

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - - APRIL 4, 2011

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 7:30 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: 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 thirty (30) 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 7, 2011 on the Bulletin Board of the Office of the Township Clerk and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Communicated to the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 7, 2011;
3. Posted on January 7, 2011 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.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **CLAIMS** per run date **3/25/11 (M.T.U.D. and TWP)** were approved for payment as presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	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 **MINUTES** of the **May 4, 2010 Special Meeting** and the **November 29, 2010 Agenda Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **MINUTES** of the **November 6, 2010 Special Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Abstained
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Abstained
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DTAK MONROE, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING THE COMMUTER PARKING LOT ON APPLGARTH ROAD.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2011-006)

WHEREAS, DTAK MONROE, LLC ("DTAK") is the owner and in possession of premises known as Lot 2.06 in Block 25, Monroe Township and the **Township of Monroe** ("Monroe") is the owner of an adjacent Lot, Lot 2.07 in Block 25; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Resolution approving its subdivision, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A", the Township Lot, Lot 2.07 in Block 25, was dedicated to the Township by DTAK for use as a Commuter Parking Lot; and

WHEREAS, said properties adjoin so that the Westerly line of the Township Lot abuts the Easterly line of Lot 2.06; and

WHEREAS, ingress and egress to the Township Lot requires use of the entrance driveway of the DTAK property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Access Easement Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

There was no Council or Public discussion of this Ordinance.

As Councilman Nalitt and Councilwoman Koppel regularly moved and seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DTAK MONROE, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING THE COMMUTER PARKING LOT ON APPLGARTH ROAD.**

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2011-006

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ENCORE MONROE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE DRAINAGE EASEMENT RIGHTS TO A DETENTION BASIN ON BLOCK 42, LOT 25.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2011-007)

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff from the Township Park & Ride currently flows into the retention basin located on property owned by Encore Monroe Condominium Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that it is in the public interest to acquire an easement from Encore Monroe Condominium Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Encore Monroe Condominium Association, Inc., has agreed to grant Monroe Township an Easement in consideration of Monroe Township taking responsibility for maintenance, repair and replacement of the outlet structure, lining and sediment control, including but not limited to dredging as may be necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the basin; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Counsel have reviewed the proposed Drainage Easement and Agreement and find it satisfactory in form and content.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Drainage Easement and Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Grantor shall be Encore Monroe Condominium Association, Inc., subject to the terms set forth in the Drainage Easement and Agreement.

Section 3. The Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are hereby authorized to execute the Drainage Easement and Agreement and any and all other documents reasonably necessary to accept the Drainage Easement to Monroe Township.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

There was no Council or Public discussion of this Ordinance.

As Councilman Leibowitz and Councilwoman Koppel regularly moved and seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ENCORE MONROE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE DRAINAGE EASEMENT RIGHTS TO A DETENTION BASIN ON BLOCK 42, LOT 25.**

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2011-007

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2011-008)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, finds its advisable and necessary to increase its **CY 2011** Budget by up to **1.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a **1.5%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$471,155.19** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinbelow that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, as follows:

SECTION 1. In the **CY 2011** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Monroe shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to **\$1,099,362.11**, and that the **CY 2011** municipal budget for the Township of Monroe be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

SECTION 2. Any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as a exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

SECTION 3. A certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this ordinance, upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be the same and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

There was no Council or Public discussion of this Ordinance.

As Councilwoman Koppel 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: **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2011-008

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, 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 3 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT"**. (Name changes for Office on Aging to Office of Senior Services and Monroe Township Department of Water and Sewer Utility to Monroe Township Utility Department)

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Council President Tamburro asked for a Motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Nalitt the **Public Hearing** on the **2011 Municipal Budget** was opened.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

Business Administrator Hamilton did a re-cap of the process. As a highlight, he noted that the Municipal Tax increase will be approximately \$22.00 per year for a total of \$1138.00 for a typical homeowner with an assessed value of \$169,399. The State implemented a 2% levy cap that affects all governing bodies. As a result of this plan, we are 1.7 million dollars below the 2% levy cap.

