

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - - APRIL 1, 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 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, 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.

There were approximately twenty-five (25) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Tamburro 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.

The following **PROCLAMATIONS** of Mayor Richard Pucci were read into the record by title:

***AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL
(April 2, 2013 World Autism Awareness Day)***

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/21/2013** 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
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **Minutes** of the **March 4, 2013** 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 Aye
Council President Gerald W. Tamburro Aye

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 as follows: (O-4-2013-003)

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Bond ordinance number O-8-2000-026 finally adopted on August 28, 2000 by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Township") entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2000 CAPITAL 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 \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,428,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF," as amended by bond ordinance number O-10-2001-035 finally on adopted by the Township Council on October 1, 2001, bond ordinance number O-12-2002-048 finally adopted by the Township Council on December 2, 2002, bond ordinance number O-8-2003-029 finally adopted by the Township Council on August 4, 2003, bond ordinance O-12-2003-053 finally adopted by the Township Council on December 29, 2003, bond ordinance number O-12-2005-054 finally adopted on December 5, 2005, bond ordinance number O-6-2006-020 finally adopted on June 26, 2006, bond ordinance number O-9-2008-021 finally adopted on September 3, 2008 and bond ordinance number O-8-2013-020 finally adopted on August 6, 2012 (collectively the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent and with effect as follows:

SECTION 2. Sections 3(a)(i) and (ii) of the Original Ordinance are hereby amended in their entirety to read as follows:

<u>"Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Acquisition of various properties within the Township for open space purposes, including, but not limited to, as applicable, Block 25, Lot 19.4; Block 27.02, Lot 18.06; Block 60, Lots 17.03, 17.04, 18.07 and 21.01; Block 62, Lot 12.02; Block 76, Lots 21.02 and 23.06; Block 76.01, Lots 25.01 and 25.20; Block 77, Lots 10.01, 10.02 and 10.03; Block 77, Lots 11.01 & 11.02; Block 77, Lot 7; and Block 106.91, Lot 47.01 on Pine View Court and as sometimes described as Lot 4.01 in accordance with the Township's Open Space Plan, as filed with the Middlesex County Open Space	\$6,150,000	\$5,856,969	\$293,031	40 years

Committee, a lawful public purpose, including the acquisition of development rights therefore and open space mapping, all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and available for public inspection and hereby approved, and

(ii) Acquisition of development rights to various properties within the Township for farmland preservation purposes, including, but not limited to, as applicable, Block 11, Lot 5.14, Block 19, Lot 4, Block 20, Lot 22, Block 22, Lots 2.03 and 2.04, Block 31, Lot 13.02, Block 60, Lots 28.02 and 29.232, Block 81, Lots 4 and 5.01, Block 83, Lot 6.09, Block 36, Lots 15 and 14, Block 54, Lot 7.1, Block 2, Lot 4.01 and Block 30, Lot 8.7 including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and available for public inspection and hereby approved; and	\$1,200,000	\$1,142,815	\$57,185	40 years”
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SECTION 3. The Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended, as necessary, to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 4. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of the 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: **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-8-2000-026 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON AUGUST 28, 2000 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS), AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH THEREIN AND TO REAPPROPRIATE, AUTHORIZATION AND DOWN PAYMENT AMOUNTS AMONG CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS SET FORTH THEREIN.**

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.
O-4-2013-003

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: : **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2013-004)

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 as follows:

SECTION 1. 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>
Special Events/Facilities Coordinator	\$ 1,175	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,240

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 further amended to include the following:

Emergency Medical Technician Per-Diem (Hourly Rate) shall be paid the rate of time and one-half when working Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, **New Year's Day and July 4th**

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 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 the Ordinance.

There was no Council or Public discussion of this Ordinance.

As Councilman Dalina 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 AMENDING THE 2011-2014 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE.**

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.
O-4-2013-004

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 CHAPTER 79 ENTITLED, "POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS".**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2013-005)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 79 of the Monroe Township Code entitled "Police Department, Rules and Regulations", Article X entitled "Authority and Duties" be amended and supplemented as follows: (~~Strikethrough~~ text is to be deleted)

SECTION 1.

§ 79-88.2. Domestic Violence Victims Response Team.

