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**SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

DECEMBER 24, 2021

AGENDA

1. Agenda Meeting Called to Order. (9:30 a.m.)

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Terence Van Dzura
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider
Council President Miriam Cohen

4. Council President Cohen to request the **SUNSHINE LAW** be read 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 23, 2021 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Noticed to the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** on December 23, 2021;
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.

R-12-2021-262A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO HOLD THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER 27, 2021 COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETING FROM AN IN PERSON MEETING TO A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

6. **Public Comments.** (5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

7. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY,
DECEMBER 27, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MONROE TWP. COUNCIL – December 24, 2021

The Council of the Township of Monroe met via ZOOM for a Special Emergency Meeting.

The Special Emergency Meeting was Called to Order at 9:30 a.m. by Council President Miriam Cohen 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, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Terence Van Dzura and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

ABSENT: Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider.

There were approximately three (3) members of the Public in attendance.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolution was moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-12-2021-262A)

R-12-2021-262A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO HOLD THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER 27, 2021 COMBINED AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETING FROM AN IN PERSON MEETING TO A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING.

WHEREAS, the purpose of N.J.A.C 5:39-1 et seq, Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol for Local Public Bodies, was to ensure that local public bodies can continue to conduct official business in an open and transparent manner whenever an emergency exists that prohibits physical attendance by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 5:39-1.3 permitted a local public body to hold a remote public meeting to conduct public business during an emergency if the emergency reasonably prevents a local public body from safely conducting public business at a physical location with members of the public present; and

WHEREAS, due to the dangerous increasing numbers from COVID the Council wishes to conduct the previously scheduled in person meeting of December 27, 2021 to now be held virtually via Zoom link below:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the December 27, 2021 Combined Agenda and Regular Council meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The Zoom link shall be posted on the Township website for public review and attendance.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Special Emergency Meeting was Adjourned at 9:35am.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Absent
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: February 7, 2022.