

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

**MINUTES**

**AGENDA MEETING APRIL 28, 2014**

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

The Agenda 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 Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Stephen Dalina, Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, Council Vice-President Leslie Koppel and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Michael Leibowitz

There were approximately ten (10) 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 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 **PROCLAMATIONS** of Mayor Richard Pucci were read by Title into the record:

**APRIL – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
and urges all Citizens to “Wear Denim”  
on Friday, April 25, 2014**

**MONROE TOWNSHIP – DAY OF PRAYER  
Thursday, May 1, 2014**

Council President Tamburro read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**
- b. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 THEREOF ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES”.**
- c. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 THEREOF ENTITLED “FEES”.**

Council President Tamburro read the following entitled **ORDINANCE** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, May 5, 2014** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE RELEASING, VACATING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO PORTIONS OF FULTON STREET AND LIBERTY STREET.**

Council President Tamburro requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, May 5, 2014** Regular Council Meeting be reviewed and any questions will be addressed:

- a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BLOCK 14.11, LOT 1- CO23D.**
- b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BLOCK 14.11, LOT 1-CO33D.**
- c. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BLOCK 14.11, LOT 1-CO69D.**
- d. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BLOCK 1.14, LOT 65.1-C1142.**
- e. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BLOCK 1.14, LOT 65.1-C1182.**
- f. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ESCROW FEES POSTED FOR KENNETH WARD (PB-1091-10).**
- g. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR ROBERT YOUNG (PB-1096-11)**
- h. **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARK REMSA AS PLANNING CONSULTANT TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**
- i. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENT.**
- j. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- k. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HATCH MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2014 WATER SYSTEM MASTER PERMIT UPDATE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").**
- l. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HATCH MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL CALIBRATION FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").**
- m. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ's) FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.")**
- n. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS. (July 4, 2014 in Thompson Park)**

- o. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR FEDERAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND GUIDE-RAIL INSTALLATION.
- p. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE TOWN PLAZA – WAWA (PB-1118-12).
- q. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- r. RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PROVIDING ITS SUPPORT TO THE DESIGNATION OF FEDERAL ROAD, A MUNICIPAL ROADWAY, BEING UTILIZED AS PART OF THE DETOUR ROUTES DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF PERRINEVILLE ROAD (CR625) BETWEEN FEDERAL ROAD AND DEY GROVE ROAD FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION TO BRIDGE 5-B-131 AND CULVERTS 5C-123 AND 5C-124 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.
- s. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RYCON SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH PHYSICS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- t. RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT A DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS.
- u. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. RELATED TO REPRESENTATION OF THE TOWNSHIP IN THE MATTER OF A DISPUTE WITH ARCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONROE SENIOR CENTER AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- v. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO REALTY APPRAISAL COMPANY FOR A COMPLETE REVALUATION OF ALL REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.
- w. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR AN ADULT MINI BUS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES.

**Mayor** – Mentioned that in the “Crime Report” by the State Police, Monroe is ranked #2 behind Helmetta of the 25 communities in Middlesex. Over a five year period we are ranked the safest community in Middlesex.

**Administrator** – No report

**Engineer** – No Report

**Council:**

**Councilman Leibowitz** – Absent

**Councilman Dalina** – No Report

**Councilwoman Schneider** – spoke on the Monroe Education Foundation fund raiser held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> benefiting Mikey Nichols. The Basketball Game featured the Monroe Twp. Police Dept. vs. Monroe Twp. School Staff. Over \$4,000. was raised.

**Council Vice-President Koppel** – reminded everyone the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial will be held on Sunday at 1pm.

Spoke about a letter she received from The League of Women Voters regarding “fracking”. She asked for the Council’s support.

**Council President Tamburro** – Advised the State has regulations in place regarding “fracking” and the County has endorsed it.

He stated he and Councilman Dalina met with Mike Nichol’s family and one of the goals is to get their house handicap accessible which will enable him to be released from Kestler. His goal is to go to the Prom and to be at his graduation. An announcement will be made next week on the progress being made with the house.

**PUBLIC:**

**Ellen Norman**, 40 Yorkshire Dr. – spoke on behalf of the “League of Women Voters” against carrying fracking waste materials thru the community.

**Audrey Cornish**, 431 Schoolhouse Rd. – spoke of the possible purchase, by Parker House, of the property next to her house.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Koppel, the meeting was Adjourned a 7:13pm.

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

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SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on June 4, 2014