- F. Responsibilities. All team members must attend an initial forty (40) hour training course ~~provided by Women Aware~~, as well as any other periodic sessions required by the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator. Team members must also adhere to the Police Department's General Orders concerning domestic violence.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 the 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 79 ENTITLED, "POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"**.

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.
O-4-2013-005

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and Councilman Leibowitz seconded by, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 38A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "FACILITIES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES"**.

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-4-2013-006)

WHEREAS, many of the Township's current facilities are available to Township non-profit organizations, Township affiliated organizations, and other Township based organizations for public use during normal workday hours and also during evening and weekend hours; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Monroe believe that it is in the best interest of the Township to establish a set of policies and procedures for use at the various municipal facilities to maintain a quality environment for all visitors at the township's facilities; and

WHEREAS, policies and procedures for the use of the various municipal facilities shall be on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and posted for public view at each of the facilities;

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

Section 1. The Council for the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes and directs the Monroe Township Business Administrator to create and implement a set of policies and procedures for use at the various municipal facilities.

Section 2. 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 the Ordinance.

Councilman Leibowitz questioned the establishment of Rules & Regulations.

Council President Tamburro explained that this Ordinance allows for Rules & Regulations to be established for the Community Center, Municipal Building, Senior Center, etc. There will be policy that will be subordinate.

Public:

Bob Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – stated that right now there are no policies for the use of facilities. Administrator Hamilton explained there are general policies and procedures. These will be facility specific.

As Councilman Dalina 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 ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 38A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "FACILITIES 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.
O-4-2013-006

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-4-2013-007)

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 2013** Budget by up to **3.5%** 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 **\$485,743.36** 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 2013** 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 **\$1,133,401.18**, and that the **CY 2013** 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 the Ordinance.

Councilman Leibowitz asked the Business Administrator to explain this Ordinance to everyone and Administrator Hamilton explained the CAP Bank specifics.

Public:

Bob Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – stated that part of the title states “Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits” which he understands is 2% and is probably more like 3 ½%.

Administrator Hamilton agreed and stated that the law allows you to take it to 3 ½%, which is what we do every year and it allows the town to bank those dollars. The law is just about obsolete with the levy cap in place.

Mr. Zeglarski remarked that one can assume that the appropriations will be under 3 ½% to which Administrator Hamilton agreed.

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:	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.
O-4-2013-007

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 ACCEPTING LANDS TO BE DEDICATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE “MILLWOOD ESTATES” RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO CANCEL TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2013 ASSESSED ON BLOCK 169, LOT 5.08, AND EXEMPT SAID PROPERTY FROM TAXATION.**

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 Councilwoman Koppel, 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
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

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

- R-4-2013-084** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND FINAL CLOSE-OUT OF CONTRACT NO. 394 WITH PM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR "FOREST PARK TERRACE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-4-2013-085** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS DIVISION.
- R-4-2013-086** RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
- R-4-2013-087** RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.
- R-4-2013-088** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP 2013 LANDSCAPING SERVICES.
- R-4-2013-089** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY.
- R-4-2013-090** 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-4-2013-091** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH A FINAL CLOSE-OUT OF CONTRACT NO. 378-A WITH PM CONSTRUCTIONCORP. FOR "WELLS 20 AND 23 RAW WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
- R-4-2013-092** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF DOG KENNEL LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2013. (DeeAnee Kennel)
- R-4-2013-093** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONARCH WOODS – PB-967-05.
- R-4-2013-094** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A 2013 FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- R-4-2013-095** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (Monroe Oak Maintenance - \$1,410.00)

- R-4-2013-096** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER R-10 SUBMITTED BY ARCO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR/TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.
- R-4-2013-097** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH 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.
- R-4-2013-098** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR TOLL BROTHERS, INC. – BLOCK 35; LOTS 2.02 & 17.
- R-4-2013-099** RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.
- R-4-2013-100** RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- R-4-2013-101** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR CLEARVIEW ESTATES.
- R-4-2013-102** RESOLUTION TURNING OVER TAX TITLE CERTIFICATE PREMIUMS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
- R-4-2013-103** RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) FOR CONTRACT NO.419 – “FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING SERVICES”.
- R-4-2013-104** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT WITH LAYNE CHRISTIANSEN COMPANY FOR CONTRACT NO. 418-R – “ION EXCHANGE SYSTEM REPAIR & MAINTENANCE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) PURCHASING AGENT.
- R-4-2013-105** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 402 – ASHMALL PUMP STATION.
- R-4-2013-106** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BOGUE CUSTOM BUILDERS, LLC FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FOUR DUG-OUTS AT JAMES MONROE PARK.
- R-4-2013-107** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- R-4-2013-108** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING THE SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION PROJECT AT BLOCK 53, LOT 11 – NEW JERSEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS.
- R-4-2013-109** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SOUTHFIELD GRAND, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITY DEPARTMENT'S PUMP STATION NO. 2.

