

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

The Council of the Township of Monroe met in the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for a Special Meeting.

The Special Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

**UPON ROLL CALL** by Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Irwin Nalitt, Councilman Leibowitz and Council President Gerald W. Tamburro.

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Koppel and Council Vice-President Miller

**ALSO PRESENT** for Council was: Business Administrator Wayne R. Hamilton and Mayor Richard Pucci.

There were approximately ten (10) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Tamburro requested the following **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record:

This meeting is being held pursuant to the **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met.

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 Tamburro announced that the Special Meeting is being Called to Order for the sole purpose of honoring Lance Corporal Colin Pascik, a wounded veteran of the United States Marine Corp.

Lance Corporal Colin Pascik was escorted by Commandant Douglas Rattazzi and Sgt. At-Arms/Color Guard Captain Mel Mezaros from the John Basilone Detachment #190 Marine Corps. Honor Guard in Milltown, NJ along with his twin brother Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Clayton Pascik.

Playing the Marine Corps Hymn, Bag Piper Tim McCabe, a former Marine.

Council President Tamburro asked everyone to remain standing for the Salute to the Flag.

Several Organizations presented checks and offered their thanks to Lance Corporal Pascik:

- Martin Salmanowitz, Senior Social Club – Greenbriar - \$500. Donated to the recovery fund and various checks that have been donated by the community residents.
- American Legion – Post #522, Monroe – presented a check and advised Lance Corporal Pascik will be designated as an honorary member of the Post.
- American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #522 - \$100.
- Greenbriar/Whittingham Civic Assoc. – Ben Baum presented a check for Lance Corporal Pascik's service and sacrifice.
- Commander Jerry Setzer, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #262 – was instrumental in forming the "Colin Pascik Road to Recovery Fund" and the Program today. He welcomed Lance Corporal Pascik and read a list of donors that contributed \$500 or more to the fund:
  1. VFW Post 262 Monroe
  2. Veterans of Foreign Wars #133 E. Bruns.
  3. Ladies Auxiliary Post #2179 Port Monmouth
  4. Jewish War Veterans #311
  5. American Legion Star Post #127 Jamesburg
  6. American Legion Ladies Auxiliary - Joyce Kilmer Unit #25 Milltown
  7. Middlesex County Sheriff's Office - FOP Lodge #59
  8. Curt & Katherine Hoffman – Greenville, West Va.
  9. CJ Nesti Materials
  10. Ponds Community
  11. Regency @ Monroe
  12. Perrine Buick/Pontiac Cranbury
  13. Green Fair Monroe Twp.

14. Wolverine Football
15. Regency Culture Club

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Doug Glassmacher, teacher at the Applegarth Middle School in Monroe Twp. - spoke of the 10ft x 20ft banner outside Applegarth School that is telling Colin to be strong and get well soon and advised as to the various activities within the school in support of Colin.

He was surprised and thankful of Colin's surprise visit to the school and Mr. Glassmacher's shop. His Class in turn stood and gave Colin a standing ovation. He was very proud of both his students and of Colin & Clayton.

Commander Jerome Setzer – presented Colin with a picture of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima.

**Council Comments:**

Council President Tamburro – commented that this has been an extraordinary event and what unbelievable compassion has been shown by the community with their generous contributions. He thanked Colin for his service and sacrifice to this country.

Councilman Nalitt – stated that Colin is a perfect example of what makes America strong. He wished Colin good health, to be surrounded by friends and good cheer for all the days of his life.

Council President Tamburro thanked Councilman Leibowitz for bringing this matter to the towns attention.

Councilman Leibowitz – stated that it was a mailman, Dennis Cronin, a member of the Post, who was delivering mail when Colin's mother got the word. Mr. Cronin then contacted Mr. Leibowitz and the Post. It was heartwarming to see the community come together. He forwarded information to Colin as to what he would need when he became a Veteran. He then read a portion of a letter sent into the Home News from the State Commander of the Legion. It was the "Oath of Service". He then thanked him for his service and for the dignity that he has shown.

Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein – expressed her gratitude to Colin and also stated that she would be happy to help if there was anything she could do on the State and Federal level to ease him back into his transition with family and friends.

Mayor Pucci – thanked him for his service and all the Veterans present for their service to America. He also announced officially a few things he would like to do: He officially thanked him for his service – he has been honored with a purple heart. In looking at some of the pictures a few days and months after, it is evident how much courage Colin has shown. The community has agreed to support him financially as far as his immediate needs. It has been shown here now with the towns generosity and will continue. As far as the future, Mayor Pucci announced that there will be a full time motivational position available for him in Monroe. He then presented him with the "Key to the Township".

Business Administrator Wayne Hamilton – explained the traumatic injury he had to his legs five and a half years ago and had to learn to walk again. He explained to Colin that his road was going to be longer and more difficult. He told him to remember that when he fights through the pain in those times of frustration that he has God on his shoulder, your family, friends and veterans and this entire community taking every step with you.

Council President Tamburro announced that once this Special Meeting is Adjourned, there will be light refreshments served downstairs in the Senior Center. Everyone is invited.

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**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Nalitt and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz the Special Meeting was Adjourned at 1:35pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
	Councilman Irwin Nalitt	Aye
	Council President Gerald W. Tamburro	Aye

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SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

Minutes adopted on \_\_\_\_\_