

**MONROE TOWN COUNCIL
Monroe, Connecticut
DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2015– 5:30 PM – Council Chambers

Present: Chairman Frank Lieto
Vice Chairman Enid Lipeles
Councilmember Deborah Heim
Councilmember Phyllis Kansky
Councilmember Nicholas Kapoor
Councilmember Kenneth Kellogg
Councilmember Dee Dee Martin
Councilmember Kevin Reid

Absent: Councilmember Sean O'Rourke
Councilmember Terry Rooney

Also Present: First Selectman Stephen J. Vavrek

A special meeting of the Monroe Town Council was held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Town Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Trumbull Monroe Health District Resolution

Chairman Lieto stated that Attorney Fracassini requested that a Special Meeting be called to discuss and approve a resolution with regards to the Trumbull Monroe Health District (TMHD). Chairman Lieto recognized Attorney Fracassini to discuss the proposed Resolution drafted by Attorney Fracassini and presented to Town Council commensurate with the start of the meeting. Attorney Fracassini extensively highlighted the history of the discussions and negotiations between Monroe and Trumbull regarding the dissolution of the TMHD and its assets and obligations as of this date. He advised that he and legal counsel for Trumbull, Dennis Kokenos, were aligned in settlement offer made to and accepted by the TMHD. The settlement would result in the full payoff of TD Bank, including all legal fees and costs as well as a release from the former TMHD landlord upon payment of a compromised sum. The settlement would not resolve any potential claims with regards to former TMHD Director Patrice Sulik nor any potential unemployment claims made by the State of Connecticut, both of which Attorney

Fracassini claim are legally invalid as to the Towns of Trumbull and Monroe and which will be vehemently challenged should they persist. Chairman Lieto questioned Attorney Fracassini as to why the written Resolution presented did not state the details he orally provided but was rather a blanket authorization to spend the remaining funds to settle the aforementioned claims without any detail. Chairman Lieto further advised the Councilmembers that the Resolution presented was not what he and Attorney Fracassini discussed when he called for the meeting and further, that he, along with the other Councilmembers, did not see the proposed resolution until minutes before the meeting, despite being promised it would be emailed well in advance of the meeting. Chairman Lieto offered Attorney Fracassini the opportunity to orally amend the Resolution to include the appropriate detail discussed to which Attorney Fracassini refused. Chairman Lieto apologized to the Councilmembers for calling the meeting and wasting their precious time on a Friday night and thanked them for their dedication and support in coming to the meeting on such short notice. Councilman Reid asking Attorney Fracassini if there was any urgency in getting this done to which he only stated that the other parties were ready to finalize this settlement on Wednesday of the following week. Councilmember Lipeles left the meeting at 6:00 pm due to a prior engagement. Councilman Kapoor suggested he would not support the Resolution as written without better detail. Councilman Kellogg agreed. Chairman Lieto again apologized to the Councilmembers and adjourned the meeting.

2ND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT (Chairman Lieto) – 6:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Lieto
Town Council Chair