Some of the largest increases to the Budget were pension costs, reserve for uncollected taxes, and the year ended in a deficit due to the heavy tax appeals. The actual operating expenses in this spending plan decreased. The salary & wages, despite a 2% salary increase, are also going down. The other highlight is that there is no water & sewer increase. Everything is being done that can possibly be done to soften the impact on the residents of this community.

Pubic:

Robert Roche, - congratulated the Mayor and Staff for maintaining the tax levy. He had a few questions on the budget such as statutory expenditures i.e., Contribution to Public Employees Retirement System rose 45% and Police & Fire Retirement System rose 35% for a total of Seven Hundred Thousand. Administrator Hamilton explained the state formula.

Hye Grossman, 15 Dorale Dr. – asked the impact of the absorption of the Utility Department into the general government. Administrator Hamilton explained that there have been operational and financial benefits as a result of the consolidation.

Mr. Grossman then asked the surplus number that was moved over and Administrator Hamilton responded that the total number upon takeover was Forty-Three Million Dollars. The unaudited number at the beginning of this year is Thirty-Five Million.

Mr. Grossman asked the overall head count of full-time employees and Administrator Hamilton responded that 24 people have left employment with the Municipality in the last year. He does not have the exact number, but approximately 1/3 of these people have not been replaced. Those that were replaced were with part-time people to save on the benefits cost.

Council President Tamburro asked if there was any further discussion, there being none, he requested a Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Nalitt, the Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget was Closed.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the following entitled Resolution was moved for adoption: **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS INTRODUCED ON MARCH 7, 2011.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

R-4-2011-091 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2011

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

Council President Tamburro requested the Council review the **Resolutions for Consideration** under the Consent Agenda and will entertain any questions.

Councilman Leibowitz commented on Resolution #15.r. – Agreement with the MCIA & the Township for Yard Waste Recycling & Marketing Services, stating that the contract Monroe has with the County works well and it is a contract that was started when he formerly was on the Council.

Councilman Nalitt informed everyone that on April 8th the County is providing a paper shredder from 9am-12noon at Thompson Park.

Council Vice-President Miller questioned Item #15.b. – Expenditure from the tree escrow fund, asking if the bank contributed towards the maintenance of the Monroe Oak. Administrator Hamilton explained that we have an annual contract that comes out of the Shade Tree Trust that pays for the professional maintenance of the Monroe Oak.

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

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

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

- R-4-2011-092** **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND SUB-ALTERNATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.**

- R-4-2011-093** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (Maintenance of the Monroe Oak)**

- R-4-2011-094** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 2011-2012 WITH TRANSNET CORPORATION FOR THE HEWLETT PACKARD WORK STATIONS LOCATED AT MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS.**

- R-4-2011-095** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 2011-2012 WITH TRANSNET CORPORATION FOR THE ENHANCED 9-1-1 SYSTEM LOCATED AT MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS.**

- R-4-2011-096** **RESOLUTION REFUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER'S FEE TO LUCILLE DI PASQUALE, BLOCK 113, LOTS 3 AND 4.**

- R-4-2011-097** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2 – SECTION 8A.**

- R-4-2011-098** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT AWARDED TO GANNETT FLEMING, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO WELLS 20 & 23 WATER TREATMENT PLANTS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**

- R-4-2011-099 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE THE MATTER "MAXINE & BEN ROZNER v. WHITTINGHAM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, ET ALS." AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-4-2011-100 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO HATCH MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FOREST PARK TERRACE SEWER REPLACEMENT BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).
- R-4-2011-101 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, OFFICE ON AGING FOR OUTREACH SERVICES.
- R-4-2011-102 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) FOR W-914 - ST. JAMES STREET (BA 673-04) BLOCK 148.37, LOTS 1-8.
- R-4-2011-103 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) WITH A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR W&S 1059 - DAVID COYLE, BLOCK 93, LOT 6 (BA 817-08).
- R-4-2011-104 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES.
- R-4-2011-105 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR 2011. (Award of Contract to Clintar New Jersey, Inc.)
- R-4-2011-106 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REIMBURSE TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2011 TO EILEEN SCOTT FOR PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY MONROE TOWNSHIP.
- R-4-2011-107 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO HATCH MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).
- R-4-2011-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 SUBMITTED BY NEXTIRA ONE, LLC D/B/A BLACK BOX NETWORK SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - WIRED FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER.
- R-4-2011-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR THE PROVISION OF YARD WASTE RECYCLING AND MARKETING SERVICES. (Three year term)