**R-4-2013-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1024 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**

Mayor Pucci – Commented on the Introduction of the Municipal Budget.

Administrator Hamilton - Advised there will be a Budget Hearing on May 6th @ 7pm. The Budget will be posted on the website tomorrow and will also be available in the Township Clerk's Office. Spending is down \$1.7 million dollars. Our credit rating is stronger than the State of NJ. We were able to drop the Debt Service Budget portion of this Budget by over \$2 million dollars.

Engineer Rasimowicz - No Report

Council Reports:

Councilman Leibowitz – Thanked the Administrator, Council President, and Department Heads for all their hard work in putting together this year's budget.

Councilman Dalina – Reiterated the same. He also reported on the Egg Hunt which was held at the Community Center Hockey Rink due to snow. He further advised that this Saturday at 10am will be the Monroe Twp. Baseball Associations "Opening Day". The week after will be Opening Day at the Thomas Allen Field Complex at 10am for Softball.

Councilwoman Koppel – Commented on the Budget & the cuts that were made. She stated that the level and the quality of services and people we employ in this town is exceptional. She further commented on the Cultural Arts free Summer Series, stating that Music in the Park has been cut a little but will still be offered this summer.

Council Vice-President Miller – Complimented the Mayor, Administrator and all involved that worked on the Budget. He also advised that we will be celebrating the township's 175th Birthday, which will be held at the Dey Farm. He will advise as to a date specific when available.

Council President Tamburro – Further elaborated on the Budget preparation, the 10% salary cut taken by the Mayor and Council and the salary freeze on the Non-Union Supervisory Personnel resulting in a savings of \$100,000. There has also been a postponement on Capital projects.

Public:

Mark Klein, 53 Turnberry Dr. – Thanked everyone for showing that a Budget can be cut.

He corrected a statement in the Home News Tribune, made after the March 5th School Board meeting. The lawsuit he was looking for was for the town to get their fair share, which is \$25 to \$30 million dollars, based on other districts the same size as Monroe.

He also spoke on the town carrying the full burden of the tax appeals. The County, Board of Ed and Fire Districts are not required by law to pay their fair share towards the appeals.

Robert Roche, 18 Muirhead Rd. – Felt that the Budget Work Shops were not as informative to the Public as they should have been. He feels that Financial Statements should be provided and also felt that the Budget should be made available to the Public tonight, upon Introduction.

Helga Kelly, spoke on the truck traffic on Prospect Plains Rd. She did state that the NJ Turnpike signs have been put in place & thanked the Mayor & Council. She asked when the remaining signs would be put in place that direct the traffic to Middlesex Drive. Administrator Hamilton responded that John Riggs is working aggressively on the remaining signs and should be up shortly.

Phil Levy, 92 Kings Mill Dr. – Questioned Item #14.o. – Release of Performance Guarantee for Toll Bros. Engineer Rasimowicz explained that this is the property that was the former Buck Mining Pit, now Phases 7 & 8 in Regency. The Bond was put in place in the 1990's by Buck properties when they were mining the site. When Toll Bros. took over the property they posted a replacement Bond for the original Buck Bond. That Bond has been in place up until they have now bonded the Regency Improvements for both Phases 7 & 8. This triggered the release of this initial Bond.

Mr. Levy then asked for an update on the property acquisition for the Route 516 intersection improvements. Administrator Hamilton stated there is one remaining property which is in bankruptcy.

He next mentioned a Sign on Federal & Applegarth Roads which states Federal is open to the Dey Farm, which existed when the bridge was being repaired, but is now complete. Administrator Hamilton advised it will be looked into.

Joe Castelluccio, 20 Ashley Ct. – Provided his opinion on the Budget & the future outlook. He does agree that the Board of Education State Aid has been unfairly treated. He feels every student should be getting back the same amount of money from the State.

