.

Administrator Hamilton advised that the township cannot interfere in a land acquisition between one property owner and a prospective buyer.

Ms. Hlucky stated that what they are looking for is to change the zoning before any monies are invested.

Administrator Hamilton did not believe a particular use can be restricted to a County Road but amending the Ordinance to remove long term care facilities from a zone and removing the conditional use is certainly possible and advised that legal counsel will review the matter.

Robert Zeglarski, 62 Tournament Dr. – advised the Monroe Twp. Board of Education is spending more and more time discussing facility issues. They have 124 facility projects slotted for renovation and repairs with an anticipated cost of \$8 million dollars over a 5 yr. period. He proceeded to name a few of the projects and their cost. They also anticipate a growth rate of 200 students per year; more students, more classrooms. Middle school renovation financing will come from a \$900,000 grant from the State combined with a \$1.3 million appropriation from the general fund. Since the State denied the application, this project may be in doubt. Sewer connection fee surplus for classrooms could be the answer and would like the Council to share a small portion of the millions of dollars generated by sewer connection fees.

Henry Miller - Spoke on the Historic Dey Farm, it now being Budget time, and what is still needed at the site. He proceeded to give some background and what is still needed to be done.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Avenue K – questioned item #11.jj. – Amending the “Parks, Open Space & Recreation Plan” portion of the Monroe Twp. Master Plan. Administrator Hamilton explained it is for two different parcels of property targeted for open space acquisition; the Gasko Farm on Federal Rd (15 acres) & the Rolling Hills property off Hoffman Station Rd (70 Acres).

Michael Silk, 506 Harding Rd. Freehold – wanted to discuss the Township’s choice of DM Medical Billing as its’ ambulance third party billing vendor. He stated he works for Inter-Medics, which was the low bidder and was not awarded the contract. Administrator Hamilton explained that the decision was not based on just price but the lack of experience. Mr. Silk offered past experience and asked that the decision be re-evaluated and Administrator Hamilton further explained how the evaluation was done.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the meeting was Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

LESLIE KOPPEL, Council Vice-President

Minutes were adopted on March 3, 2014