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**COMBINED REORGANIZATION and AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

JANUARY 29, 2025

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Michael Markel
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
Council Vice President Terence Van Dzura
Council President Miriam Cohen

4. Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **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 has been provided by the following:

- 1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 27, 2024 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
- 2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 27, 2024;
- 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.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS:**

Proclamations: *Thelma Zalewitz – 100th Birthday Celebration – February 3, 2025*
February 2025 – American Heart Month

6. **ORDINANCE(S) for SECOND READING** at the January 29, 2025 Regular Meeting:

O-1-2025-001 **SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2025 SALARY AND WAGE
ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

O-1-2025-002 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING OF EASEMENTS
FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OWNED
PARCELS. (Municipal Complex, Dey Farm Site)**

7. **ORDINANCE(S) for INTRODUCTION** at the January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting:

O-1-2025-003 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79, “POLICE DEPARTMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS BY REPEALING ARTICLES I-V AND
VIII AND AMENDING AND RELOCATING CHAPTER 79,
ARTICLES VI TO VII AND ARTICLES IX TO XIII TO CHAPTER 3,
“ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT,” ARTICLE VI,
“DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE”,
SUBSECTION 3-50, “DIVISION OF POLICE”
(Police Accreditation Update)**

- O-1-2025-004** **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY, SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,619,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**
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8. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under CONSENT AGENDA at the January 29, 2025 Regular Meeting: (R-1-2025-029 – R-1-2025-046)**
- R-1-2025-029** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**
(Not to exceed \$7,500.)
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9. RESOLUTION for CONSIDERATION at the January 29, 2025 Regular Meeting:

- R-1-2025-047

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ITS PRESENT NEED AND PROSPECTIVE NEED FOR THE FOURTH ROUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

Summary of Resolution No. R-1-2025-047 given by Jen Beahm, AH Planner

10. Public Comments. (Limited to Agenda items only - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN:

MOTION:_____

SECOND:_____

CLOSE:

MOTION:_____

SECOND:_____

11. Agenda Meeting Adjournment.

Time: _____

MOTION:____

SECOND:____

ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

JANUARY 29, 2025

AGENDA

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____
MOTION:_____SECOND:_____ ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **January 23, 2025**.
MOTION:_____SECOND:_____ ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| December 18, 2024 | - | Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting |
| January 6, 2025 | - | Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting |

MOTION:_____SECOND:_____ ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

4. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING:**
- O-1-2025-001** **SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2025 SALARY AND WAGE
ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX
COUNTY.**

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____

ADOPTION: MOTION:_____ SECOND:_____ ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

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7.
- RESOLUTIONS removed from consent agenda for CONSIDERATION (if needed).

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9.
- Administrator’s Report.
10.
- Engineer’s Report.
11.
- Council’s Reports.
12.
- Mayor’s Report.

13.
- Public Comments. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN:

MOTION:_____

SECOND:_____

CLOSE:

MOTION:_____

SECOND:_____

14.
- Adjournment.
- MOTION:_____
- SECOND:_____

Time: _____