

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 14, 2012

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

The Special Meeting was Called to Order at 6:00 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 Leslie Koppel, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

Councilwoman Koppel arrived at 6:04 pm.

ALSO PRESENT for Council was: Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton and George Lang, Certified Municipal Finance Officer (“CMFO”).

ABSENT: Mayor Richard Pucci, Attorney Joel Shain, and Township Engineer, Ernest Feist.

There were approximately eight (8) 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 of this meeting has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on May 4, 2012 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 **STAR LEDGER** on May 4, 2012 and in the **CRANBURY PRESS** on May 11, 2012.
3. Posted on May 4, 2012 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 President Tamburro announced the Special Meeting is being held for the purpose of Consideration of a Resolution authorizing self-examination of the 2012 Municipal Budget, Public Hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget Amendment and Consideration of a Resolution authorizing Adoption of the 2012 Municipal Budget as Amended.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the following entitled Resolution was moved for adoption: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

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

R-5-2012-173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Miller, the **Public Hearing** on the **2012 Municipal Budget Amendment** was **Opened**.

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

Business Administrator Wayne Hamilton explained the various Amendments to the Budget. Net adjustments to the appropriations are \$78,398.00 and in addition, it reflects two grants that were received since the Budget was introduced, totaling \$72,583.73. There will be an approximate reduction of \$150,000.

PUBLIC:

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – questioned if the amendment is to increase the Budget. Administrator Hamilton explained that it reduces the budget by \$150,000.

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – questioned how much debt is on the municipal side. George Lang, CMFO, replied that as of 12-31-11, \$78 Million. He then asked how much long term debt. Mr. Lang replied \$14 million, plus Bond Anticipation Notes of \$47 million. Mr. Grossman believes the short term debt is excessively heavy. Administrator Hamilton explained that they do anticipate going to a permanent bond sale this summer.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the Public Portion was Closed at 6:10pm.

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 Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the following entitled Resolution was moved for adoption: **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS AMENDED.**

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 Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the Special Meeting was Adjourned at 6:12pm.

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 _____