

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING - - FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

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 Vice-President Henry L. Miller 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, and Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller.

**ALSO PRESENT** for Council was: Mayor Richard Pucci, Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton, and Township Attorney Joel L. Shain.

**ABSENT** from this meeting was Council President Gerald W. Tamburro and Township Engineer Ernest W. Feist.

There were approximately one hundred forty (140) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council Vice-President Miller requested the 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 4, 2013 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 4, 2012;
3. Posted on January 4, 2013 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 Vice-President Miller called upon Mayor Pucci in recognition of the following promotions:

***Christian Hays to Captain***  
***Jason Grosser to Lieutenant***  
***Elvis Leung to Sergeant***  
***Keith Saloom to Sergeant***

Police Chief Michael Lloyd gave backgrounds on the each of the aforementioned Officers prior to the Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, administering the Oaths of Office.

The Mayor and Council Members each offered their comments and congratulations to each of the four (4) Officers on their well deserved promotions.

A ten minute recess was called for picture taking.

Council Vice-President Miller read the following entitled **PROCLAMATIONS** of Mayor Pucci into the record:

**AMERICIAN HEART MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2013**

**MONROE CARES DAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **1/24/2012** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye  
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye  
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye  
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller Aye

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Council Vice-President Miller, the **Minutes** of the **December 3, 2012** Regular Meeting, were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye  
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye  
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye  
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller Abstained

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **Minutes** of the **December 26, 2012 Special & Agenda Meeting, January 2, 2013 Regular Meeting, and January 28, 2013 Special & Agenda** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye  
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye  
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye  
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller Aye

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

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-2-2013-001)

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the 2011 - 2014 Supervisory Personnel Salary and Wage Ordinance shall be amended **retroactive to January 1, 2011** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The following annual salaries, wages and fees shall be paid as hereinafter specified:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY AND WAGE RANGES</u>			
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Police Captain	\$137,384	\$140,132	\$142,935	\$145,794
Police Chief	\$148,953	\$151,932	\$154,971	\$158,070

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the 2011 - 2014 Supervisory Personnel Salary and Wage Ordinance shall be amended **retroactive to January 1, 2013** as follows:

**SECTION 2.** The following annual salaries, wages and fees shall be paid as hereinafter specified:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>2013 MAXIMUM</u>	<u>2014 MAXIMUM</u>
Program Supervisor P/T & F/T	\$ 7,000	\$61,009	\$62,229

**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Council Vice-President Miller opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of the Ordinance.

There was no Council or Public discussion of this Ordinance.

As Councilman Leibowitz regularly moved and Councilwoman Koppel seconded the adoption, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 –2014 SUPERVISORY SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye  
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye  
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye  
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2013-001

**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: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "FEES".**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Stephen Dalina Aye  
Councilwoman Leslie Koppel Aye  
Councilman Michael Leibowitz Aye  
Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Council Vice-President Miller announced that Nominations are in order for the position of Council Member to the **Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee.**

Councilman Dalina nominated **Councilman Michael Leibowitz**, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie Koppel.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, Nominations for the position of Council Member to the **Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee** were closed.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	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 COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 2012.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice-President Henry L. Miller	Aye

**R-2-2013-017 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 2012.**

Copy of Resolution 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**, 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

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

**R-2-2013-018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN K. HOVNANIAN AT MONROE NJ LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES ON PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 1 & 25, BLOCK 41, LOT 14 AND BLOCK 40, LOTS 2.02, 3, 4.01 & 5.01 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

**R-2-2013-019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND CHRISTIAN HAYS WHO SHALL SERVE AS CAPTAIN OF POLICE.**

**R-2-2013-020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PRINCETON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013.**

**R-2-2013-021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY AND TESTING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013.**

- R-2-2013-022 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.
- R-2-2013-023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY FOR PROVISION OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICES.
- R-2-2013-024 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.
- R-2-2013-025 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
- R-2-2013-026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 2013 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.
- R-2-2013-027 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2012.
- R-2-2013-028 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION REGARDING FRANCIS E. PARKER MEMORIAL HOME, INC.
- R-2-2013-029 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP 2013 HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES.
- R-2-2013-030 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT.
- R-2-2013-031 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 396R – “INSTRUMENTATION CALIBRATION AND SERVICE” WITH TJM CONTROLS, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2013-032 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES CORP. FOR SECTION A OF CONTRACT 415A - “BIOXIDE” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2013-033 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO UNIVAR USA, INC. – CONTRACT 415B – “SODIUM HYDROXIDE” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2013-034 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TIMOTHY HOFFMAN, LLC FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS BLOCKS & LOTS FOR CONDEMNATION/RIGHT OF WAY.
- R-2-2013-035 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT 415C – “CALCIUM HYDROXIDE” TO YARVILLE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).
- R-2-2013-036 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT 411-R – “DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE” TO JIS INDUSTRIAL SERVICE COMPANY, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).

