

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AGENDA MEETING – NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

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 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 Baskin, Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Stephen Dalina.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Greg Pasquale, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Michael Leibowitz

There were approximately ten (10) 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 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, DECEMBER 4, 2017** Regular Council Meeting:

**O-11-2017-026            ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM ENVER AHMED FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 17, LOT 3.05.**  
(Colt's Run Development)

Council President Dalina read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017** Regular Council Meeting:

**O-12-2017-027            ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "FEES".**  
(Clerk's Office – Various license fees & Uniform Fire Code fees)

- O-12-2017-028**      **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR SEWER AND WATER APPURTENANT FACILITIES ON BLOCK 36, LOT 14.**  
(Project: Monroe Park a/k/a Celebrations at Monroe – Mounts Mills Rd.)
- O-12-2017-029**      **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BLOCK 6, LOT 37 INC. ON BLOCK 6, LOT 37.**  
(Project: Gateway – Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)
- O-12-2017-030**      **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BLANKET DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE VERDE GROUP, LLC. ON BLOCK 4, LOTS 10 AND 11.01; BLOCK 5, LOT 12.01; AND BLOCK 6, LOT 37.**  
(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)
- O-12-2017-031**      **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEEDS OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BRIARHOLM, INC. ON BLOCK 4.01, LOTS 10.01, 12.03 AND 12.04.**  
(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)
- O-12-2017-032**      **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENTITLED, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.**  
(Amendment to bus stop location on Applegarth Road)
- O-12-2017-033**      **ORDINANCE FIXING THE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**
- O-12-2017-034**      **ORDINANCE FIXING THE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**
- O-12-2017-035**      **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015-2018 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES.**

Council President Dalina requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017** Regular Council meeting be reviewed and any questions will be addressed:

- R-12-2017-302**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4A (PB-1079-10).**
- R-12-2017-303**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4B (PB-1093-10).**
- R-12-2017-304**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4C (PB-1107-11).**
- R-12-2017-305**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR REGENCY @ MONROE – W&S 684.7 B-C-D PB#1061-08 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**

- R-12-2017-306**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR CHABAD HOUSE OF MONROE – W&S 1005 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-12-2017-307**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE WITH AETNA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-308**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-309**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-310**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLUMIG KENNELS FOR THE HOUSING AND FEEDING OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-311**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS MATTERS OF EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (2017 Tax Appeals – \$60,000, COAH Compliance - \$5,000, Workers Compensation Claims –\$5,000, Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation –\$5,000).**
- R-12-2017-312**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN THE AREA OF SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. (Anticipated closure: December 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> – Daytime)**
- R-12-2017-313**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF INVESTORS BANK v. MICHELE BARFIELD, ET ALS. AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (\$5,000.00)**
- R-12-2017-314**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLICATION. (\$350.00)**
- R-12-2017-315**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 169.19, LOT 17.**
- R-12-2017-316**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX REFUNDS AND/OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS.**

- R-12-2017-317**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UNDER THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (Cost: \$32.00 per deer carcass)**
- R-12-2017-318**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF APPLICATION FEES PERMITTED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ST. ANIANUS COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH. (4 fee waivers totaling \$1,225.00)**
- R-12-2017-319**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8C, 8D, 8E (PB-1100-11).**
- R-12-2017-320**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8F, 8G, 8J (PB-1100-11).**
- R-12-2017-321**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8H & 8I (PB-1100-11).**
- R-12-2017-322**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7B (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-323**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7C (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-324**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7D (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-325**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR PRINCESS COURT (PB-1044-07).**
- R-12-2017-326**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK, MATRIX REALTY, INC. AND U.S. HOME CORPORATION D/B/A LENNAR FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF CRANBURY-SOUTH RIVER ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROUTE 535, AND DOCKS CORNER ROAD.**
- R-12-2017-327**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, PC TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF LIBERTARIANS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT v. TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (\$6,500.00)**

- R-12-2017-328**      **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-329**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F-450 CAB & CHASSIS WITH SNOW PLOW USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (\$35,482.00)**
- R-12-2017-330**      **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). (Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Awarded \$3,478.86)**
- R-12-2017-331**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH K & A EXCAVATING CO., INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FOR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-332**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.**
- R-12-2017-333**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.**
- R-12-2017-334**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.**  
**TITLE ONLY**
- R-12-2017-335**      **RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2017-336**      **RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2017-337**      **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)**

**Mayor's Report** – Reported that this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> they will be having a send-off event at the Community Center for the Cheer team, who will be going to Florida to compete for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Extended the best of luck to them.

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator will give a full report at the Regular Meeting.

**Engineer's Report** – Administrator will give a full report at the Regular Meeting.

**Council's Reports:**

**Council Vice-President Schneider** –

- Attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center where over 140 people were in attendance. It was very nice to see the cub scout and Monroe Township Highschool Chorus there as well. The meal served was beautiful and everyone went home with a goody bag. A lot of the participants would have been alone on Thanksgiving if it wasn't for this event.

**Councilman Baskin** –

- Attended the Monroe Township Chorus's performance at the Marasco Center of Academy Award winnings songs which was fantastic.

**Councilman Leibowitz** – Absent.

**Councilwoman Cohen** –

- Councilwoman Cohen stated she will give a full report at the Regular Meeting.

**Council President Dalina** –

- Council President Dalina stated he will give a full report at the Regular Meeting.

**PUBLIC:**

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on R-12-2017-311 regarding the breakdown of the extraordinary litigation; Council President Dalina explained that the amounts are broken out to provide a better explanation of each amount needed for each of the extraordinary litigation cases.

Mrs. Arminio asked for further clarification on R-12-2017-313; Attorney Greg Pasquale and Administrator Weinberg explained that because this is an affordable housing unit that is going into foreclosure proceedings and we are required to protect our interest in it and to keep the affordable housing restrictions in place, therefore it is necessary to have our attorneys involved.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Agenda Meeting of November 27, 2017 Adjourned at 7:11 PM.

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

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Stephen Dalina*  
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STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: December 4, 2017.