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Monroe Swears-In New and Returning Members to Township Council

MONROE – At the Jan. 3 Township Council reorganization meeting, officials swore in several returning members, along with one Council newcomer.

“I’d like to welcome everyone and I look forward to building on a cohesive relationship with all of our members, both new and familiar,” said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “This is a group of dedicated leaders, who will be working together for a common purpose and in the best interest of the taxpayers over the next few years.”

During the meeting, Elizabeth Schneider entered into her second term as Councilwoman. On task with the evening’s agenda, members also unanimously selected Schneider to serve as Council vice-president and her fellow Councilman Stephen Dalina as president, each taking on their respective roles for a second year.

Following her successful bid in November, Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, who was tapped in March to replace Freeholder Leslie Koppel after her appointment to the Middlesex County board, will serve out the unexpired two-year term.

Councilman Leonard Baskin, appointed to his seat in July, was also sworn-in to his first four-year term with the Township.

New to Council, Charles Dipierro took his oath alongside his wife, mother, children and extended family members at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Dipierro is a lifelong resident of Monroe and a product of the Township’s school system. He went on to attend Richard Stockton College in Galloway, earning a bachelor’s degree in business and accounting with a minor in computer science.

Professionally, he has owned several local businesses that included landscaping, contracting and paving companies. Dipierro opened his own real estate company in Monroe in 1999.

In 2004, Dipierro was elected as a Commissioner to Fire District No. 1, where he’s served as chairman for the past eight years.

“I want to do what’s right for the people,” Dipierro said subsequent to taking his oath of office. “Moving forward, we need to work together.”

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