- R-2-2013-037 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SKYLINE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013.
- R-2-2013-038 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT 417 – "WELL 21 RSC RESIN SYSTEM REMOVAL" TO CHASE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2013-039 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2013-040 RESOLUTION WAIVING THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THE PASSAGE DATE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF VARIOUS ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.
- R-2-2013-041 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT 416 – "ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES" TO LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2013-042 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MARCH 4, 2013.
- R-2-2013-043 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS STATE TAX COURT APPEALS IN YEAR 2013 AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-2-2013-044 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN YEAR 2013 AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.
- R-2-2013-045 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") TO ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR "ASHMALL AVENUE PUMP STATION #7 IMPROVEMENTS".
- R-2-2013-046 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT 413 – "GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR" TO FM GENERATOR, INC. FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2013-047 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY ("JCP&L") FOR EXTENSION OF THREE-PHASE POWER TO ASHMALL AVENUE PUMP STATION #7 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-2-2013-048 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE HAZMAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COST RECOVERY SERVICES.
- R-2-2013-049 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (2012 Green Fair – 150 Seedlings)

- R-2-2013-050** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH DM MEDICAL BILLINGS, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THIRD PARTY BILLING.
- R-2-2013-051** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ESTABLISHING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR MONROE MEADOWS SOUTH (PB-857-03).
- R-2-2013-052** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1031 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.
- R-2-2013-053** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1066 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.
- R-2-2013-054** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STRATFORD AT MONROE – SECTION 4.
- R-2-2013-055** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE 33 TENNIS, BASKETBALL & SPORTS CENTER (PB-1050-07).

**Mayor Pucci** – No Report

**Administrator Wayne Hamilton** – mentioned the S&P Credit Rating was again affirmed AA Stable Outlook six months after they originally established that rating. They also provided an SP1+ short term borrowing credit rating. He advised that this translated into some very attractive bond sale competition and interest rates that were received on Thursday for the Bond Anticipation Notes. There were five bidders for the sale of \$14,685,000 in Utility Department Bond Anticipation Notes, with a term of one year. Morgan Stanley was the low bidder with a net interest rate of .276%. The general obligation bonds had eight bidders for the sale of \$28,235,000 with a term of 20 years. PNC was the low bidder with a net interest rate of 2.7%. These will translate into a very improved debt service.

**Council Reports:**

Councilwoman Koppel – Oak Tree & Applegarth School is having a benefit for the Applegarth/Oak Tree PTA's at TGI Fridays on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm, dine in or take-out. Further advised that the Cultural Arts Commission is presenting Songs of the Silver Screen on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Richard P. Marasco Center for the Performing Arts.

Councilman Leibowitz – No Report

Councilman Dalina – Congratulated the Cub Scout Pack of Monroe. He attended the Pinewood Derby last Friday. He also had attended one of the Monroe Wolverine Banquet Programs which has grown so large it is separated into two groups. Further advised that Spring Sports are starting their registration process.

Council Vice-President – Mentioned that this past week we celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the chartering of Monroe Township. The Historical Commission has decided that when the weather breaks, there will be a celebration at the Dey Farm. He also mentioned the fund raiser that the Applegarth/Oak Tree PTA's are sponsoring on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at TGI Fridays. Stated that the Shade Tree Commission submitted its' annual report which mentioned that 109 trees were planted along the roadways this past year.

**Public:**

Mark Klein, Regency – stated he is no longer a Board of Education Member, but an 11 year resident of this town. Congratulated the Administration on the sale of the bonds. He stated that he feels the Board of Education has made no effort to reduce its spending and that there should be someone from the Administration or Council sitting on that Board, not necessarily as a voting member but as a representative of the Township.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Spoke about his attendance at the Board of Ed meeting he attended. He feels better attendance at this meeting is necessary. It is important for the people to stand up and voice their opinion.

He next questioned the number of workman compensation claims that the Township has on an annual basis? Administrator Hamilton stated that on an average there are fifteen new claims each year.

Mr. Busman questioned that if we know the amount of the average claims per year, why can't this be wrapped into Attorney Shain's contract. Administrator Hamilton explained that there are two different aspects of the workman's compensation claims. Fees encumbered here are for three or four older continuing claims. New claims are paid by the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund.

Mark Klein, Regency - (second comment) the School Board brought up the fact that due to all the building going on, there is a great impact on the schools. The Board of Ed wants a liaison on the Planning Board for this reason. He feels there should also be a liaison on the Board of Ed who will bring back important information to the Council.

