

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING - - JUNE 6, 2012**

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 President Gerald W. Tamburro with a Salute to the Flag by Kush Mehta and Janaki Vanisha, Kindergarten Students at Barclay Brook and Oak Tree Schools.

**UPON ROLL CALL** by Deputy Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, 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.

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

**ABSENT:** Township Engineer Ernest W. Feist

There were approximately 100 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 January 6, 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 **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 6, 2012;
3. Posted on January 6, 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 opened the Annual Human Relations Commission Ceremony honoring and presenting Awards to those students who have been selected by their teachers as exemplifying the 6 pillars of character: caring, responsibility, respect, fairness, citizenship and trustworthiness. Council President Tamburro then turned the program over to Sergeant Lisa Robinson, Chair of the Human Relations Commission. Sergeant Robinson thanked everyone for coming out tonight, parents, relatives and friends who have come out to support these outstanding students who have shown and exemplified the six pillars of character. She also thanked the Mayor and Council for being given the opportunity to have this program with the Human Relations Commission members. She thanked the Commission for the hard work that they put forth in helping to bring this program about.

Sergeant Robinson invited the Human Relations Commission and Jamie Weiss, Student representative, to help her present the awards to the following:

**BARCLAY BROOK SCHOOL HONOREES**

Kush Mehta (Kindergarten)

Brielle Kwitoski (1<sup>st</sup>)

Justin Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**BROOKSIDE SCHOOL HONOREES**

Alyssa Goldeski (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Kaitlyn Fung (4<sup>th</sup>)

Saanya Lingineni (5<sup>th</sup>)

**OAK TREE SCHOOL HONOREES**

Janaki Vanisha (Kindergarten)

Hamza Abbassi (1<sup>st</sup>)

Gillian Waksmunski (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Zarmina Yousafzai (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Nicholas Addeo (4<sup>th</sup>)

Evan Zargo (5<sup>th</sup>)

**MILL LAKE SCHOOL HONOREES**

James Gottschalk (Kindergarten)

Alexandra Hanan (1<sup>st</sup>)

Alexis Abreu (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**WOODLAND SCHOOL HONOREES**

Cristina Toscano (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Caitlin Belko (4<sup>th</sup>)

Michelle Paoluccio (5<sup>th</sup>)

**MONROE TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOREES**

Joseph Bierylo (6<sup>th</sup>)

Pooja Pandya (7<sup>th</sup>)

Grace Martini (8<sup>th</sup>)

**MONROE HIGH SCHOOL HONOREES**

Gina Piro (9<sup>th</sup>)

Jacqueline Heatter (10<sup>th</sup>)

Daniel Marsh (11<sup>th</sup>)

Christopher Laino (12<sup>th</sup>)

Mayor Pucci thanked Sergeant Robinson and the members of the Human Relations Commission on the outstanding job that they do throughout the year. To all the honorees this evening, he told them how proud the Mayor and Council are of them for the outstanding effort that they have made throughout the school year.

Each member of Council offered their best wishes and congratulated to the Honorees, their parents, grandparents, family and friends. Plaques, gift cards and pens were presented to each Honoree.

Council President Tamburro called a 10 minute Recess for picture taking. The meeting was recalled to Order at 7:40 p.m.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **05/24/2012** were approved for payment as presented.

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 Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2012 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY 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 \$2,020,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP (INCLUDING CERTAIN INSURANCE PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$693,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,327,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Miller, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**. (Reduction of Speed Limit on Old Church Road)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 78 THEREOF ENTITLED, "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES"**.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"**.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE RELEASING, VACATING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A TWENTY FOOT (20') UTILITY EASEMENT AND A FIFTEEN FOOT(15') RIGHT OF WAY ON AVENUE J.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Council President Tamburro advised the Council that there is a need to fill the unexpired term of Beatrice Tepper who resigned from her position as a regular member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He then requested a motion to move Alternate 1 member, Joseph Gurney, to the position of regular member to fill the unexpired term.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, Alternate 1 member, Joseph Gurney was moved to the position of regular member to fill the unexpired term of Beatrice Tepper.

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 Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, Alternate 2 member, Betty Schneider was moved to the position of Alternate 1, Alternate 3 member, Len Zivin, was moved to Alternate 2 and Alternate 4 member, Henry Sloan was moved to Alternate 3.

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

Council President Tamburro requested nominations for the position of Alternate 4 member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Councilwoman Koppel nominated Stanley J. Teller for the position of Alternate 4 member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment seconded by Councilman Dalina.

Council President Tamburro asked if there were any further nominations, there being none, he requested a Motion to close the Nominations.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, nominations for the position of Alternate 4 Member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment were closed.

