



TOWN OF MONROE

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Session # 2022-09

Regular Meeting - Monday, March 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

- Chairperson Jonathan Formichella
- Vice-Chairperson Enid Lipeles
- Councilmember Jessica Katuska
- Councilmember Dee Dee Martin
- Councilmember Jason Maur
- Councilmember Sean O'Rourke
- Councilmember Kevin Reid (**remotely**)
- Councilmember Terry Rooney (**remotely**)
- Councilmember Dona-Lyn Wales (**remotely**)

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Kenneth M. Kellogg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jonathan Formichella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jonathan Formichella stated that this meeting will be conducted in part via electronic equipment pursuant to Connecticut Law, Public Act 21-2.

All participants may attend in-person or remotely as follows:

Via computer, tablet or smartphone at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94442578770?pwd=MEUrZkQ4MWQ2VtPdZlJL1kyR3VCQT09>

Via phone at: 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 944 4257 8770, Passcode: 772570

This meeting will be recorded and made available on the Town's website pursuant to state law.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approval of the minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on March 8, 2022 (Session 2022-07) and the minutes and voting record of the Town Council Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2022 (Session 2022-08).
- B.** Acceptance of donations received for the following programs:
 - **EMS:** \$200.00
 - **Parks & Recreation:** \$875.00

A. Resolution #22-31: RESOLVED, that Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman of the Town of Monroe, is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Monroe, the Performing Artist Engagement Agreements, as well as any documents by and between the following parties, for the 2022 Summer Concert Series at Wolfe Park:

1. Abba Mia- Edwin Ortega
2. Big Deal Rock- Michael L. Niewinski
3. Common Cords- Jack Ceccolini
4. Larger Than Life- Edwin Ortega
5. Leaf Jumpers- Christopher Marra
6. North County Band- Scott Smith

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to amend these agreements as may be necessary for, and limited to, the rescheduling of performance dates.

B. Resolution #22-32: RESOLVED, that Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman of the Town of Monroe, is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Monroe, the Phase 39 Local Recipient Organization Certification Form and any associated documents by and between United Way Worldwide, Inc., for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program Phase 39 Grant Award.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 23, 2022 regarding donations for various departments and programs.
- B.** Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated March 24, 2022 regarding Performing Artist Engagement Agreements for the 2022 Summer Concert Series.
- C.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding Performing Artist Engagement Agreements for the 2022 Summer Concert Series.
- D.** Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated March 23, 2022 regarding Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) Phase 39 Grant Award.
- E.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) Phase 39 Grant Award.
- F.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 23, 2022 regarding appointment to Commission for the Aging.
- G.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 23, 2022 regarding appointment to the Historic District Commission.
- H.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding appointment to the Youth Commission.
- I.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding appointment to the Youth Commission.
- J.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding appointment to the Conservation and Water Resources Commission.

- K.** Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated March 24, 2022 regarding Beverage Service Agreement.
- L.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding Beverage Service Agreement.
- M.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 24, 2022 regarding revisions to various job descriptions.
- N.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 23, 2022 regarding Town of Monroe Pay Plan for the Positions in Classified Service.
- O.** Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated March 25, 2022 regarding Global Signal Acquisitions II, LLC Tower Site License Agreement.
- P.** Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated March 25, 2022 regarding Global Signal Acquisitions II, LLC Tower Site License Agreement.
- Q.** Memo from EMS Building Committee Member, John Ostaszewski to the First Selectman, Board of Finance and Town Council dated March 17, 2022 regarding the EMS Building Committee February 2022 Report.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Meeting on 4/5/22.

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

No update.

Town Council Committee on Legislative & Administrative Matters

All resolutions discussed were forwarded to Town Council.

Strategic Planning Committee

No update.

EMS Building Committee

Construction going well.

Open Space

No update.

