

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Planning Board Chairman



**Anthony Garaguso**  
Council Chairman

Minutes for the Meeting of the  
**Monmouth County Transportation Council**  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
Monmouth County Planning Board  
One East Main Street  
Hall of Records Annex Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Freehold, NJ 07728

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**

## **II. ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL**

### Members Present

Doyle, Peter  
Frost, Barry  
Vernick, Jeff  
Nelson, Eric  
Van Nortwick, Peter  
Garaguso, Anthony  
Barrett, Betsy  
Hennessy, Thom

### Staff Present

James Bonanno – Staff Advisor  
David Schmetterer  
Daria Jakimowska

### Members Excused

Grbelja, Nancy

## **III. MCTC OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Chairman Doyle opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Monmouth County Transportation Council. Mr. Nelson nominated Mr. Garaguso for the position of Chairman which was seconded by Ms. Barrett. With no other nominations for the position of Chairman, Mr. Doyle asked for a vote on Mr. Garaguso's appointment. The Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Garaguso for the position of Chairman.

Mr. Garaguso thanked the Council and assumed the role of Chairman. He then opened the floor for nominations for a Vice Chairman. Mr. Frost nominated Mr. Vernick to continue in his position as Vice Chairman which was seconded by Mr. Nelson. With no other nominations for the position of Vice Chairman, Chairman Garaguso asked for a vote. The Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Vernick for the position of Vice Chairman.

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## **IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Council's approval of the December 12, 2017 minutes was sought by Chairman Garaguso. Vice Chairman Vernick motioned to accept the December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes which was seconded by Mr. Frost and accepted by the Council with the exception of Mr. Hennessy who abstained.

## **V. QUARTERLY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

### *- Draft January Newsletter*

The Draft January Newsletter had previously been introduced to the Council at their previous meeting in December however, since then staff has added a section about driving in cold weather and snowy conditions to encourage safe driving. The Council approved of this addition and also requested that staff add text inviting and encouraging people to get involved with the Transportation Council. Staff also offered to provide contact information to allow for staff to communicate with interested parties and explain how they can get involved in more depth. The Council accepted the draft newsletter with planned additions. Staff will distribute the January Newsletter as soon as additions are finalized.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### *- Transportation Council 2018 Calendar*

The Council first discussed the 2018 Meeting Calendar at its December meeting. The Meeting Calendar has a scheduled meeting on the second Tuesday of every month excluding August. A few dates had conflicts with holidays or other Planning Board Committees. After careful consideration it was the decision of the council that these conflicts would not be detrimental to the Transportation Council's attendance and did not need to be rescheduled. Mr. Doyle motioned to accept the Transportation Council 2018 Calendar as proposed. Ms. Barrett seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously by the council.

### *- MCTC 2018 Priority Issues Discussion*

Staff inquired as to the Council's interests for 2018. The Council expressed interest in holding joint meetings with other transportation groups throughout the County. Members and staff were unsure as to whether or not any such organizations exist and tasked staff with investigating Monmouth County municipalities as well as neighboring Counties for such organizations. The purpose of these joint meetings would be to team up with other organizations to achieve joint goals. Moving forward the Council would like staff to keep this in mind when planning meetings and try to include other transportation organizations in Monmouth County Transportation Council Meetings.

## **VII. REPORTS OF STAFF**

### *- Quarterly Transportation Council Newsletter Bookmarks*

In a previous discussion during the Council's December meeting, members discussed advertising the Transportation Council Newsletter on bookmarks which could be distributed in libraries. Mr. Doyle had mentioned the library has done this in the past for other organizations and suggested staff contact the Monmouth County Library for more information. Staff was able to get some information as well as sample bookmarks from the library which were handed out to the Council. Staff outlined the challenges to making bookmarks to the Council; specifically the designing of the bookmarks, creating a clear and concise message, and finding funding for printing. They also offered to pursue these challenges if the Council was interested. Mr. Vernick asked the other members for clarification on what exactly the Council was trying to promote with these bookmarks. Mr. Doyle explained the intent should be to advertise and promote the Transportation Council Newsletter, The Monmouth County

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Transportation Council, and Transportation itself. Staff suggested The Council cooperate with NJTPA's Street Smart Program for bookmark art and helpful transportation messages and possibly NJ TRANSIT to include transit information. Members offered to think of additional ideas to bring to the Council at their next meeting.

*- New CR 537 Development in Jackson*

Mr. Frost brought to the Council's attention a proposed development in Jackson along Monmouth County's section of CR 537. It is his concern this new development which includes hotels and sports fields will increase traffic on CR 537. Ms. Jakimowska was aware of the project and informed the Council that since it is a project in Jackson, the County has no input in what can be built, but since it is along CR 537 the County is allowed input to the effect of the development on traffic and circulation. Staff offered to attend the Monmouth County Development Review Meeting where this development was to be discussed and report back on the County's position on the matter.

#### **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received from the public.

#### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next public Monmouth County Transportation Council meeting to be— 7:00PM Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Monmouth County Division of Planning Conference Room at 1 East Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Ms. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.