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 Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, a Resolution of which the following is the title was moved for adoption: **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

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-6-2012-183                    RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel 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
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

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

- R-6-2012-184        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 394 "FOREST PARK TERRACE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT" TO PM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").**
- R-6-2012-185        **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-6-2012-186        **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-6-2012-187        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2012 – 2013 LICENSE TERM.**
- R-6-2012-188        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS.**
- R-6-2012-189        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR WATER METER CHANGE-OUT SERVICES.**
- R-6-2012-190        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ'S") FOR AN INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.**
- R-6-2012-191        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE "RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM" SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.**
- R-6-2012-192        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WATER WORKS SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. FOR SECTIONS A, B, C1, D, AND I OF CONTRACT NO. 403 "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**
- R-6-2012-193        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RARITAN GROUP, INC. FOR SECTIONS C2, E2, AND F OF CONTRACT NO. 403 "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**
- R-6-2012-194        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CAPITOL SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC. FOR SECTIONS E1 OF CONTRACT NO. 403 "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**
- R-6-2012-195        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KENNEDY CULVERT AND SUPPLY COMPANY FOR SECTION 'H' OF CONTRACT NO. 403 "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**
- R-6-2012-196        **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR N.J. BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION (PB-299-96)**

- R-6-2012-197**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES.**
- R-6-2012-198**            **RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION.**
- R-6-2012-199**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR W&S 873R, RENAISSANCE CROSSINGS, BLOCK 41, LOTS 12 & 13.**
- R-6-2012-200**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS OF EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.**
- R-6-2012-201**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE E-WASTE SUBSIDY PROGRAM.**

Mayor – No Report.

Business Administrator – No Report.

Engineer – No Report.

### **Council Reports:**

Councilwoman Koppel – spoke about the 2 classes from the High School that studied local government and rising issues in local government and visited the Township this morning. She along with the Business Administrator, Wayne Hamilton, Environmental Protection Manager, John Riggs, and local Historian, John Katerba, spoke on their various responsibilities within the Township. A field trip to visit various departments within the Township was recommended by the students for the future.

Councilman Dalina – advised that this Saturday, at the Municipal Complex, between 10 a.m. and 1p.m. there is a bike exchange and a tax credit will be given for your donation.

Councilman Leibowitz – No Report

Council Vice-President Miller - commented on what a wonderful night it has been.

Council President Tamburro – remarked about presenting the Mayor’s Award at the Senior Awards Dinner. There were 400 students and over 200 received awards. The winner of the Mayor’s Award was a girl who is on the Greater Middlesex Championship Softball Team. Most of the girls on the High School Softball Team came up through the Town’s Softball Program.

### **Public:**

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – questioned the Ordinance Amending Chapter 108. Attorney Shain read a memo prepared by Marguerite Schaffer, who is the Assistant Township Attorney and handled this matter along with drafting the Ordinance. The Memo summarized the complete process.

Ms. Arminio further questioned the following Items on the Agenda:

Item #19.b. – Refunding Tax Overpayments – Mr. Hamilton explained it involved 9 properties.

Item #19.c. – Third Party Tax Lien Premiums – Mr. Hamilton explained it involved redemptions.

Item #19.f. - Water Meter change-out – questioned if this is Township-wide. Mr. Rogers, Director, MTUD responded that it is. The batteries last about 10 years, causing the meters to run slower and revenue drops. The change-out will be done over a 3 year period.

Item #19.g. – Bid Prep & Advertise for receipt of RFQ's for Insurance Risk Management Consultant – asked if this is a new position. Administrator Hamilton explained that it is a Professional Service contract that is expiring with the Middlesex County Insurance Fund.

Item #19.m. – Bond Release for NJ Broadcasters – Council President Tamburro explained this is a Bond for an old project.

Item #19.r. – Agreement with the County for E-Waste. Administrator Hamilton explained it is the County's program for disposal of consumer electronics.

She asked if we pick up the Board of Educations' recycling and Administrator Hamilton stated he did not know but assumed that they have their own solid waste contractor. There is no curbside pick-up.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Item# 19.q. – questioned the 90-day extended sick leave. Administrator Hamilton explained.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Court – asked if there was an update from the State with regard to the Affordable Housing Funds. Council President Tamburro gave an update. Attorney Shain stated that a legal opinion was given on the ability to set up an Irrevocable Trust under guidelines set up by the State. Mr. Gunkelman asked if other municipalities are going the same route and Attorney Shain stated that some are taking different actions. The legal opinion was shared with the League of Municipalities.

He next commented on the billing system of his utility bill and its' timing.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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

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PATRICIA REID, Deputy Township Clerk

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on \_\_\_\_\_