



TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING - JANUARY 1, 2020 – 12:00 PM at the SENIOR CENTER

- 1. Call to Order by Township Clerk, Patricia Reid.
- 2. Salute to the Flag.
- 3. “Star Spangled Banner” sung by Marion Gennity.
- 4. Oath of Office to be administered and comments to follow:
 - Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor - Comments
 - Stephen Dalina, Councilman-at-Large - Comments
 - Miriam Cohen, Councilwoman-at-Large - Comments
- 5. INVOCATION by Rabbi Spritzer with the Chabad House of Monroe.

- 6. **ROLL CALL:**
 Councilman Leonard Baskin
 Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
 Councilman Stephen Dalina
 Councilman Charles Dipierro
 Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider

- 7. SUNSHINE LAW to 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 22, 2019 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
- 2. Printed in the HOME NEWS TRIBUNE on December 22, 2019 and;
- 3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
- 4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

- 8. NOMINATIONS for the position of COUNCIL PRESIDENT to serve for a term of two (2) years:

NOMINATION OF: _____ NOMINATION OF: _____
 NOMINATION BY: _____ NOMINATION BY: _____
 SECONDED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

Request for ROLL CALL on the Nomination(s) for position of Council President. (ONLY NEEDED IF MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION)

ROLL CALL: Ayes __ Nays __

Request for a Motion to Close the Nominations.

MOTION: ___ SECOND: ___

ROLL CALL: Ayes __ Nays __

9. **NOMINATIONS for the position of COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT to serve for a term of two (2) years:**

NOMINATION OF: _____ NOMINATION OF: _____

NOMINATION BY: _____ NOMINATION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

*Request for **ROLL CALL** on the Nomination(s) for position of Council Vice-President. (ONLY NEEDED IF MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION)*

ROLL CALL: Ayes__Nays__

Request for a Motion to Close the Nominations.

MOTION:___SECOND:___

ROLL CALL: Ayes__Nays__

10. **CONSIDERATION of the following RESOLUTIONS of APPOINTMENT:**

R-1-2020-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

R-1-2020-002 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

MOTION:___SECOND:___

ROLL CALL: Ayes__Nays__

11. **OATH OF OFFICE administered to Council President and Vice-President.**

12. **Meeting is officially turned over to the Council President.**

13. **REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS for consideration under the CONSENT AGENDA:**

R-1-2020-003 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2020.

R-1-2020-004 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

R-1-2020-005 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.

R-1-2020-006 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

MOTION:___SECOND:___

ROLL CALL: Ayes__Nays__

14. **Public Portion. 5-minute time limit.**

15. **BENEDICTION by Reverend June Tamburro of the Bridgewater Methodist Church**

16. **“God Bless America” sung by Marion Gennity.**

17. **MOTION to ADJOURN.**

MOTION:___SECOND:___

ROLL CALL: Ayes__Nays__

The Mayor and Council invite all to join them in light refreshments

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

MINUTES

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 1, 2020

The Council of the Township of Monroe met in the Senior Center, 12 Halsey Reed Road for the Re-Organization Meeting.

The Re-Organization Meeting was Called to Order at 12:00 noon by Township Clerk Patricia Reid, with a Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk introduced singer Marion Gennity who sang the Star-Spangled Banner and asked everyone to join in.

The Township Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Standing with him were his grandchildren Kristen Tamburro, Johnnie Tamburro, Grant Kinsey, Olivia Lombardi, Marissa Manza, Caroline Kinsey and Joseph Manza; Councilman-at-Large Stephen Dalina with his wife Susan holding the Bible and children Stephen and Jayson; and Councilwoman-at-Large Miriam Cohen, with her Son Seth holding her Torah and grandchildren Jaimie and Jason. Mayor Tamburro, Councilman Dalina and Councilwoman Miriam Cohen thanked their families and the residents of the Township for all of their continued support and conveyed that they are eager to continue working together for the betterment of the Township.

The Invocation was given by Rabbi Spritzer from the Chabad House of Monroe.

