

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2017

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 Stephen Dalina with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Leonard Baskin, Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Stephen Dalina.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Township Attorney Greg Pasquale, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

ABSENT: Township Administrator Alan Weinberg

There were approximately fifteen (15) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Dalina 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 has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 30, 2016 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 6, 2017;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. 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 **PROCLAMATION** of Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro was read into the record:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown
August 18, 2017 – September 4, 2017

Council President Dalina read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017** Regular Council Meeting:

- O-7-2017-020** **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,375,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (254 Applegarth Rd – Block 25 Lots 14.1 and 16) Ordinance tabled at the August 7, 2017 Meeting.**
- O-8-2017-021** **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY FOR THE BROOKLAND WETLANDS MITIGATION SITE.**
- O-8-2017-022** **CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A ROAD PAVER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF WHICH AMOUNT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE.**

Council President Dalina read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017** Regular Council Meeting:

- O-9-2017-023** **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED FROM PUSHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. ON LOTS 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 AND 7.04 IN BLOCK 169. (River Road)**
- O-9-2017-024** **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEEDS OF DEDICATION FOR A RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM COSTCO ON BLOCK 71.01, LOT 8 IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND FEE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP OF PORTIONS OF BLOCK 79, LOT 20 IN MONROE TOWNSHIP. (New Street)**
- O-9-2017-025** **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”. (Locational preferences for new towers)**

Council President Dalina requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA** at the **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017** Regular Council meeting be reviewed and any questions will be addressed:

- R-9-2017-223** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY FOR PROPRIETARY BID NO. 431 “WRT Z-88® FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT FOR WELL 17 & 19 BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
(Contract Amount: \$779,922.00)
- R-9-2017-224** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR W&S 1172, 374 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD, MONROE TWP., N.J. POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-9-2017-225** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1157 – GARIBALDI AVENUE, PB#1175-15 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT, (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-9-2017-226** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO., INC. FOR SECTIONS A, B, C, D, F, I, J AND K OF CONTRACT 465 “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-9-2017-227** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RARITAN GROUP, INC. FOR SECTION H OF CONTRACT 465 “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-9-2017-228** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KENNEDY CULVERT SUPPLY CO. FOR SECTIONS E, G AND L OF CONTRACT 465, “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-9-2017-229** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REVISED DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT’S PUMP STATION NO. 2.**

- R-9-2017-230** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MONROE 33 DEVELOPERS, LLC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT'S PUMP STATION NO. 2.**
- R-9-2017-231** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SEWER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MONROE MANOR AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-9-2017-232** **RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2016 ANNUAL AUDIT.**
- R-9-2017-233** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A. FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH OPEN PUBIC RECORDS REQUESTS (OPRA) CONCERNING PERSONNEL MATTERS.**
(not to exceed \$2,500.00)
- R-9-2017-234** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PORTION OF MONMOUTH ROAD FOR OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2017 FROM 10AM – 6PM.**
- R-9-2017-235** **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 – Awarded \$5,500.00)
- R-9-2017-236** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES.**
- R-9-2017-237** **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-9-2017-238** **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-9-2017-239** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR SEAGIS-ENGLEHARD PB-939-05.**
- R-9-2017-240** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY MECO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**
(Decrease of \$66,873.03)

- R-9-2017-241** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY MECO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES.**
- R-9-2017-242** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.**
(Contract Amount: \$71,476.05)
- R-9-2017-243** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESCINDING OF RESOLUTION NO. R-7-2017-208 “AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FIRST CHOICE VENDING FOR VENDING MACHINES WITHIN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS” AND AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACT PROPOSALS.**
- R-9-2017-244** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLICATION.**
- R-9-2017-245** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO J.C. CONTRACTING INC. FOR LED LIGHTING & SITE IMPROVEMENTS – TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY.**
(Contract Amount: \$265,135.00)
- R-9-2017-246** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (MILLING & PAVING) TOWNSHIP WIDE.** (Contract Amount: \$712,856.05)
- R-9-2017-247** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT & SCOPE OF WORK ATTACHMENT WITH TRI-STATE LIGHT & ENERGY, INC. UNDER THE 70/30 DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.**
(Total project cost is \$94,892.73 with the BPU providing \$66,424.91 and the Township providing \$28,467.82)
- R-9-2017-248** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE GABLES AT APPLGARTH VILLAGE – COMMERCIAL BA-5099-14.**

- R-9-2017-249** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR SOUTHFIELD ESTATES PB-910-04.**
- R-9-2017-250** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO LEWIS-GRAHAM FOR ADA SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT DEY FARMSTEAD.** (Contract Amount: \$245,275.00)
- R-9-2017-251** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Tamburro reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for the new Quick Check located on the corner of Applegarth Road and Route 33. The store features the newest design layout with a brand-new menu. For the first month of opening, they will donate \$.25 from every sandwich and wrap sold to the Monroe Township Wolverines. Additionally, they have created 45 new jobs and overall tax wise will exceed \$1,000,000.

Administrator's Report – Absent.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that Middlesex County will begin milling and paving Prospect Plains Road to Union Valley Road which will start this week and then follow up with the milling and paving of Butcher Road to North Disbrow Hill Road.

The traffic signal on Union Valley Road and Perrineville Road is now operational.

Council's Reports:

Councilman Leibowitz – No report.

Council Vice-President Schneider – No report.

Councilwoman Cohen – No report.

Councilman Baskin –

- The Monroe Township Community Garden held its heaviest tomato contest. Ron Lee was the winner with his tomato weighing in at 1.8lbs. Councilman Baskin passed around a picture of the winner with his tomato.
- Attended the Solar Eclipse viewing party held at the Monroe Township Library where solar eclipse glasses were handed out to those who were in attendance to view the eclipse. A fantastic job was done by all in putting this event together.

Council President Dalina – No report.

PUBLIC: No members of the public wished to speak.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the Agenda Meeting of August 28, 2017 Adjourned at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Stephen Dalina

STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: September 6, 2017.