

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - - MAY 6, 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, Township Attorney Joel L. Shain and Township Engineer Ernest W. Feist.

ABSENT: Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton

There were approximately thirty (30) 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.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Koppel and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **4/25/2013** were approved for payment as 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 Council Vice-President Miller and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **Minutes** of the **March 27, 2013** Agenda Meeting and **April 1, 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 Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the **PUBLIC HEARING** was **Opened** at 7:05 p.m. on the **2013 Municipal Budget** as introduced on **March 27, 2013**.

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

Council President Tamburro announced that comments and questions will be accepted on the 2013 Budget only. Any other comments will be accepted during the latter Public portion of the meeting.

He also advised that Mr. Hamilton, the Business Administrator, is out on sick leave and Mr. Lang, the Township's Chief Financial Officer, has been asked to sit in to answer any technical questions.

Public:

Hyman Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – Complimented all on the website, which he was able to navigate through easily to get to the budget information.

While reviewing the Budget he noticed that Capital Expenditures were cut and asked in what areas were they cut and what the implications are. Council President Tamburro responded that the largest cut was for the Phase 2 of Veterans Park - \$4.6 Million dollars, \$1.7 Million dollars for the Dey Farm and \$2.2 - \$2.3 Million dollars for work in the lower level of the Municipal Building when the Senior Center moves to its new location. Some money will be used in order to move the financial department from the Utility Department to the Municipal Building and \$1.5 Million dollars for Utility Department improvements have been postponed.

Mr. Grossman asked how long these items will be postponed and Council President Tamburro explained that none are priority items. They may happen in the future at a staged build-out.

Mr. Grossman next questioned an item in the disclosure for unfunded/compensated absences/sick leave in the Police, Library and Recreation areas in the amount of \$2.8 million dollars which Mr. Lang explained.

He next questioned, on the revenue side, under anticipated construction code:

- 2013 \$1,200,000.
- 2012 \$1,499,000.

Mr. Lang explained that it is a conservative estimate.

Next he commented on the Reserve for Hurricane Irene reimbursement in the amount of \$254,000. Mr. Lang explained that figure represents receipts received in 2012 and any receipts received would go against the emergency. It is completely paid off.

Mr. Grossman stated that the reserve for uncollected taxes went up to which Mr. Lang concurred.

Nelson Chen, 4 Ashley Ct – Feels that a lot of surplus funds are being used to cover raises. In a previous meeting it was stated that the Budget was down \$1.7 million dollars from the adopted Budget in 2012. He feels it really isn't down that much from what was actually spent in 2012 and is really only down \$218,000. Also, \$1.7 million dollars is really not accurate when you raise the taxes the year before by \$4.4 million dollars. The total general appropriations within the CAP increased \$2.5 million dollars or 7.9%. Expenditures, excluded from the CAP, decreased \$2.8 million, of which \$2.7 million came from the converting of bond anticipation notes.

He next questioned the Library – 4.14% - \$73,000 increase in salaries for 2013, asking if someone was hired. Councilman Dalina responded that no one was hired to his knowledge. If anything, there was a downsizing of certain staff.

Mr. Lang responded that the figures Mr. Chen is referring to are not shown in the Budget.

Mr. Chen then questioned the \$923,000 of Township reimbursement and Mr. Lang responded that the Library reimburses the Township for health benefit costs, maintaining of the facilities, utility costs, etc. This is all part of the Library Budget and comes back to the Township.

Joe Castelluccio, 20 Ashley Ct. – asked how things were appropriated and then charged. He questioned the increase in the 2013 appropriated figure.

Mr. Lang responded that under NJ State Law the 2012 Budget does not close out at the end of 2012. It stays open for the entire year of 2013. Any additional bills or charges related to 2012 are charged in 2013 and might not be reflected on the actual budget document.

Mr. Castelluccio named other line items with huge increases.

Mayor Pucci stated that the numbers are misleading. You must look at the audited statements of 2011 to get the balance of accounts and then 2012, which we don't have right now. Once we have those numbers we can compare it. The number you are looking at is a number reached after the Administrator and Council reviews it item by item. It then reflects the current expenses thru 2012.