UPON ROLL CALL by Deputy Township Clerk, Christine Robbins, the following members of Council were present: Stephen Dalina (Councilman-at-Large), Charles Dipierro, Miriam Cohen (Councilwoman-at-Large), Leonard Baskin and Elizabeth Schneider.

ALSO PRESENT: Business Administrator Alan Weinberg, Township Attorney Greg Pasquale and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately three hundred (300) members of the public present in the audience.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid, asked the Deputy Township Clerk, Christine Robbins to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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The Township Clerk announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilman Stephen Dalina nominated Councilwoman Miriam Cohen to serve as Council President for a two (2) year term, Seconded by Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider.

The Township Clerk asked if there were any further Nominations, and there being none, she requested a Roll Call on the Nominations.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leonard Baskin and seconded by Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, the **NOMINATIONS** for the position of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT** were closed and a Roll Call Vote was taken on the Nomination of Miriam Cohen to serve as Council President.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

The Township Clerk announced Nominations were in order for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Councilwoman Miriam Cohen Nominated Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider to serve as Council Vice-President for a two (2) year term, Seconded by Councilman Leonard Baskin.

The Township Clerk asked if there were any further Nominations, there being none, she requested a Roll Call on the Nominations.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leonard Baskin and seconded by Councilman Stephen Dalina, the **NOMINATION** for the position of **COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT** was closed and a Roll Call Vote was taken on the Nomination of Elizabeth Schneider to serve as Council Vice-President.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Miriam Cohen and seconded by Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** of **APPOINTMENT** were adopted as herein below set forth:

RESOLUTIONS as follows:

R-1-2020-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

R-1-2020-002 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

The Township Clerk administered **OATHS OF OFFICE** to Councilwoman Miriam Cohen to serve as Council President for a term of two (2) years and to Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider to serve as Council Vice-President for a term of two (2) years.

The Township Clerk officially turned the meeting over to Council President Miriam Cohen.

Council President Cohen recognized and thanked all of the dignitaries who came out today for the meeting.

Remarks were made by Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider, Council President Miriam Cohen and Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Stephen Dalina and seconded by Councilman Leonard Baskin the following entitled Re-Organization Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

R-1-2020-003 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2020.

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Public:

Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St. – Mr. Paluri wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented that we live in a beautiful town which is not just a town but a family. He thanked all of the Township employees for their hard work and dedication. He commented that as a man of two daughters he is excited for women power. Lastly, he commented that there are needs in the town to be addressed and he is looking forward to work together.

Diana Kerievsky, 49 Timber Hill Dr. – Ms. Kerievsky thanked the Mayor and Council for all that they do. She stated that her issue, after living in the town for seven years, is the condition of Brickyard and Wykoff Mills Road. She asked what was going to be done about it and stated that it is very dangerous and the residents utilize this road often. She added that the town needs to work with Cranbury to get it repaired. Administrator Weinberg responded that the Township has shared its concerns with Cranbury as it is their roadway to repair. He added that Brickyard Road is 100% out of our municipality and we have had the conversation numerous times with Cranbury about it but ultimately, they have the responsibility to fix it.

Sandra Cohen, 9 Winthrop Rd. – Ms. Cohen stated that Perrineville Road is very dark and dangerous with many deer on that roadway. Administrator Weinberg responded that Perrineville Road is a County Road but he would be happy to have a conversation with the County to address any concerns.

Inaudible, 479 Newport Way – Stated that she is concerned with the trucks that travel down Applegarth Road, which she does not believe are going to any warehouses in the Township. Council President Cohen answered that the Township has adopted an Ordinance banning trucks on certain roadways and currently we are waiting on the County to move forward with it. Ms. Asked if there was anything that the residents could do to help to which Administrator Weinberg answered that the Ordinance is now with the County and then it will move forward to Trenton. He added that everyone will be informed of the progress as it happens.

Benediction was given by Reverend June Lee Tamburro of the Bridgewater United Methodist Church.

Singer Marion Gennity sang God Bless America.

Everyone was invited by Council President Miriam Cohen to partake in light refreshments

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leonard Baskin and seconded by Councilman Stephen Dalina, the January 1, 2020 Re-Organization Meeting was Adjourned at 12:59 PM.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on February 3, 2020.