

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

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 7:30 p.m. by Council President Gerald Tamburro with a Salute to the Flag.

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

ALSO PRESENT for Council was: Mayor Richard Pucci, Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton, Township Attorney Joel L. Shain and Township Engineer Ernest W. Feist.

There were approximately fifteen (15) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Tamburro requested the following **SUNSHINE LAW** be read 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 has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on January 8, 2010 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 8, 2010.
3. Posted on January 8, 2010 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.

The Township Clerk further stated that 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 President Tamburro read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING LANDS TO BE DEDICATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETENTION BASINS BY THE “RESERVE AT STONEBRIDGE”.**
- b. **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 AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND DOWN PAYMENTS THEREIN.**

Council President Tamburro read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODCTION** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT AND QUIT CLAIM DEED.**

- b. **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN EASEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF OLD CHURCH ROAD TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY.**

Council President Tamburro read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **OCTOBER 4, 2010** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ESTABLISHING MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR F.E.A.– FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION) –OFFICE ADDITION.**
- b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR STONEBRIDGE PHASE 1-SECTION 4 EARTHWORK.**
- c. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1 – SECTION 7.**
- d. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR INTERCHANGE PLAZA.**
- e. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/QPA TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (“RFQ’s”) FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR YEAR 2011.**
- f. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/QPA TO PREPARE REQUIREMENTS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF RFP’S FOR THIRD PARTY AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES.**
- g. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES.**
- h. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH LEGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL HYDRO-GEOLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- i. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO HATCH • MOTT • MACDONALD FOR WELL NO. 16A RSC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- j. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO KLENZOID, INC. FOR CONTRACT 380 - “LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- k. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO. FOR CONTRACT 375R - “WATER METERS” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”)**
- l. **RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ADULT MINI BUS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE NEW BID SPECIFICATIONS AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS.**

- m. **RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.**
- n. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – ROOF.** *(Bids to be received September 29, 2010)*
- o. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP APPLGARTH ROAD PARK AND RIDE - WEST.** *(Bids to be received September 29, 2010)*
- p. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP OAK TREE SCHOOL FIELD LIGHTING.** *(Bids to be received September 29, 2010)*
- q. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION STUDY.** *(RFP's to be received on September 30, 2010)*
- r. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (“B.A.S.C.”) NETWORK, INC. FOR USE OF THE MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR.**
- s. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR ON-SITE WATER AND SEWER AND OFF-SITE SEWERS S-1055 – CARLOS COSTA - BLK. 150, LOT 22-25 CLAYTON AVE.**
- t. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT PURCHASING AGENT TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (“RFQ’s”) FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR YEAR 2011 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- u. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) UPON POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 907–JSM @ APPLGARTH, LLC PB #965-05.**
- v. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- w. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- x. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH BARNICKEL ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE NEW SENIOR CENTER.**
- y. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FROM SIGNATURE INFORMATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO PROVIDE A WEEKLY DATA TRANSMISSION OF TOWNSHIP TAX RECORDS.**
- z. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND.** *(Maintenance of the Monroe Oak)*

- aa. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED TO THOMAS J. ORR, ESQ., TRUSTEE FOR EUROPA AT MONROE, L.L.C.**
- bb. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO JWC ENVIRONMENTAL FOR CONTRACT 377 - "HYDRAULIC SEWAGE GRINDER" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").**
- cc. **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) . "Bias Prevention & Education Plan"**

Council Vice-President Miller requested that Resolution# 7a be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately for the October 4th meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor – No Report.

Administrator – Mr. Hamilton reported on the cost to the Township due to the new Pension Bill. The increase to Monroe Township is \$500,000. or a tax point and a half.

Engineer – Mr. Feist updated the various residents in the audience from Nelson Ave. regarding their flooding situation. By next Mondays' Council Meeting he will be able to advise them if the town will be proceeding with the Bonding Company or if they have gotten in touch with the developer, Mr. Fury.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Koppel – reported that Oct. 1st is the Monroe Wolverine Golf Outing. Also, Oct. 2nd the Nelson Riddle Orchestra will be performing at the Richard Marasco Performing Art Center and on Oct.31st the Shangri-La Acrobats will also be performing.

Councilman Leibowitz – announced that VFW Post 262 will be at the meeting on Monday, October 4th to update the Council on Lance Corporal Colin Pascik, who lives on Spotswood-Englishtown Rd. and lost both legs in Iraq. He is presently in the Walter Reed Army Hospital. If anyone wants to donate, a "Road to Recovery Fund" has been established.

Council President Tamburro – mentioned that next week the VFW will be present at the Council Meeting to explain the plight of Lance Corporal Colin Pascik and it will be discussed as to how the Township can be of assistance.

Councilman Nalitt – No Report.

Council Vice President Miller – No Report.

Council President Tamburro - announced that on Saturday, October 2nd "Olde Time Baseball" will take place at the Dey Farm at Noon. He further reported on the dedication of the new Fire District #2 firehouse on Halsey Reed Road.

PUBLIC:

Alan Kahn, 11 Crenshaw Court – Questioned Item #7.w. - Tax Overpayments. Administrator Hamilton advised the amount of \$11,811.97 is the result of refinancing. This has nothing to do with tax appeals. He then asked if there were any plans for re-assessments and Mayor Pucci explained the reasons for the township's reluctance to finance a revaluation program at this point in time and gave examples of other municipalities that had spent large sums of money to do a revaluation and only 4-5 years late, due to the economic climate, they are right back at square one, with the revaluation being a wash.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Court - noted the bond releases & reductions for Stonebridge. He asked the status of the cutting down of the Oak Tree and Administrator Hamilton explained that the Developer paid a \$2,500 fine. If the matter were taken to Municipal Court, the town would have gotten less.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes adopted on _____