Mr. Castelluccio asked what happens if it is less and Mayor Pucci responded that a surplus fund is built up.

Mary Ann Lester, 44 Avenue I – Asked the number of Union contracts with longevity and she was advised it is looked at as part of the salary. The exact figure is not known but will be provided.

Robert Roche, 18 Muirfield Blvd. – His question was based on the Library - \$955,000, stating that under state law we are only required, as taxpayers, to contribute \$2.2 Million dollars to the Library and our real estate taxes funded almost \$3.2 million dollars.

Mr. Lang explained that the majority of that amount is reimbursed to the Township as explained earlier. Mr. Roche feels that the reimbursement is taxpayer money that is being given back to the Township.

He next spoke on surplus. The Water & Sewer Authority has always generated a tremendous amount of surplus. In 2012 it was almost \$3 million dollars. In the last 4 years it has been over \$7 million dollars. He feels this is an indication that the residents are being overcharged. The surplus, which is not capped, is sent back to the Township for any expenses.

Council President Tamburro said that statement is totally wrong. The water & sewer rates that are charged in Monroe are one of the lowest in the County. The surplus is generated from connection fees generated through the developers. It is not the taxpayer.

Mr. Roche stated that in 2011 \$1.7 million dollars came from connection fees. He believes connection fees are not attributed to the \$1.7 million dollar surplus.

Councilman Tamburro stated that it is not known the amount that will be generated through connection fees because it is based on development. By law, the fees that are charged must be self-sustaining and they are.

Mr. Roche asked the amount of connection fees for 2012. Mr. Lang did not have that number with him this evening but will provide the amount to him.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – stated that when the public asks questions regarding the budget, there is very little information available and is put off until the budget is voted on.

She asked if it was true that connection fees, over the years of high growth, were not put in the general fund budget until the following year.

Council President Tamburro stated that the utility surplus funds are generated through connection fees. Over the course of years, we have been using those funds to balance both the Municipal Budget and the Utility Budget because of two situations. (1) the State was talking about taking excess surplus away from the Township and (2) it is the taxpayers that should benefit from the surplus not rate payers or developers.

She feels that what has been done has not curtailed spending. We have been encouraging widespread, high density development. These connection fees have not been helping the taxpayers but the developers. Once these developments are “built out” we are going to be saddled with all the tax burden and services that the developments generate.

Mayor Pucci spoke on Ms. Arminio’s comments regarding the Municipal Budget as presented.

Charles Lerman, 11 Doral Drive – Commented on the Fire Districts and their Budgets.

Council President Tamburro stated that this Public portion is for the 2013 Municipal Budget only & the Fire District Budgets are not part of this Budget. Any comments regarding the Fire Districts can be made at the Public portion at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Lerman next commented on the Debt Service which has been reduced. He feels more could be cut if each Department was cut without having an adverse effect. He next commented on Salaries, Pensions and Insurance.

Mayor Pucci commented on all statements made by Mr. Lerman.

Gennaro Brigante, 11 Avognon Rd. – Renaissance – asked the number of senior communities in Monroe and why should seniors pay such high school taxes.

Mayor Pucci commented.

Jeanette Roche, 18 Muirfield Rd. – commented on Police Healthcare and their contribution to healthcare, 35% based on \$100,000. She stated that she is on government healthcare and also pays 1/3 in addition for healthcare.

Item #12, Page 40b – the new Bookmobile. She asked if it was already purchased and was informed “no” it is not purchased. She wonders if this is a real necessity - \$200,000.00 for a new purchase plus (2) two employees to man it that will also get paid a salary as well as benefits.

Council President Tamburro commented that the Bookmobile is an extension of the Library and therefore we do not have to build an auxiliary Library. There are children & shut-ins’ that have no way to get to the Library due to the location and look forward to the Bookmobile.

Bob Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – He felt information regarding the Budget would have been available when Council Introduced the Budget. A copy was available the next day from the Clerk or on-line, however, he didn’t feel this was convenient.

In looking at the Budget he observed:

Total Operations	Increased	8.33%
Salary & Wages	Increased	7.00%
Other Expenses	Increased	10.18%

He also commented on using water & sewer fees and any other income to help fund the Municipal Budget.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, the **Public Hearing** on the **2013 Municipal Budget** was **Closed** at 8:10pm.