- R-4-2011-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND.** (Spring 2011 Tree Planting Program – Richard Bentz, NJ CTE #234 – \$3,395.00)
- R-4-2011-111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND.** (Pat Scanlon Landscaping, Inc.)
- R-4-2011-112 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-4-2011-113 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-4-2011-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
- R-4-2011-115 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Pucci complimented Administrator Hamilton and the Council on the outstanding job on the 2011 Municipal Budget. Also gave his overview on the critical points of the Budget.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Hamilton explained the Amendment to the Budget – It was amended to capture Grants the Township has since been notified by the State that are coming, as well as the Budget being amended to reflect the minimum library tax, and collective bargaining negotiations with the Library. The adoption of the Budget has not yet taken place. The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on May 2nd.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Feist mentioned that Friday is paper shredding at Thompson Park.

Council:

Council President Tamburro – referenced the headlines in the local papers that implied that the Township Clerk was at fault in the Fire District Elections. Whenever the Clerk's office is involved in an Election, a Primary, General or School Board Election, nothing has ever been implied that anything has ever been wrong in the handling of any Election. He then read a letter from Attorney Shain's Office with regard to the matter.

Councilwoman Koppel - commended the Boy Scouts present at this evenings meeting. She also mentioned that on April 9th the Annual Egg Hunt will be held at Daniel Ryan Field. At 2pm the Millstone River Cleanup will be held at the Applegarth Fire House and at 2pm the League of Women Voters will be hosting a forum on our school system and vouchers. The following weekend the Kite Flying event will be held at Daniel Ryan Field from 9:30am - 11:30am and Boys & Girls Baseball opens at 10am on April 9th, and Softball opens April 30th.

Councilman Leibowitz – No Report.

Councilman Nalitt – Explained the new regulation that requires Library Allocations to be shown as a separate item on the tax bill. This item is not in addition to your taxes but extracted from your taxes.

Council Vice-President Miller – Thanked the Mayor & Administrator for their reports and the presentations that were made this evening.

Public:

William Rogove, 22 Steeple Road, Stonebridge – spoke again about the emergency access at the northern end of Old Church Road.

Engineer Feist stated he has sent an e-mail and spoken to Bob Calabro who is in agreement with the emergency access. Engineer Feist will be making a site inspection and laying out the design. He advised Mr. Rogove that they will be making an appearance before the Planning Board at the end of this month and this issue will be coming up. The town will be looking for a firm commitment on the emergency access.

Mark Klein, Regency – stated that the conversion law adversely affects all municipalities.

Paul Gentile, Sedgwick St., Jamesburg – Stated he is involved with the send/receive Agreement with the Board of Education. The citizens in Jamesburg are not fully behind the decision of not sending their students to Monroe. He realizes that Monroe is woefully underfunded in state aid and wanted to know how they can help this Council to increase the funding.

Council President Tamburro informed Mr. Gentile that the Council does not get involved with the funding formula from the State. They do work closely with the Board of Education and the Superintendent to get across the message to Trenton.

Councilman Nalitt – stated that in watching Channel 28 and the Board of Education Meeting it appears to him that pulling the students out of Monroe is not a done deal. There is a window of about 15 months before a decision will be made.

Hye Grossman, 15 Doral Drive – The Livingston Soccer Club will be coming down to Monroe on April 9th at the Soccer Complex.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes adopted on _____