

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AGENDA MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Administrator Alan Weinberg, Township Attorney Joel Shain, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately seven (7) 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.

Council President Dalina read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017** Regular Council Meeting:

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| <b>O-9-2017-023</b> | <b>ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED FROM PUSHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. ON LOTS 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 AND 7.04 IN BLOCK 169.</b> (River Road)   |
| <b>O-9-2017-024</b> | <b>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.</b> (New Street & Courtney Street) |
| <b>O-9-2017-025</b> | <b>ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”.</b> (Locational preferences for new cell towers)  |

Council President Dalina requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA** at the **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017** Regular Council meeting be reviewed and any questions will be addressed:

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| <b>R-10-2017-252</b> | <b>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CARGO VAN USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).</b> (purchase \$21,119.66) |
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- R-10-2017-253** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1114, THE GABLES @ APPEGARTH VILLAGE, BA#5090-14 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).
- R-10-2017-254** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION #4 TO A CONTRACT AWARDED TO SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR VARIOUS PIPELINE GENERAL ENGINEERING FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Increase of \$22,100.00)
- R-10-2017-255** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 466 “WATER METERS” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Title Only: Bid Opening 9/27)
- R-10-2017-256** 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).  
(Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant - \$7,468.08)
- R-10-2017-257** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR YESHIVA AT MONROE BA-815-08. (373 Schoolhouse Rd.)
- R-10-2017-258** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY FAIGON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER GENERATOR PROJECT.  
(Decrease of \$34,193.39)
- R-10-2017-259** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY FAIGON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER GENERATOR PROJECT.
- R-10-2017-260** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL/ SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. (2- year agreement: 2018 - \$93,291.29; 2019 - \$95,157.12)
- R-10-2017-261** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (Purchase Amount: \$90,000.00)
- R-10-2017-262** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2017-2018 MONMOUTH ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS - CAPITAL PROJECT.  
(Contract Amount: \$100,000.00)
- R-10-2017-263** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2017-2018 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1) – CAPITAL PROJECT. (Contract Amount: \$80,000.00)
- R-10-2017-264** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS.

- R-10-2017-265**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A. FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS (OPRA) CONCERNING PERSONNEL MATTERS. (Additional \$7,500.00)**
- R-10-2017-266**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-10-2017-267**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE.**
- R-10-2017-268**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR MONMOUTH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. (NJ DOT 2017 Grant awarded \$310,000 towards this project)**
- R-10-2017-269**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AT THE OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND MOUNTS MILLS ROAD INTERSECTION.**
- R-10-2017-270**                    **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-10-2017-271**                    **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR GOVERNOR CHRISTIE TO RESTORE CUTS TO THE HOMESTEAD REBATE/BENEFIT PROGRAM AND THE SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM.**
- R-10-2017-272**                    **RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CONGRESS NOT TO CUT OR ELIMINATE THE FEDERAL HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST DEDUCTION OR THE STATE & LOCAL TAX DEDUCTION PROGRAM.**
- R-10-2017-273**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DANIEL ROAD & 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. (From the concrete bridge deck to Avenue "K")**
- R-10-2017-274**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. (Includes Forman Ave., Nathaniel St., Florence Dr. and Holly Rd.)**
- R-10-2017-275**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HERITAGE CHASE NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. (Includes Ralston Way, Alexander Dr., Regent Dr., Talmadge Dr., Compton Ct., Drummond Way, Evans Way and Elliot Dr.)**
- R-10-2017-276**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 SUBMITTED BY AQUATIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH 2017 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (Increase of \$3,500.00 for Treatment to Skeba Dr. Basin)**

**Mayor's Report – No Report.**

**Administrator's Report – No Report.**

**Engineer's Report – No Report.**

**Council’s Reports:**

**Councilman Leibowitz** –

- Attended the Wolverines 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which was a very impressive day.
- Threw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch at the vintage baseball game.

**Council Vice-President Schneider** – No report.

**Councilwoman Cohen** – No report.

**Councilman Baskin** –

- Attended the Wolverines 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as, the vintage baseball game. Kudos to John Katerba and the Historical Society who did a wonderful job.

**Council President Dalina** – No report.

**PUBLIC:**

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in R-10-2017-271 and R-10-2017-272.

Asked for consideration to be made in the future as there are proposed cuts to Medicare and the school lunch program that will affect our students and the residents of Monroe Township.

Council Vice-President Schneider commented that she has participated in the “Bag for Hunger” food drive at Shoprite, stating that 1 out of 9 children go hungry.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the Agenda Meeting of September 25, 2017 Adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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| 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: October 2, 2017.