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 Dalina the **2013 Municipal Budget** was **Adopted** as Introduced on March 27, 2013.

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 ACCEPTING LANDS TO BE DEDICATED FOR 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.**

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-5-2013-008)

WHEREAS, Monroe Township Code Chapter 108, Section 13.10 entitled, "Detention/Retention Basin Lots Dedications", requires, inter alia, that all detention/retention basins for storm water drainage located within or as part of a single-family residential use development be dedicated to the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said provision, Millwood Associates, Inc., a/k/a Millwood Estates ("Millwood Estates") proposes to dedicate one (1) detention basin lot to the Township as part of the single-family residential subdivision known as Millwood Estates; and

WHEREAS, Millwood Estates received Final Subdivision approval for Block 169, Lots 5 and 6.04 on April 6, 2005, memorialized on April 28, 2005 (PB-941-04), which approval required the dedication of Block 169, Lot 5.08 as a detention basin lot; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe believes it to be in the public interest to accept the dedication of said lots in accordance with the resolution of subdivision approval adopted by the Monroe Township Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the attached metes and bounds description for said lots and has found same to be in conformity with the Planning Board approval and recommends acceptance of the Deed of Dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Dedication was forwarded to the Township Attorney's Office in December 2012 but was misplaced by clerical staff; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has now reviewed and approved the proposed Deed of Dedication;

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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Deed of Dedication transferring Block 169, Lot 5.08, the one (1) lot proposed to be dedicated as part of the Millwood Estates project, *nunc pro tunc* to November 15, 2012, conditioned upon the compliance of Millwood Estates with Chapter 108, Section 13.10 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, provided said Deed is in form satisfactory to the Township Attorney, and subject to the restrictions contained in Chapter 108 Section 12.16 of the Township Code;

Section 2. The Grantor shall be Millwood Estates, Inc. the owner of the property who shall convey the premises free and clear of encumbrances and restrictions.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Any and all accumulated taxes due on the referenced Lot and Block shall be paid by Millwood Estates, Inc. through December 31, 2012.

Section 5. The Tax Assessor shall mark the Property exempt from taxation beginning on January 1, 2013.

Section 6. If any section, subdivision, sentence, 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.

SO ORDAINED as aforesaid.

Council President Tamburro opened the Public Hearing to Council and Public discussion of this Ordinance.

Michelle Armenio, 9 Nathaniel St. – questioned the number of acres and the amount of taxes being refunded.

Engineer Feist responded that it is a detention basin and not large acreage but he will check.

Council President Tamburro stated that the taxes were approximately \$200.

She then asked if the cost of maintaining the basin will be the Township's responsibility and Council President Tamburro answered that it comes out of the stormwater management fund which is funded by the developers.

She asked if the fees that are received from the Builders satisfy the maintenance cost or do the fees come from somewhere else.

Engineer Feist corrected Ms. Arminio, stating that nothing has changed in 15 years as to how detention/retention basins are handled within the Township. The Ordinance that requires the Township to accept detention/retention basins/ponds pre-dates his time and this Administration's time in Monroe.

She next asked if this acreage is being placed in open space.

Engineer Feist stated the fees collected from developers for maintenance of the detention/retention basins more than covers the ongoing maintenance. The fees collected are also based on Federal cost of living increases.

She asked if there is an average cost to maintain detention/retention basins and Engineer Feist responded that it varies on the sizes. The only cost is cutting the grass. He also stated that Mr. Riggs, the Environmental Manager for the Township, categorizes it as a detention basin under open space.

Robert Roche, 18 Muirfield Blvd. – asked why we want these basins and Engineer Feist responded that these basins serve public roads as opposed to gated communities where the roads and stormwater management features are privately owned. It is mandated under local Ordinance that we accept and maintain these basins. These basins are collecting stormwater from the public roadways. Private communities maintain their own basins. If not maintained, the town would step in and levy a lien. Monies collected from developers are held in a stormwater management trust fund which accrues interest.

Mary Ann Lester, 44 Avenue I – stated that in viewing the Ordinance the town is assuming responsibility. Council President Tamburro confirmed that is correct. She asked if there was another hurricane and homes flooded would the township be legally responsible and Engineer Feist responded no, we would not.