Marianne Lester, 44 Avenue I – as a follow-up to Attorney Shain's yearly fees from 2008-2012, it is her understanding that the reason Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello, P.C. are contracted is so that the town can avail itself with a wide array of legal services. Administrator Hamilton responded that regarding fees from 2008-2011, information is still being gathered. The year 2012 figures are as follows:

General Legal Services - \$257,100  
Tax Appeals - \$271,520  
Various other fees i.e., open space condemnation, extraordinary litigation, etc. \$99,638

Ms. Lester next questioned why we have a separate contract for Ms. Schaffer of Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello, P.C., feeling that she is under and benefiting from the General Contract. Administrator Hamilton responded that it is because she is the Assistant Township Attorney. Each title is included in the Administrative Code of the Township requiring Advice & Consent of Council. He further explained the full process.

She asked if having a legal department would be more cost effective and Administrator Hamilton responded that it would not and he further explained why.

She next commented on whatever the Planning Board does and approves as far as development, brings more children into our school system. The Council is directly responsible for how many more children are coming into the schools per year.

She next referenced Governor Christie's "Best Practices" checklist, which reflects funding to the town. Under Municipal/School relations, one of the questions that are asked is "have you held a joint budget presentation of the municipal and school budgets to the community"? She didn't believe the township does that. .

Administrator Hamilton responded that we meet administratively and discuss areas of mutual concern. The Township's response on that checklist was "no". She asked if this was something that might be done in the future and the response was "no".

Charles Petretti, 4A Wingate Ct. – asked why we need an employment agreement with the newly appointed Captain of the Monroe Police Department and Administrator Hamilton responded that the Chief & Captain each have employee agreements with the Township as a result of a change in Captains. It sets forth terms of employment, education training, seminars and also ties into the salary ordinance and compensation afforded to the superior officers associations so that they continue to maintain a certain level of difference in salary between lieutenants, captains and the chief.

Mr. Petretti then asked if there is a set salary for the Captain and Chief and Administrator Hamilton responded that it is the salary and wage ordinance being adopted this evening.



He next asked about the Morning Glory Drive subordinations on the Agenda this evening and Administrator Hamilton explained that these are various township affordable housing liens that are being refinanced.

He then asked for an update on the Parker Memorial Home project and Attorney Shain advised that it has been completed and that whatever the approval the Planning Board rendered is what they are entitled to. There has been an approval rendered.

He next asked for an explanation of the Well #21 remediation, stating that he sees this Well on the Agenda a lot.

Mike Rogers, Director of the MTUD, was absent from the meeting this evening and Mr. Stoessler, Purchasing Agent for the MTUD, explained that the bid award is to reduce the amount of treatment at this Well, which is no longer necessary.

Mr. Petretti next commented on the work being done on Applegarth Road, creating traffic to back-up during the morning. He recommended the contractor starting at a later time.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Congratulated Mr. Hamilton on the good interest rates and also Councilman Leibowitz on his appointment to the HCD.

She questioned if the Joint Insurance Fund/Health Insurance Carrier put the town in the State benefits program and Administrator Hamilton responded “no”. He further explained the Joint Insurance Fund.

She next questioned the following line Items on the Agenda:

Item #15.d. – Dynamic Testing Service – what is the cost. Administrator Hamilton responded approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 per year for drug & alcohol testing.

Item #15.j. – Municipal Alliance Agreement between Middlesex County and the Township of Monroe. Administrator Hamilton responded that it is \$25,789 in Grant money available to the Township for providing drug awareness education to youths of the Township.

Ms. Arminio then asked if the budget workshop dates have been set yet and Administrator Hamilton advised that they have not been scheduled yet. They are generally held in mid-March.

Gary Gusman, 7 Monarch Rd. (second comment) – mentioned that if the School Budget was rejected it would come to Council. Administrator Hamilton reminded him that if they stayed under the 2% cap it would not be voted upon.

Robert Ziglarski, 62 Tournament Rd. – Thanked the Cultural Arts for their excellent programming. He further stated that he has been in the Township about one year and has become involved in public finance due to the increase in taxes. He, himself, has been involved in public finance. He stated he would like to clear up any misinformation that has circulated. Based on his information and research, he does not believe the Board of Ed's spending has been out of control. He believes it is necessary for the public to go to meetings and ask questions about finances to public officials. He then asked what is included in budget workshops and Administrator Hamilton explained the process.

Next he spoke on Health Benefits and the employee shared portions. He mentioned the Police Department and, as it is, a 4 year graduated system, and wondered where they stand. Perhaps this will help the budget. Administrator Hamilton responded that it will, but only to the extent of the non-union employees. The Union Agreements do not expire until 2014. At that point they will become responsible for kicking in their contribution. Right now, they are kicking in 11/2% of their base salary.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the February 4, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council was Adjourned at 8:40pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilwoman Leslie Koppel	Aye
	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Council Vice President Henry L. Miller	Aye

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SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

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HENRY L. MILLER, Council Vice-President

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