Council Vice-President Miller and Mr. Hamilton both commented on the State Aid situation.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd., Stonebridge – made the following observations. The Budget, according to what he heard, is \$50 million dollars. If we save \$1.7 million dollars from \$50 million, it equates to 3.3%. If contractual obligations are 70% of the \$50 million, that leaves \$15 million dollars as the municipal budget. If the municipal budget, non-contractual, is a savings of \$1.7million dollars, which is an 11% reduction in the current years' budget. If this is accurate, he must commend the Administration & Council for being able to achieve this 11% in the operating budget. If the municipality can do it, he does not know why the Board of Ed can't do the same.

Jeanette Roche, 18 Yorkfield Blvd. – Item #14.m. – Change Order for the Senior Center – she asked the total cost of the facility and Administrator Hamilton stated that the original contract was \$9,881,000 and total Change Orders amount to \$382,000.

She then asked what it will cost to run the Center for a year. Administrator Hamilton responded that there is an additional salary for an additional custodian for the building and the rest will be operating expenses such as electricity, utility expenses, etc. Staff will not be increased. She asked if the Senior Center was a necessity with this kind of expenditure when all the Senior Communities have their own Clubhouses and Administrator Hamilton responded that the services it will provide are entirely different than what is provided in any of the clubhouses.

Councilman Leibowitz responded that not all seniors in town live in a gated community.

Bob Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – asked when the Budget will be in the newspaper and the Clerk responded that the Summary will be published in the April 22nd edition of the Home News Tribune. Administrator Hamilton further advised it will also be available in the Clerk's Office and on the Township website.

He next spoke on the Sewer Utility Surplus that will be used again to subsidize the Municipal portion of the Budget and asked the amount. Administrator Hamilton responded, less than \$8 million dollars, whereas last year they utilized \$15 million.

He then asked "What is the increase in the appropriation side of the budget" and Administrator Hamilton stated he did not have that information with him tonight. He did explain that the debt service was the principal reason why the Budget was being reduced. That was the number one objective. Appropriations went down from \$51.883 million dollars to \$50.143 million dollars, or about \$1.75 million dollars total appropriations.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – asked if the surplus had to be used within a certain amount of time to which Council President Tamburro replied "No".

She next touched on the Work Shops that were held and felt it would be appropriate if there was a statute that states that you cannot give out the work budgets before a Public Hearing. Council President Tamburro corrected her by stating that it is not a Public Hearing, it is a Work Shop. The Public may attend because there is a quorum of Council Members. The Council does not vote on it, but since there is a quorum, the Public is invited. Because it is a Work Shop, there is no Public input. She seemed to think it was very secretive. Council President Tamburro stated that the only thing Department Heads were told not to discuss was individual names without the employee being present. She then stated that Budget numbers were not discussed.

She stated that the budget books distributed to Council hold all line item issues and should be open to public scrutiny. Council President Tamburro stated that they are not a public record. She then questioned what statute states this and Council President Tamburro stated he did not have that particular statute available this evening but will have it for the next Council meeting.

She next asked the line item in the Budget for "Open Space" or "Affordable Housing". Administrator Hamilton stated he did not have it with him; however, he did have the State formatted budget and provided the line item number.

She then spoke about how it is stated that the town has no bearing on how the Board of Ed educates our children. The Mayor and Council are members of the Planning Board, and members of Council are on the Master Plan Committee and all of those responsibilities have increased the residential density in Monroe and that does directly impact the Board of Ed Budget. Also, some towns have the Fire Districts within their Municipal Budgets. Separating them out gives a false impression that the Municipal Budget is smaller.

Councilman Leibowitz stated that he did not hear anyone blame the Board of Ed Budget. They put the blame for the Appeals and on the fact that the Board of Ed doesn't have to pay back their portion of the Appeals and the municipality bears the full burden of paying it back.

She continued, stating that the permitted zone changes by the Council & Master Plan Committee allow for high density building and this puts the burden on the community.

Guy Delre, 24 Ashley Ct. – Agrees with Mr. Klein regarding not getting our fair share of State Aid for our students.

Mayor Pucci gave a brief recap of this situation.

Marianne Lester, 44 Avenue "I" – Asked "What would you have done if you couldn't have raided the utility fund"?

Mayor Pucci explained that we were able to get those funds under state statute.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the meeting 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
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes were adopted on _____