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 ACCEPTING LANDS TO BE DEDICATED FOR 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 the Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-5-2013-008

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilman Dalina, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for final passage: **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE, SIDEWALK AND SHADE TREE EASEMENT FROM KRZYSZTOF AND ELZBIETA KOLUDA ON PORTIONS OF LOTS 21.01 & 36.01 IN BLOCK 147.09.**

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 the Ordinance Duly Filed.

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 A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM LORI GARDENS ASSOCIATES, II, LLC FOR LOT 3.05 IN BLOCK 16.**

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 the Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the following Resolutions were moved 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

Mayor Pucci – spoke on the Township’s Affordable Housing balances and the placement of monies into an Irrevocable Trust. He explained the past history of these funds and their allocations.

Administrator Hamilton – Absent

Engineer Feist – No Report

Council Reports:

Councilman Leibowitz – Reported that the Citizen Review Board Meeting was cancelled due to the weather this month but an updated report was forwarded and will be placed in Council packets.

Councilman Dalina – Spoke on a balanced Budget and the philosophy behind the budgetary process. Library and Community Center programs have been cut. He and Councilman Leibowitz also attended the Grand Opening of “Patriot Hot Dogs” on Route 33 operated by an Iraq War Veteran who donated sales on Sat. & Sun. to the “Wounded Warrior Project”.

Councilwoman Koppel – Thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the placement of the Affordable Housing Funds into an Irrevocable Trust. She also thanked the residents for their attendance this evening and for their participation.

Council Vice-President Miller – Thanked the Administration and Department Heads for their work on the submission of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Public:

Steven Riback, 23 Riviera Dr., Regency – expressed his objection and great concern about the Villages of Monroe which is a proposed development for 522 residential units and 64,000 sq. feet of commercial floor space. Traffic safety is a great concern. There will be additional fire, police and ambulance services needed. Another concern is a water tower and the sufficiency of sewers along with the impact on the school system.

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – agrees that the Mayor and Administration did a very good job with the Budget and also feels the Library is the “crown jewel” of this town.

Questioned Item #13.z. – Award of Professional Service Contract to Middlesex Water Company for Utility Management Services.

Council President Tamburro explained that Mike Rogers, Director of the Utility Department, is currently out on Sick Leave for an undetermined amount of time. Sufficient licensed operators on a 24/7 basis are required. With Mr. Rogers out, as well as two additional people with qualified licenses also out on extended sick leave, this Resolution awarding a professional service contract to Middlesex Water Company gives the necessary coverage needed.

He then asked the cost and Council President Tamburro stated the cost is not to exceed \$15,000.

Marshall Klein, 605 Waterside Blvd. – President of B’Nai B’rith of Monroe Twp. – his concern is the scheduling of meetings in the new Senior Center which is not yet open. Also, he has not yet seen a set of Rules & Regulations regarding the new facility, namely the use of the kitchen.

Alan Kahn, 11 Crenshaw Ct. – criticized the excess space not utilized in the new High School, Library and now the Senior Center. He is told the Senior Center has a tremendous amount of wasted space. He asked the total cost of the Senior Center and Council President Tamburro stated he did not have that figure on hand this evening. Mr. Kahn asked the amount of the Change Order and other items on the Agenda this evening and was advised it will be furnished at a later date by Mr. Lang. Council President Tamburro explained that the Change Order listed on the Agenda is due to Hurricane Sandy, which caused damage to the detention ditch. The other item is in the amount of \$25,000 for Attorney Shain to put together an action for all parties causing the over-runs and delays on the Senior Center.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – asked if there is an opening date on the Senior Center and was told “the early part of June”.

Questioned Item #12 - Ordinance Accepting a Deed of Dedication from Lori Gardens Associates for Block 16, Lot 3.05, asking the location. Engineer Feist explained that it is at the intersection of Federal Road and the formerly known Old Church Road in the area of the Dey Farm, consisting of approximately 21 acres of land and part of the “Dey Farm” Project.

Steve Gorbe, 11B Gravel Hill-Spotswood Rd. – Spoke on the condition of a large number of poles damaged within the township due to accidents, storms or age, stating he has met with the Business Administrator and has given him a list just for Monroe Township.