First Selectman's Update

CULTURAL HUMILITY TRAINING

- All Town employees are completing a training seminar on Cultural Humility. Cultural humility empowers us to learn from others, reserve judgement, bridge the cultural divide, and increase the quality of our interpersonal actions. This training is facilitated by the System for Education Equity and Transition.
- As previously discussed, I am making this training available to all elected and appointed Town officials. Details will be sent to the Chairs of all boards and commissions for distribution.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

The Town has closed our FEMA disaster reimbursement request for Tropical Storm Isias. FEMA's standard reimbursement is 75% of eligible costs. The Town has received a total of over \$175,000 as follows. As the expenditures related to a prior fiscal year, these funds will be captured in the general fund under miscellaneous income.

- \$163,452 for DPW labor, overtime, use of equipment, and contractors who cleared, processed, and hauled/dispensed a total of 8,800 cubic yards of debris.
- \$11,639 for police overtime.

ROUTE 25 TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGED

Residents may have noticed that on March 18th, the State of Connecticut changed the traffic pattern in the area of the Routes 25 and 59 intersection. These changes were the result of the Town's request to the State in 2017 to address congestion and improve traffic flow at this intersection.

RECENT ISSUES WITH ELECTRICAL POWER

As reported earlier, the Town requested for a report from Eversource detailing the recent outage events. The attached document was received from Eversource today.

COVID UPDATE

- Monroe's case rates have fallen again to an average of just over 1 per day.
- With the Omicron BA.2 subvariant spreading rapidly in some areas, we expect that case rates will likely increase at some point.
- Currently, while the BA.2 subvariant appears to be more transmissible than the original Omicron variant, it does not appear to be more virulent.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Resolution #22-33:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the appointment of **Debra Lynn Malewicki (U)** of 299 Purdy Hill Road to the Commission for the Aging for a term ending July 2, 2024.

Motion by D. Martin to approve appointment

Second: E. Lipeles

Motion passed 9-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: None

- B. Resolution #22-34:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the appointment of **Isabella Medaris (U)** of 37 Squire Road to the Historic District Commission for a term ending July 1, 2022.

Motion by D. Martin to approve appointment

Second: E. Lipeles

Motion passed 9-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: None

- C. **Resolution #22-35:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the appointment of **Nick Franzago (U)** of 57 Greenfield Hill Road to the Youth Commission as a representative of the Police Department for a term ending October 12, 2023.
Motion by J. Maur to approve appointment
Second: D. L. Wales
Motion passed 9-0
Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales
Voting No: None
Absent: None
- D. **Resolution #22-36:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the appointment of **Geoffrey Medeiros (R)** of 35 Wilton Drive to the Youth Commission as a member currently under the age of 21 for a term ending December 5, 2024.
Motion by E. Lipeles to approve appointment
Second: D. L. Wales
Motion passed 9-0
Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales
Voting No: None
Absent: None
- E. **Resolution #22-37:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the appointment of **Joey Maini (U)** of 23 Braeloch Way to the Conservation & Water Resources Commission for a term ending December 4, 2024.
Motion by D. Martin to approve appointment
Second: J. Maur
Motion passed 9-0
Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales
Voting No: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution #22-38:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding W. B. Mason Beverage Service Agreement.
Motion by E. Lipeles to adopt the following resolution:
Second: D. L. Wales
Motion passed 9-0
Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales
Voting No: None
Absent: None
- B. **Resolution #22-39:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding revisions to various job descriptions.
Motion by E. Lipeles to adopt the following resolution:
Second: J. Maur

Motion passed 9-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: None

- C. Resolution #22-40:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding Town of Monroe Pay Plan for the Positions in the Classified Service.

Motion by E. Lipeles to adopt the following resolution:

Second: J. Maur

Motion passed 9-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: None

- D. Resolution #22-41:** To consider and act upon a resolution regarding Global Signal Acquisitions, II, LLC Tower Site License Agreement.

Motion by E. Lipeles to adopt the following resolution:

Second: J. Maur

Motion passed 9-0

Voting Yes: Formichella, Katuska, Lipeles, Martin, Maur, O'Rourke, Reid, Rooney, Wales

Voting No: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Formichella adjourned the meeting at 7:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cat Senenko
Recording Secretary