

MONROE TOWN COUNCIL
Monroe, Connecticut
DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2014 – 8:00 PM – Council Chambers

Present: Vice Chairman Enid Lipeles
Councilmember Deborah Heim
Councilmember Raymond Knapp, Jr.
Councilmember Kenneth Kellogg
Councilmember Dee Dee Martin
Councilmember Sean O'Rourke
Councilmember Kevin Reid

Absent: Chairman Frank Lieto
Councilmember Phyllis Kansky

Also Absent: First Selectman Stephen J. Vavrek

A special meeting of the Monroe Town Council was held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Town Hall.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the minutes and voting record of the special meeting held on January 15, 2015 (Session 2015-01).

Vice-Chairman Lipeles noted on Reappointments, Philip White (D) for the Board of Ethics was taken off the agenda.

Councilmember Martin noted on the prior agenda, an Executive Session was put on and now it is taken off. Vice-Chairman Lipeles stated because Attorney Fracassini could not be present, therefore it will be rescheduled.

The Consent Calendar was passed unanimously to the January 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Conservation Commission

- Beverly Doyle (D) for a term ending December 5, 2018
- Karen Burnaska (D) for a term ending December 5, 2018

Emergency Medical Services Commission

- Dan Hunsberger (D) for a term ending December 1, 2017

Board of Ethics

- Bob Burnaska (U) for a term ending January 11, 2017
- Nick Kapoor (D) for a term ending January 1, 2017

Board of Police Commissioners

- Jim Bresnahan (D) for a term ending May 16, 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Paul Lisi (D) for a term ending November 30, 2019

Architectural Review Board

- Nancy Steinborn (D) for a term ending December 5, 2017
- John Rosen (D) for a term ending December 5, 2017

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence from Attorney Thomas Galvin Cotter to Town Council Chairman dated January 19, 2015 regarding Reid vs. Town of Monroe 109 Flint Ridge Road.

Memo from the First Selectman to Town Council Chairman dated January 21, 2015 regarding a bid waiver request for UST Removals/Abandonments-AST Replacement and Generator Installation (Fuss & O'Neill).

Memo from the First Selectman to Town Council Chairman dated January 22, 2015 regarding reappointments to various boards and commissions.

Memo from the First Selectman to Town Council Chairman dated January 22, 2015 regarding a donation for the Monroe Police Department K-9 Unit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nick Kapoor, 11 Cardinal Lane wanted to reiterate on his last discussion the topic of long term planning. He submitted to Town Councilmember's information pertaining to his suggestion of a Monroe 2020 Ordinance, with the Commissions main purpose of creating and maintaining a long-term planning document for the Town which shall be used by all boards and commissions in their discussions about the current state and future of Monroe.

APPOINTMENTS - None

ACTION ITEMS

Town Council Committee on Finance, Education, Health & Public Safety Matters

Councilmember Heim reported they met with the Board of Education and they approved a 2.5% increase in their budget. She reported the Board of Finance approved the bond resolutions and also met with the auditors for preliminaries. Councilmember Heim stated the EMS received the RFP back for the paramedic and are reviewing their contracts, the ambulances are online, and a discussion on the EMS facility was done. She noted the facilities study came back with costs for the Board of Education buildings and town buildings. Councilmember Heim also noted they met with District Director, Patrice Sulik from the Health District with plans laid out and the town is looking at other options. The next scheduled meeting has not been set.

Councilmember Martin questioned the options on the Health District. Councilmember Heim stated the First Selectman is now looking into other options.

Town Council Committee on Planning & Zoning, Public Works and Parks & Recreation Matters

Councilmember O'Rourke reported his subcommittee met on January 20, 2015 and there were no updates for Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation. He noted the approval of the fields was previously cleared and noted Inland/Wetlands will be having a public hearing on the Monroe Turnpike demo project. Councilmember O'Rourke stated the above ground storage tanks were also discussed with Public Works, and the Wolfe Park concession stand will be closed with the space being utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department. The next scheduled meeting is February 17, 2015.

Councilmember Reid had nothing to report and Councilmember Kansky was absent.

Town Council Committee on Legislative & Administrative Matters

Vice-Chairman Lipeles reported they did not meet, therefore nothing to report.

Trumbull/Monroe Health District

Councilmember Knapp reported the Trumbull/Monroe Health District and Get Healthy CT are partners in the "Know Your Numbers" campaign. Other partners include local health departments, social service agencies, Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital. TMHD receives monthly information from Get Healthy CT on ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. If you would like to receive monthly articles, visit their website at gethealthyct.org. The Trumbull Monroe Health District has gift certificates available for low-cost cholesterol screenings. The cost is \$25.00 (cash and check are accepted). To pick up your gift certificate, come to the Health District office. Screening includes total LDL and HDL cholesterol levels, blood sugar and triglyceride levels. Results are given right at the time of testing. Information tailored to results to improve cholesterol is available if requested. Screening is by appointment and will take place at the Trumbull Monroe Health District offices, 2 Corporate Drive, Suite 116, Trumbull. The dates for screening are February 5th, 6th, and 24th from 8:30-10:30 a.m., February 9th from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and February 11th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be February 10, 2015.

First Selectman's Update

First Selectman Vavrek was not present, therefore, no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UST Removals/Abandonments-AST Replacement and Generator Installation Contract Proposal (Fuss & O'Neill)

Motion: (E. Lipeles)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Stephen J. Vavrek, First Selectman to the Town of Monroe, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Town of Monroe the UST Removals/Abandonments-AST Replacement and Generator Installation Contract Proposal from Fuss & O'Neill.

Second: (K. Reid)

Discussion: Chris Nowacki, Director of Public Works, and Ron Bunovsky were present to answer any questions. Mr. Nowacki noted from prior discussions and the packet handed out to all Councilmember's, and keeping with the town's best interest in mind, Fuss & O'Neill was chosen. He noted all issues such as costs, warranties, pricing and classification were noted. Councilmember Heim questioned if the bonding does not go through in the funding is the town obligated. Ron Bunovsky stated that is correct and there would not be a funding source. Councilmember Martin questioned the agreement and if they found something wrong, would the town be liable. Mr. Nowacki noted the tanks have been pressure tested and they are sound and everything is where it should be and there is no indication that something is wrong.

Motion passed 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe Local Health

Vice-Chairman Lipeles noted Chairman Lieto wanted to keep this on the agenda for further discussions with the First Selectman.

Donation for the Monroe Police Department K-9 Unit

Motion: (E. Lipeles)

To accept for the Monroe Police Department a donation from the American Kennel Club Canine Support and Relief Fund and the AKC Search and Rescue Support Grant totaling \$9,550.17. The funds are earmarked for the acquisition and training of a police work-dog team to replace the canine recently decommissioned.

Second: (K. Reid)

Discussion: Chief Salvatore was present and stated he was very grateful and it is sufficient money for training.

Councilmember Martin questioned what fund this was going into. Chief Salvatore stated the money will be going to the police donation fund.

Motion passed 7-0

2ND PARTICIPATION

None

Next Town Council Meeting will be scheduled on February 9, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (R. Knapp)

To adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Second: (D. Heim)

Motion passed 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Cerreta
Town Council Clerk