Council President Tamburro introduced Jerry Riccardi from Jersey Central Power & Light. Mr. Riccardi stated that he has spoken with Helga Stoessler who wanted to arrange a meeting between himself, Mrs. Stoessler and Harold Klein. He was then given a list that Mr. Gorbe had put together along with pictures. He stated that Jersey Central is very responsive to all municipalities. Of the 71 locations on Mr. Gorbe’s list, 23 do involve work needed by Jersey Central Power and Light. Only 3 locations involve a guide wire, with no safety issues. The other 20 issues are poles that need to be removed. He advised he will take care of the 23 poles within 90 days. The remaining poles are Verizon’s. Council President Tamburro asked how to take care of the remaining poles or who to contact. Mr. Klein reported that they are in the process of contacting Verizon.

Mary Ann Lester, 44 Avenue I – Item #13.u. – Asked the amount paid on principal and interest for the new construction of the Library. Council President Tamburro said he believed it was one Bond issue that incorporated the Library, the Community Center and Senior Center. The exact cost of the Library was not immediately known and was told that information would be supplied to her.

Item #13.n. – Asked if the Change Order involves an outlay of money because in Items 13.n&u. we are suing them in order to recoup some money. Council President Tamburro stated there is an outlay of money in order to get the work done.

Virginia McGinnis, 326A Nantucket Lane – Mentioned the past discussion regarding an Inter-local Agreement to mitigate the flooding at Rossmoor and asked who has or has not signed the Inter-local. She feels this Council has made Rossmoor responsible for a flooding problem that is due to the development of Monroe Twp., under the approval of Monroe Twp., by utilizing a pond that is privately owned by Rossmoor. She feels it is reckless of this municipality that they are aware of the existing danger and nothing has been done. She then described where she feels the water is coming from.

Engineer Feist stated he is unaware of any stormwater work done in Rossmoor. He then gave an updated status of the Interlocal Agreement.

Pat Valvano, 192 Diamond Spring Dr. – Spoke on the Dey Farm and the cutting of the County and Township money. He feels the Dey Farm is deteriorating and as a symbol of Monroe it should be improved.

Charlie Lerman, 11 Doral Dr. - Asked the status of the Fire District Study, stating that it is a \$10 million dollar budget for the three fire districts and nothing has been done.

He next asked the cost of the fireworks and was told \$15,000. He feels this is a luxury that could be cut.

Harold Kane, 480B Newport Way – spoke on the flooding problem in Rossmoor, stating he is glad to hear the County will be involved. Engineer Feist explained that the engineers for Rossmoor would be responsible for the design of any flood mitigation measures, the County will pay for it and the Township will take it to bid and administer the contract. The system has been maintained by Rossmoor for the past 40 yrs. And Rossmoor certainly knows the system more than the County or the Township. Mr. Kane further spoke on the problem of the flooding in the lower end. Stating that with the widening of Prospect Plains Road it might be a great opportunity to rectify the problem. Engineer Feist stated he will bring it to the new County Engineer’s attention.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Avenue K – spoke on the bookmobile and how it provides a service to our children in the long summer months. At Veterans Park it can provide both recreation as well as reading.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – stated that it is great that the Bookmobile is available to everyone.

She stated the problem she has is with the Budget not being available at the Budget Hearings and feels the Budget should also be available in the Bookmobile.

Affordable Housing dollars – she feels the reason we have it is due to the way the town is planned out. Planning to build more high density things is an end result of the enormous planning we have had in the past and it is going to take a toll on the tax payers.

Mayor Pucci explained what has happened with COAH over the years. He further emphasized that the “Builders Remedy”, designed by the State, is a dangerous element. It can be successful in a Court and has been in the past.

Council President Tamburro also mentioned the “Sarlow Bill” which gave the developers the right to re-zone without the Municipality’s right to speak.

Ms. Arminio feels we are accommodating the builders. The Planning Board, under the Master Plan and this Council under its’ Ordinances are changing and accommodating Zoning for builders. The last Master Plan is urbanizing Monroe.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilwoman Koppel, the meeting was Adjourned at 9:45pm.

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 _____