

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2015**

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.

**UPON ROLL CALL** by the Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Stephen Dalina, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, Council Vice-President Leslie Koppel and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton, Township Attorney Joel L. Shain and Engineer Mark Rasimowicz.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Richard Pucci

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.

**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 PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT UPON A PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AS LOT 1.03 IN BLOCK 110.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Koppel and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF DEDICATION FROM BLOCK 6 LOT 37, INC. FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AS LOT 6.01 AND 6.02 IN BLOCK 4.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND RATIFYING SALARIES AND PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY PAID. (2015-17 BLUE COLLAR)**

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

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** were moved for adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

- R-1-2015-001 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.
- R-1-2015-002 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2015 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.
- R-1-2015-003 RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR YEAR 2015.

- R-1-2015-004 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015.
- R-1-2015-005 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2015 WITH EXTENSIONS & ADDENDUMS.
- R-1-2015-006 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 5/7 CUBIC YARD DUMP TRUCK USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.
- R-1-2015-007 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (3) THREE 5/7 CUBIC YARD DUMP TRUCKS USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.
- R-1-2015-008 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PROVIDE A FLOW RATE EVALUATION FOR WELL 21 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.
- R-1-2015-009 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.
- R-1-2015-010 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARK REMSA AS PLANNING CONSULTANT TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.
- R-1-2015-011 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO PURCHASE (2) TWO NEW AMBULANCES.
- R-1-2015-012 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING.
- R-1-2015-013 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRASS BAGS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- R-1-2015-014 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Council President Tamburro advised the Council that Nominations are in order for the appointment of a **Member** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to fill an unexpired five (5) year term ending December 31, 2015.

Councilwoman Schneider nominated **Mark Rasimowicz**, seconded by Councilman Dalina.

Council President Tamburro advised the Council that Nominations are in order for the appointment of an **Alternate 1 Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

Councilwoman Schneider nominated **Wayne Horbatt**, 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 Council Vice-President Koppel and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, **Nominations** for the appointment of **Member** and **Alternate 1 Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** were **Closed**.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Council Vice-President Koppel, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption: **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE 1 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.**  
(Regular Member – Mark Rasimowicz and Alternate 1 Representative – Wayne Horbatt)

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

**R-1-2015-015 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE 1 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.**

(Regular Member – Mark Rasimowicz and Alternate 1 Representative – Wayne Horbatt)

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Mayor Pucci** – Absent

**Administrator Hamilton** – No Report

**Engineer Rasimowicz** – No Report

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Councilman Leibowitz** - wished everyone a productive and healthy 2015.

**Councilman Dalina** – wished a Happy New Year to All

**Councilwoman Schneider** - wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that she has found her first year as a Councilwoman to have been very interesting and exciting.

**Council Vice-President Koppel** - commented that she has an Invitation to Volunteer Fire Co. #1's Installation Dinner and will be unable to attend.

**Council President Tamburro** - repeated the wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year to all and reiterated what a great day "Grandparents Day" was and all the great feedback he has received about the event.

**Public:**

**Gary Busman**, 7 Monarch Rd. - Stonebridge – thanked the Council for item #6 on the Agenda - The Acceptance of Deed of Dedication from Block 6 Lot 37, Inc., given to the Township by the Verde Group and which will be used by the municipality as a “Community Garden”. A Group called the “Friends of the Monroe Community Garden” has been formed and will meet at the Senior Center on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They will have information on the site plan, which includes how the plots will be divided and what the fees will be. Notice will be put up on Channel 28.

**Hy Grossman**, 15 Doral Dr. – stated he was driving West on Route 522 towards the Regency @ Monroe – at the intersection of Route 613 it is very dark. He missed the turn as the Route 613 sign has disappeared. Administrator Hamilton advised it will be looked into.

Mr. Grossman further advised that it has been brought to his attention that we are the only municipality in the State that receives no promotions from Comcast. Administrator Hamilton stated he will follow-up with his contact at Comcast on matter.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Koppel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:17pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	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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LESLIE KOPPEL, Council Vice- President

Minutes were adopted on January 26, 2015