

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

AGENDA MEETING - NOVEMBER 26, 2012

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 7:00 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, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Leslie Koppel

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

ABSENT: Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton

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 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 **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 read the following entitled **ORDINANCE** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 8 THEREOF ENTITLED, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES".**

Council President Tamburro read the following entitled **ORDINANCE** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012** Regular Council Meeting:

- a. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, CHAPTER 39, ENTITLED "FEES".**
- b. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, CHAPTER 77, ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING".**

c. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 – 2014 SUPERVISORY SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

Councilman Dalina asked for an explanation of item #6.c. (Supervisory Salary and Wage Ordinance) - Council President Tamburro explained.

Council President Tamburro requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012** Regular Council Meeting be reviewed and will be happy to address any questions:

- a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE PHASE 2 - SECTION 8B.**
- b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MATRIX 259 PROSPECT PLAINS, LLC.**
- c. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 SUBMITTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) BY CLYDE N. LATTIMER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR CONTRACT 399, WELL 19 IMPROVEMENTS.**
- d. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR WATERSIDE VILLAS (KOHL PARTNERS, LLC), BLOCK 27, LOT 9.04 – W&S 439.4R.**
- e. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 409, “LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE” TO KLENZOID, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- f. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR YEAR 2013.**
- g. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR ENCORE DRAINAGE – PHASE 3.**
- h. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR “WATER AND WASTE WATER TESTING SERVICES” TO AQUA PRO-TECH LABORATORIES, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- i. **RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE REBID FOR CONTRACT 411, “DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- j. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR BACK-UP GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**
- k. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER R-7 SUBMITTED BY ARCO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR/TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.**
- l. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO VINCENTSEN-THOMPSON- MEADE, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER PROJECT.**

- m. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO ARCARI AND IOVINO ARCHITECTS, P.C. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER PROJECT.**
- n. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH FEIST ENGINEERING, INC. FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO 2012 CAPITAL PROJECTS.**
- o. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- p. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1123 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- q. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1171 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- r. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1086 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- s. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 12 EVERGREEN TERRACE.**
- t. **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) 2012 Body Armor Replacement Fund Program - \$4,965.85**
- u. **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) 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$130,077.60**
- v. **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) NJDOT – 2012 Aid – Federal Rd. - \$250,000.00**
- w. **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) Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - 2012 Year- End Crackdown**
- x. **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

Mayor:

Referred to the amended Salary and Wage Ordinance explaining that the non-union Department Heads and all other non-union employees are taking a freeze, and within the current salary structure, an adopted percentage increase. So it is not only that they are taking a freeze but giving up a percentage increase.

The Mayor further advised that he and the Council are also taking a 10% reduction and it does send out an indicator that we are in difficult times.

He will have a dialogue with the Superintendent and some of the top Administrators of the Board of Education and send that message out to them also.

He followed up to inquiries both in and out of the retirement communities regarding who has and does not have generators. He feels the following is important:

- Discuss this with the gated communities for their Clubhouses
- Schools
- Residents – give direction as to the do's & don'ts
- Municipal Buildings

Information can be put out on the website. Engineer Feist will look into this along with Acting Chief Lloyd.

Administrator: Absent.

Engineer: No Report.

Council Reports:

Councilman Leibowitz – No Report

Councilman Dalina – No Report

Councilwoman Koppel – Welcomed the new Meditation Center that opened last weekend.

Council Vice-President Miller – No Report

Council President Tamburro – No Report

Public:

Charles Petretti, 4 Wingate Court – referenced the 10% cut for the Mayor, Council and Non-Union Employees-No increase. He asked how it related to benefits or other expenses related to these positions.

Council President Tamburro explained that they would continue.

Mayor Pucci added that whatever benefits are in effect for 2012 would be in effect for 2013. There is a percentage increase being paid by these employees towards their benefits.

Items 7.k., l. & m. – Change Order & Modifications for Senior Center. Mr. Petretti asked the amounts and Council President Tamburro explained the Change Oder was for \$16,000, most of which is for electrical work. Resolution 7.l. is for the Construction Mgmt. firm which will be paid on an hourly basis not to exceed \$21,900 for November & December. The architectural contract is also on an hourly basis and not to exceed \$12,500 for November & December.

Item 7.n. – Contract with Feist Engineering for 2012 Capital Projects. Engineer Feist explained that these are the projects authorized in the 2012 Budget.

- Road Paving, Curb, Sidewalk & DOT Grant – Project total amounts to \$850,000 and the amount for Feist is \$160,000.
- Drainage Improvements for 2012 – Project total amount is \$150,000. – Contract for design is \$30,000.

He then asked if these would be completed in 2012 and Engineer Feist advised they are in the process.

He then mentioned that in driving on Brickyard Rd. there are 4 or 5 trees down on a power line. He called JCP&L twice and gave them all necessary information – nothing yet has been done. He asked if we could do anything. Engineer Feist said he would take a look but suspected that JCP&L had looked and determined it was a cable wire.

Mark Klein, 53 Turnberry Dr. – mentioned that in Piscataway they had a member of the town Council sitting on the Board of Education. He suggested that Monroe have a Council Member sit on the Board, if not as a voting member, a sitting member. Knowledge of expenditures could then be received. He also made reference to having developers contribute to the expansion or the building of a new school if necessary.

Mayor Pucci responded that the law does not allow for a developer's contribution like that.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Avenue K – asked about properties on the mandatory list of properties connecting to sewer/water. The property in question is 228 Matchaponix Ave. which has not complied. She asked how the Township is going to handle this matter.

Michael Rogers, Director, M.T.U.D. recommended that the next step would be to file a complaint in Municipal Court forcing the property owner to hook-up.

Council President Tamburro stated that letters will be sent out specifying a time frame for hook-up. If not complied with, a complaint will be filed in Municipal Court through the M.T.U.D.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Item #6.c. Supervisory Salary and Wage Ordinance – asked the number of employees involved. The Clerk will provide a list. The Mayor believed it is over twenty.

Item #7f – Professional Services for Northstar Vets for medical care for stray animals. She asked the amount and Council President Tamburro responded.

She then asked about the new contract for the Helmetta facility and what that entailed. Council President Tamburro stated that she would have a response at the next meeting.

Item #7.g. – Award of Bid for Encore Drainage – asked the amount - \$189,200. It involved action against the performance bond.

Item #7.i. – M.T.U.D. Rebid for Disposal of Solid Waste - asked why original bid was rejected. Mr. Rogers responded that only one bid was received and there were defects in the bid.

She next complimented whoever applied for the Recycling Grant and received the \$130,077.60.

Tom Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel St. – questioned Item #6.a. – Ordinance for introduction Amending Chapter 39 “Fee’s”. Council President Tamburro explained that it is for Liquor Licenses and it is by State Statute and is being raised 20%.

Item #6.b. – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77 “Peddling & Soliciting”. Council President Tamburro explained the various amendments to this ordinance.

Item #6.c. – Ordinance Amending the Supervisory Salary and Wage Ordinance – feels it’s a great idea and it’s just what needs to be shown but, in the past it seems that big raises are gotten after the freeze. We also need to push the Union to abide by this under the next contract.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the meeting was Adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Roll Call:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

SHARON DOERFLER, Township

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on 12-26-2012