

**Monmouth County Transportation Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Monmouth County Planning Board
One East Main Street
Hall of Records Annex
Freehold, NJ 07728**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present

Sam Alfano
James Allen
Betsy Barrett
Fred Brody, Chair
Sean Collins
JoAnn Denton
Corey Folta
Jeff Lee
Anthony Musich
Jeffrey Vernick, Vice Chair
Richard Dinan

Members Excused

Nancy Grbelia
Shital Rajan
Edward Zipprich
Gerard Del Tufo

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009

The minutes were approved subject to clarifications provided by Ms. Denton.

MOTION to approve minutes by Sam Alfano

SECOND by Anthony Musich

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Abstentions: Jim Allen, Jeff Lee, Betsy Barrett

IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

There was no presentation.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Infrastructure Summit – Fred Brody reported that he attended an Infrastructure Summit sponsored by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the New Jersey Alliance for Action. The Summit discussed the condition of infrastructure in New Jersey and the limitations on transportation funding.

New Jersey Business and Industry Association Meeting – Fred Brody attended this meeting where funding for Transportation Infrastructure was discussed. Senator Jon Bramnick, Senator Ray Lesniak, Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts Jr. and Senator Kean were all in attendance. While money for infrastructure is necessary, there was concern expressed over any actions that would hamper Economic Development. Senator Lesniak is going to propose a bill that will include a minimal increase in the gas tax.

A discussion amongst the MCTC members ensued about the condition of infrastructure nation wide and that, in some cases, bridges were being closed and not repaired due to lack of funding.

Betsy Barrett commented on the weight restriction on the Oceanic Bridge and indicated that the 3 ton limit does not apply to passenger vehicles, only to commercial vehicles and that businesses are concerned that they are bearing an unfair burden.

Ferry Stakeholders Meeting – NJTPA hosted the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) to discuss a study they are doing on Ferry Service in the area. Nora Shepard attended the workshop. The meeting discussed whether ferries should be subsidized, and if so, to what extent.

Corey Folta commented that more information on ferries would be helpful and the idea of devoting a meeting next year to ferries was discussed.

Fred Brody also commented that Monmouth County has hired a Shared Services Coordinator and that it would be interesting to invite him to talk to the MCTC as well.

2010 Reorganization Meeting – the next meeting of the MCTC will be the reorganization meeting where officers will be elected and the agenda set for 2010. A date and time for the annual summit will be discussed.

THE FORMAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM..