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**COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

AUGUST 4, 2025

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Michael Markel
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
Council Vice President Terence Van Dzura
Council President Miriam Cohen

4. Township Sr. Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 27, 2024 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 27, 2024;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- **PROCLAMATION:** *“National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day”
August 21, 2025*

- **PRESENTATION:**
Recognizing the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates

Graduates: Umar Adeel, Stella Banker, Krishpreet Basra, Robert Bennett, Graham Bickford, Aaradhya Borade, Nicholas Brady, Alexander Costa, Luke Demone, Amukta Desam, John DiPasquale, Michael Eriksen, Hira Farhan, Joseph Grinshpun, Benjamin Habib, Michael Hedenburg, Evan Knofel, Vihaan Kovvuri, Zachary Lucas, Gabriel Lugo, Advik Mahendran, Hatharvha Mani, Artham Mehta, Patrick Murphy, Viraj Nayee, Rakshan Nirmal, Allison Pajak, Kiaan Pandey, Vihaan Pasala, Harshavardhan Pasupuleti, Jaineel Patel, Kahil Patel, Krishiv Patel, Rayan Patel, Mayukh Puram, Aadhya Raja, Unnati Sangha, Adelyne Santamaria-Urgilez, Jiya Shah, Riyan Shah, Kaustubhi Sinha, Hannah Spence, Vincent Tremarco, Trijal Soni, Nandini Vera, Charles Washington, Connor Wilson

Officers responsible for the program: Det. Patrick McCann, Det. Robert Bennett, Det. Ray Gifford, Det. Matthew Mangarella, Sgt. Daniel Mosakowski, Ofc. Taylor Deickmann, Ofc. Matthew Mangarella, Ofc. Ritik Bedi and Ofc. Brian Reiker.

Monroe Township EMS assisting in the program: Kevin Wagner, Will Kaplan, Jackie Susan, John Hayes and Brad Rubin

Outside Agencies assisting in the program: New Jersey State Police (Aviation Unit, Polygraph Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, NJSP North Star), Monroe Township Fire Department, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department, Middlesex County Medical Examiner’s Office and the Middlesex County Special Operations Response Team.

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7. **Public Comments.** (Limited to Agenda items only - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

8. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

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AGENDA

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **July 30, 2025**.
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
June 16, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
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Mayor Dalina went on to recognize the Monroe Township Summer Recreation Camp Directors: Director Charm Occil and Asst. Summer Rec Camp Director Sam Tenenbaum who have taken our Summer Recreation Camp to new heights over the past two years. He went on to say that Charm came to us with experience working with various camps and schools and by the first interview the Parks & Recreation staff immediately knew she was meant for the Director position. As Director, Charms excitement, desire for inclusivity and creativity have really created an exciting environment for our Summer Rec Campers and Staff. Mayor Dalina went on to share that Sam Tenenbaum, Assistant Director has rose through the ranks of the summer camp experience starting as a camper and working his way up to counselor in training, counselor, supervisor and ultimately our Camp Assisitant Director. Sam's knowledge as both a camper and staff member is integral to his ability to organize, work with staff and campers and create new and fun activities for campers both on site and away at trips. Mayor Dalina added that both Charm and Sam bring different experiences to the table and their heart for children and combined vision makes every camp experience meaningful, fun and empowering for all of our campers. In overseeing a program of about 800 campers over 4 different sites is no small feat and we are excited to see what Charm and Sam have in store for us next year.

Mayor Dalina went on to recognize MT Sepa Camp Director Joan MacKay & Asst. Camp Director Debbie DeVivo who have made a powerful and lasting impact on the lives of so many children and families for a combined 60 plus years. He went on to say that Joan and Debbie lead with heart, patience and deep understanding of what true inclusion means. Through their vision and dedication this camp has become a place where every child feels seen, valued and empowered to be themselves. Mayor Dalina went on to say whether it is adapting activities to fit every ability, training staff to be compassionate leaders or simply being a steady and supportive presence, Joan and Debbie bring kindness and purpose into every corner of this camp. As a liaison for the Recreation Advisory Board representing MT Sepa, Joan works tirelessly not just during the summer but throughout the year at monthly board meetings to make the programming as great as it is, constantly advocating for the needs of the campers and staff behind the scenes in the off season as well as during the Summer. Mayor Dalina concluded his gratefulness and honor in acknowledging these women and extended thanks to them for their years of service.

A 5-minute recess for photos of the Graduates, Officers and their families was given with the meeting resuming at 6:42pm.

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UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked for the agreement details for R-8-2025-168 as he is concerned with where the Township stands with BFI. He asked for details regarding the compensation and liability to which Township Attorney Rainone gave a brief synopsis of the history of the BFI lawsuit and explained that the settlement transfers the ownership to a company who will be building a solar project on that land as part of the redevelopment agreement which he has no details on yet. He went on to explain that the cost will be structured to industrial users. Mr. Gunkelman went on to ask for assurance that the NJDEP will be on board to which Township Attorney Rainone explained further.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Mr. Busman stated that the resolutions for M.T.U.D. should be funded through the reserve account and he does not understand how it is incorporated through the budget; Administrator McGowan explained that the items are already budgeted line items which helps us anticipate what is to come when it is time to spend for it.

Debra Schneider, 23 Harwood Rd. – Ms. Schneider questioned the cost of the grass bags as noted in Resolution R-8-2025-153 as she feels it is expensive; Administrator McGowan explained that the only bidder for this was PABCO and there was a provision in the awarding resolution that allows for us to extend their contract for two additional 1 year contracts. Ms. Schneider went on to say that she feels this is very expensive and would like to know the number of bags this encompasses. Administrator McGowan added that part of the cost of these grass bags are paid with a Clean Communities Grant that we receive.

Ms. Schneider went on to question as to whether Ordinances 19, 20 and 21 increase the tax bills to which Township Attorney Rainone answered that it is not anticipated to have an increase as the rate is fixed and the increase comes from the assessed value.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio questioned if the monitoring of methane gas would still be ongoing in regard to Resolution R-8-2025-168; Township Attorney Rainone answered affirmatively that the owner of the landfill will be responsible in accordance with NJDEP guidelines to continue to monitor. Mrs. Arminio asked what the cost is to which Administrator McGowan answered approximately \$4.1 million in hard and soft costs.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:09pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:09pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **7/30/2025** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

- June 16, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**
- June 30, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-8-2025-019 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NORTH DISBROW HILL ROAD FOR USE AS OPEN SPACE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,635,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,509,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-8-2025-020 ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT AND DONATION, REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS TAX BLOCK 2, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 3 LOT 25 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, LOCATED OFF NORTH DISBROW HILL ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-8-2025-021 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108, ARTICLE VI, “ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS (REZONING OF HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ALONG BUTCHERS ROAD).

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-8-2025-150– R-8-2025-170 except R-8-2025-158, R-8-2025-163 and R-8-2025-164)

R-8-2025-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MICHAEL KLEPCHICK, CMFO FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDIT ASSISTANCE. (Not to exceed \$20,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) has determined that it is in its best interests to engage in a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (“CMFO”) to support the Township’s financial reporting and audit; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et. seq.* to contract for professional services as the Township may require; and

WHEREAS, Michael Klepchick, CMFO submitted a proposal to provide such professional services, including but not limited to 1) assistance with State documents including State budget, user friendly budget, debt statements, 2) analysis of budget, revenue, and general ledger 3) assistance with general ledger maintenance including verification of balances to subsidiary records and reconciliations and 4) provide guidance to staff on all financial and accounting needs (“Professional Services”); and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract shall be in the amount of \$125.00 per hour not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2500042, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 permits the Township to award a contract for these Professional Services without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is not awarded through a fair and open process as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering into a contract, Michael Klepchick, CMFO, shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit Michael Klepchick, CMFO, from making any reportable contributions through the term of this one (1) year contract; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons the Mayor and the Municipal Council recommend Michael Klepchick, CMFO for its Professional Services and seek to enter into a contract for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10* funds for open-ended contracts shall be committed at the time an invoice is submitted and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall certify to the availability of funds when Michael Klepchick, CMFO submits his purchase orders or invoices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of August, 2025, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “Council”) that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute a contract, in a form substantially similar attached hereto, including any other necessary documentation, with Michael Klepchick, CMFO located at 821 Harrell Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for a contract duration from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.5 without competitive bidding.
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution with the Municipal Clerk’s Office.
4. The Municipal Clerk shall advertise the award of this contract in a legal newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et. seq.*

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-150						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

**R-8-2025-151 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A
 2020 ARISING 716VTRMC ENCLOSED TROL CHARCOAL
 FLATBED BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.
 (Auction: August 27, 2025 @ 10am Cranbury Service Center)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Police Department came impounded a 2020 Arising 716VTRMC Enclosed TRL Charcoal Flatbed VIN# 5YCBE1622LH004304; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1, the Police Department has followed the Township and State policies to determine that this is not a stolen vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) has informed the Police Department that in order to dispose of vehicle, the Township must hold a public auction and publish a Notice of the Auction at least (5) days before the date of the auction in one or more newspapers in this State and circulating in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to conduct a public auction for the sale of the vehicle to the highest bidder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township Business Administrator or his designated representative shall conduct a public auction for the sale of one (1) 2020 Arising 716VTRMC Enclosed TRL Charcoal Flatbed on August 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Cranbury Service Center, 44 Hightstown Cranbury Station Road, Cranbury, N.J. 08520.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum opening bid for the vehicle shall be \$18,436.19. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount equal to 10% percent of the final bid price in cash. There shall be no other forms of payment accepted. The balance shall be paid by certified check delivered to the Township Clerk’s office between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon within five (5) days after the conclusion of the auction. Upon payment in full, the Clerk’s office shall provide the purchaser with the signed documents necessary to complete the transaction with the Motor Vehicle Commission. In order to obtain the title for the vehicle, the highest bidder shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate documents and payments to the Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the Notice of Public Auction issued by the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event no bids are received, ownership of the vehicle shall be awarded to Cranbury Service Center.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-151						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

**R-8-2025-152 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
 OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). (FY2025 Clean Communities Grant \$132,975.68)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2025 in the sum of \$132,975.68, which is now available as a revenue from the Solid Waste Management FY 2025 Clean Communities Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$132,975.68 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FY2025 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-152						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION WITH PABCO INDUSTRIES LLC FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP GRASS BAGS. (\$161,568)

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, per Resolution No. R-6-2024-177, Pabco Industries LLC. was awarded the Monroe Township Grass Bags contract for a period of 1 year with the option for the Township to extend for two additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk inquired as to the willingness of Pabco Industries LLC. to extend their current contract; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter received August 16, 2025 indicates the willingness of Pabco Industries LLC. to extend the current contract from July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original proposal and contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certificate No C-2400055, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Grass Bags is being extended one year to June 30, 2026 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 of the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the one-year extension of contract with **Pabco Industries LLC.** under the same terms, conditions and pricing within their original proposal submitted for the Monroe Township Grass Bags; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for the above referenced vendor in accordance with the original terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original 2024 contract entered into between the parties.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-153						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-154 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE/EMS SEWAGE PUMPING STATION, BY PUMPING SERVICES INC. USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (\$113,129.76)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department requires materials and services in relation to its Police & EMS Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded a contract for the required pumps and control panel under its contract #B364-2 and installation under contract #B414-17, to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has submitted proposal #SQ45378 dated June 13, 2025, in the amount of \$113,129.76 to furnish, deliver, and install said equipment as per their proposal, which meets requirements of the M.T.U.D., a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposal and found it to be correct, and in accordance with the NJWWCPS Co-Op contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-250024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said equipment and services from Pumping Services Inc. using the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #B364-2 and B414-17; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-154						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-155 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR SERVICES TO PUMP STATION # 8 BY PUMPING SERVICES, INC. USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (\$22,664.35)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for two (2) sewage trash pumps and control panel at its Pump Station #8; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded a contract for the required pumps and control panel under its contract #B364-2 and equipment installation under contract #B414-17, to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has submitted proposal #SQ45298 dated June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$22,664.35 meeting the requirements of the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposal and found it to be correct, and in accordance with the NJWWCPS Co-Op contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-250023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (2) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said equipment and services from Pumping Services Inc. using the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #B364-2 and B414-17; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-155						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF A FLYGT SEWAGE PUMP FOR PUMP STATION #6 BY PUMPING SERVICES INC. USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (\$38,506.35)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need to replace a sewage pump at its Pump Station #6 facility; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded a contract for the required pumps and control panel under its contract #B364-2 and installation under contract #B414-17, to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has submitted proposal #SQ5418 dated June 19, 2025, in the amount of \$143,013.15 to furnish and deliver said replacement pump under contract B364-2, which meets requirements of the M.T.U.D., a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has also submitted proposal #SQ5419 dated June 19, 2025, in the amount of \$38,506.35 to provide the required labor to install the said replacement pump under contract B414-17, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposals, totaling \$181,519.50, and found them to be correct, and in accordance with the NJWWCPS Co-Op contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-250025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said equipment and services from Pumping Services Inc. in accordance with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #B364-2 and B414-17; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-156						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR SERVICES TO PUMP STATION # 1 BY PUMPING SERVICES, INC. USING THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D). (\$35,179.32)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for two (2) sewage trash pumps and control panel at its Pump Station #1; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded contract #B414-17 for said services and, to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Pumping Services, Inc. has submitted proposal #SQ45569 dated July 15, 2025 in the amount of \$35,179.32, meeting the requirements of the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposal and found it to be correct, and in accordance with the NJWWCPS Co-Op contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-250027, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said equipment and services from Pumping Services Inc. using the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contract # B414-17; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-157						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF (3) THREE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM (88-NJWWCPS) CONTRACTS WITH PUMPING SERVICES INC. FOR AS-NEEDED MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL REPAIRS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D).
 (As needed - not to exceed \$150,000)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for routine and emergency as-needed electrical and mechanical repairs to their facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) has awarded contracts which cover required services under its contracts #B364-2, B428-7, and #B414-17 and, to Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS it is required by law that any “purchasing cooperative contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-250027, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the Township of Monroe to procure Mechanical and Electrical Repair and Maintenance Services from Pumping Services Inc. in accordance with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts #B364-2, B428-7, and B414-17, contracts in a total annual amount not to exceed \$150,00.00; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said pump delivered by Pumping Services, Inc., respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Purchasing System Cooperative (Cooperative 88-NJWWCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-159						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-160 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). (Community Energy Planning Grant \$10,000)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2025 in the sum of \$10,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Community Energy Planning Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-160						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Eighty Nine Cents (\$62,621.89) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, three (3) of the overpayments on the attached Schedule A, the owners and residents have met all the requirements for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption as prescribed by New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30 for exempt status until the applicant passes or the home is sold; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township’s Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the applicable taxes and the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby directed to draw a check from the General Account refunding the Tax overpayments described above to be distributed as set forth on the attached Schedule A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the exemptions are granted and taxes on the approved 100% Permanently and totally disabled veteran be cancelled and that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector are herewith authorized to adjust their records accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-161						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-162 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A ONE TIME GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER TAXES 2025.
 (Due Date: August 22, 2025)

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Township of Monroe, the property tax bills for the third quarter of 2025 may not be mailed to taxpayers within the statutory time constraints; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66, said taxes are due and payable by August 1, 2025 with a ten (10) day grace period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has requested and recommends that this Council extend the grace period for the payment of third quarter taxes for a reasonable time after the tax bills are prepared and mailed to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the grace period be extended “one time” for twenty-five days from the date of mailing, however, that payments received after the grace period shall accrue interest from the statutory due date of August 1, 2025 which grace period shall be in lieu of, and not, in addition to, any other applicable grace period; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes the extended grace period is warranted by the delay in the preparation and mailing of tax bills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the grace period for payment of third quarter taxes for 2025 be and is hereby extended this “one time” to **August 22, 2025** and provided, however,

that payments received after the statutory due date of August 1, 2025, which grace period shall be in lieu of, and not, in addition to, another applicable grace period.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-162						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND RIVER GREEN FARMS LLC FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 15, LOT 3.02.
 (10 Old Church Road - 5 yr lease - \$1/yr)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe ("Lessor") is the owner of property designated as Block 15, Lot 3.02, 10 Old Church Road, having acquired the property on August 2, 2019 as Open Space; and

WHEREAS, River Green Farms LLC. ("Lessee") has conducted farming operations on portions of the Property by verbal agreement with the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor and Lessee now intend to formalize the relationship through execution of a written lease under the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, upon its review, finds the execution of the Lease Agreement with River Green Farms LLC. to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Lease Agreement with River Green Farms, for the leasing of portions of property designated as Block 15, Lot 3.02, 10 Old Church Road.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-165						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-166 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA DeNITTO AS MEMBER TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.
 (Immediate-12/31/26 – unexpired term of Tanya Mulligan)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated July 21, 2025 has appointed the following member:

Angela DeNitto Member 3 Year unexpired term of Tanya Mulligan Immediate– 12/31/2026

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for the above appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the appointment of Angela DeNitto to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-166						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DBL ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS P.C. FOR THIRD-PARTY REVIEW OF ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN (ESP). (\$14,500)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has the need to solicit proposals for a third-party review of the Energy Savings Plan (ESP); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025 Monroe Township solicited proposals from a total of two (2) energy savings plan review companies and received two (2) responses as follows:

DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C. Neptune, N.J. - \$14,500.00
M & E Engineers, Inc. Somerville, N.J. - \$15,600.00

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator has reviewed the proposals received and, by copy of letter dated July 28, 2025, recommends the award of contract to ***DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C., 3600 Route 66 Suite 150 Neptune, N.J. 07753***, in the amount of **\$14,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of Article 3 of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid thereunder, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to ***DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C.***, for Energy Savings Plan Third Party Review Services for a total contract price of **\$14,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2500043, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with ***DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C.***; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay ***DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C.*** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***DBL Associates Consulting Engineers P.C.*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-167						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BFI WATER SYSTEMS OF NEW JERSEY IN THE FEDERAL LITIGATION MATTER UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, CASE NO. 3:23-cv-00059.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, BFI filed suit against the Township in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Case No. 3:23-cv-00059 (the “Federal Litigation”), which lawsuit asserted claims under environmental laws and certain contracts entered into by BFI and the Township and sought the payment by the Township of closure and post-closure costs at the Landfill, including costs associated with the leachate trucking operation and alleged contract damages; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, the Township answered BFI’s Complaint denying the claims pled by BFI and asserting counterclaims against BFI; and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in extensive written discovery in the Federal Litigation as well as deposition practice, which pretrial activities are largely completed; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to resolve their dispute without further litigation, BFI and the Township have met and conferred and have identified a possible path to resolution of their dispute that includes the development of a solar facility on the Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and BFI have settled the dispute without further litigation, which has been memorialized in a Settlement Agreement which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties now seek approval of the Settlement Agreement resolving the Lawsuit and all controversies between them; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe finds that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents, to enter into the Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe as follows:

1. The governing body does hereby authorize the Settlement Agreement with BFI.
2. The governing body authorizes the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness the Settlement Agreement in substantially the form attached with such changes as shall be approved on advice of Counsel.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-168						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen						

R-8-2025-169 RESOLUTION WHEREBY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE BLOCK 148, LOT 37 AND THE BUFFER PROPERTIES AS A NON-CONDEMNATION DEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “Redevelopment Law”) authorizes the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) to determine whether Block 148 Lot 37 on the official tax maps of the Township of Monroe (“Property”) meets the criteria for designation as a “non-condemnation development area” as defined in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, and based on an understanding of the development issues relating to the Property, the Mayor and Township Council have agreed that it is in the best interests of the Township that the Planning Board undertake a study of whether the Property should be designated as a Non-Condensation Development Area; in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. provides that prior to the Planning Board undertaking such a study, the Mayor and Township Council must adopt a resolution approving such authorization; and

WHEREAS, the BFI landfill is located on the subject property which is currently owned by the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that, in order to facilitate the transfer of the property and its adaptive reuse as a community solar project, it is necessary to determine whether the property qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Monroe as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorize the Planning Board to conduct a study to make a recommendation to designate the Property and the buffer properties as a non-condemnation development area to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. of the Redevelopment Law.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-169						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-170 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO D’AVELLINO CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE SENIOR CENTER PICKLEBALL COURTS AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
 (\$1,181,028.00)

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2025 two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the **Senior Center Pickleball Courts & Parking Lot Improvements Project**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated July 31, 2025 has recommended ***D’Avellino Construction, Inc. 62 Court St., Suite 2, Freehold, NJ 07728***, the low, responsible bidder based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$1,181,028.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Engineer regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2500044, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid there under, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to ***D’Avellino Construction, Inc.*** for the **Senior Center Pickleball Courts & Parking Lot Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$1,181,028.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with ***D’Avellino Construction, Inc.***; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay ***D’Avellino Construction, Inc.*** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Discover Construction, LLC.*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, thereafter, a completed AA-202, monthly project workforce report, must be submitted once a month for the duration of the contract to the Department of Labor and to the Monroe Township Public Agency Compliance Officer.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-170						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

R-8-2025-158 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND TIDBURY CREEK FARMS & NURSERY FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 62, LOT 3.05. (313 Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd – 1 yr lease - \$1/yr)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe ("Lessor") is the owner of property designated as Block 62, Lot 3.05, having acquired the property on March 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Tidbury Creek Farms & Nursery ("Lessee") has conducted farming operations on portions of the Property by verbal agreement with the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor and Lessee now intend to formalize the relationship through execution of a written lease under the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, upon its review, finds the execution of the Lease Agreement with Tidbury Creek Farms & Nursery to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Lease Agreement with Tidbury Creek Farms & Nursery, for the leasing of portions of property designated as Block 62, Lot 3.05.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-158						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro					X	
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON & PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO NITIKA PANDEY. (Inactive to Active license transferring to Mrs. Kumar’s, LLC – sited premises located at 1600 Perrineville Rd., Suites 52-53, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Clerk’s Office for a Person-to-Person & Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-33-013-018 heretofore held by Nitika Pandey having no sited place of business as it is a pocket license to the sited premises located at 1600 Perrineville Road, Suites 52-53, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license having been properly renewed for the 2025-2026 licensing term; and

WHEREAS, the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the said license and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-33-013-018 to Mrs. Kumar’s, LLC with sited premises located at 1600 Perrineville Road, Suites 52-53, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows conditioned upon confirmation from the Seller/Licensee’s attorney on or before August 15, 2025 that the transaction and transfer has been confirmed and not terminated:

“This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Mrs. Kumar’s, LLC located at 1600 Perrineville Road, Suites 52-53, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831, effective August 15, 2025.”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-163						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro					X	
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-8-2025-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER & ARCHITECT FOR 2025 PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.
 (H2M Architects & Engineers, LAN Associates and Alaimo Group)

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 25-29 SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER & ARCHITECT**, for professional municipal engineering and architectural services as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to create a pool of qualified professionals to serve as Special Projects Engineer & Architect for the Township as the need arises, using a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) received and reviewed statements of qualifications from engineering and architectural firms determined to pre-qualify those firms that possess the professional and administrative capabilities to provide such services and that they offer the terms and conditions determined by the Township to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Township, so that the Township may engage any one or more of the Qualified Firms when the need for such services arises; and

WHEREAS, such services are to be performed and rendered by a person or persons licensed and authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and accordingly constitute professional series exempt from public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer at the time that services, if any, are requested from the qualified professional; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the following qualified firms are hereby approved to provide Special Projects Engineer & Architect Services:

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| H2M Architects & Engineers
4810 Belmar Blvd., Ste 201
Wall Twp., NJ 07753 | LAN Associates
445 Godwin Ave., Ste 9
Midland Park, NJ 07432 | Alaimo Group
218 High St.
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

- 1- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts by and between the Township and the Qualified Firms, which contracts shall set forth the terms and

conditions of, among other things, payment for services at such time as the Firms are called upon by the Township to render services; and

- 2- That the Contracts shall be awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and
- 3- That a copy of this resolution and the Contracts upon the execution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk; and
- 4- That a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in a local newspaper within (10) days of passage of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-8-2025-164						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro					X	
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

Administrator’s Report – Administrator McGowan introduced Dan Riggle, Program Manager of Schneider Electric who gave an overview of the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). Mr. Riggle provided a handout which outlined suggested energy savings projects to be done throughout the Township. Mr. Riggle fielded questions from Council regarding the various processes to these projects; Councilman Dipierro asked if the construction of carports was included and the costs associated to which Mr. Riggle answered yes, carports were included with the savings covering the cost of interest, construction and cost of issuance. Councilman Dipierro asked what other communities have participated in these energy savings projects to which Mr. Riggle answered Piscataway, Jersey City schools, West Windsor and North Brunswick to name a few. Councilman Dipierro asked if there was a guarantee to the work and what the life expectancy would be to which Mr. Riggle answered that the work is guaranteed, including the panels and the life expectancy is approximately 30 years. Council Vice-President Van Dzura commented that he is excited for this and extended thanks to Mr. Riggle for his presentation and time to answer questions. Council President Cohen asked if individual communities have inquired about doing solar projects to which Mr. Riggle answered that it depends on the building as this program is exclusive to Township owned buildings. Councilwoman Siegel asked how long it generally takes to complete to which Mr. Riggle answered approximately 12-24 months.

Engineer’s Report – Engineer Rasimowicz gave an update on the Police Department’s Improvement Project, sharing that the flooring, siding and site work has resumed.

The James Monroe Park Improvement Project is moving along with concrete footings in place, utilities and roof trusses being done.

Six roadways have been completed so far regarding the 2025 Roadway Improvement Project.

Inwood Estates has had the utility work completed and paving has now resumed.

Middlesex County’s project at the intersection of Prospect Plains Road and Applegarth Road was awarded last month at the County Commissioner’s meeting.

Lastly, the Senior Center Pickleball Project will begin in September and has been awarded to D’Avellino Construction, Inc. with whom the Township has worked with before.

Council’s Reports –

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Shared that a lot has been happening over the Summer, noting the Concert Series, Open Houses at the Dey Farm and the upcoming Vintage Baseball game to be held on September 13th at the Dey Farm.
- Attended the State Medal Ceremony honoring our veterans which was very moving and well deserved.
- Attended Middlesex County’s “Plays in the Park” recently seeing *Rent* which was wonderful.

Councilman Markel –

- Attended the Veteran’s Appreciation Program at the Senior Center which was a great event.
- Noted that the residents who live here are the ones who drive the Township; shared that resident Ed Hornichter just turned 90 years old and passed away last week. He was a real asset to our community and will be missed.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Attended the Veteran’s Appreciation Program at the Senior Center which was a wonderful event and extended thanks to all who put it together.
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting event at Valor Pointe which was very well organized and great to see everyone come together.
- Invited all to attend National Night Out on August 5th and thanked the Police Department and Administration for all their hard work to make this event a success.
- Asked if we have received the streetlight plan from JCP&L regarding the lights that are still out; Administrator McGowan responded that the master list was sent to JCP&L which was compiled from the Police Department and is anticipating a response sometime this week.
- Noted that the Middlesex County Fair begins this week for those interested in attending.
- Reminded all that the new recycling cans are being utilized starting today.
- Inquired about the flashing lights being installed near the Recreation Center; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that it is anticipated that these will be installed within the next two weeks and will be done before school starts.
- Asked if there was any plans for the hockey rink at the Recreation Center; Administrator McGowan answered that this is a long-term plan with ongoing maintenance occurring but larger improvements not yet in the works.
- Stated that the Fourth of July fireworks were well organized, and the entertainment was amazing. Noted that this event continues to get better and bigger each year which is great.
- Asked for the County to be notified that there are dead trees and branches along Perrineville Road going down to Union Valley Road and Federal Road. Shared his concern as these are heavily travelled roadways.
- Asked if there was a County plan for paving in Monroe for 2025; Administrator McGowan and Engineer Rasimowicz responded that they did not recall off hand but would look into.
- Regarding flooding, extended thanks to our First Responders and Police Department as they do an amazing job, as well as our Fire Departments. Also extended thanks to our Administration.
- Wished everyone a Happy Summer!

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Attended the Ribbon Cutting at Valor Pointe which was wonderful.
- Extended congratulations to our Police Youth Academy graduates for all their hard work.
- Noted that Summer Recreation Camp was another success and thanked our Recreation Department and camp counsellors for all their hard work.
- Complimented Administration and Legal for their work in the BFI settlement.
- Excited for the Energy Savings Improvement Program and thanked Mr. Riggle for his presentation.
- Reminded all to attend National Night Out on August 5th and to stay cool.

Council President Cohen –

- Invited all to attend National Night Out on August 5th.
- Reminded all of Middlesex County’s “Plays in the Park” happening at Roosevelt Park.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Dalina shared that he has attended many of the County’s “Plays in the Park” as not only did he work at Roosevelt Park, but his father was Middlesex County Freeholder Director so he spent a lot of time enjoying the shows they would put on.

Reported another successful and well attended Fourth of July celebration, extending appreciation to all who attended as well as a special thanks to Connor “Baby Bearded One” D’Addario who was crowned Mayor for the Day for the event.

Shared his condolences on the passing of Ed Hornichter, who never missed an opportunity to photograph a Township event and Joel Greenberg who was a vital mentor in making the Community Garden what it is today.

Extended congratulations to the Police Youth Academy graduates.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments –

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Invited all to attend a meeting of the Friends of the Garden being held on August 11th at the Senior Center as mentor Joel Greenberg has passed away. Extended condolences to

Mr. Greenberg's family and asked for all who may be interested to come out to support the Garden and its endeavors.

Shankar Gopalakrishnan, 3612 Charleston Dr. – Extended thanks to the Mayor and Council for addressing the recycling issue within their community as it was brought up back in January and they are happy to report that the issue has been addressed, and their community has been cleaned up.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked if the recycling dates were staying the same, to which he was answered yes the dates were not changing.

Mr. Gunkelman asked for an explanation on Resolutions R-8-2025-158 and R-8-2025-165 regarding the five-year lease agreements for farms; Administrator McGowan explained that these lease agreements are for farming on land owned by the Township and is covered by insurance with JIF factoring in liability insurance as well.

Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to R-8-2025-168 which pertains to the BFI settlement agreement, how it is being managed so the solar timing is done without a gap in between; Township Attorney Rainone answered that it is all being handled together, explaining that once all of the approvals from NJDEP are done then there will be a three-way closing amongst the Township, BFI and the solar company.

Regarding the solar presentation, Mr. Gunkelman inquired if the owners of the multi state grid, PJM, are liable for the demo and what the environmental impact will be; both Township Attorney Rainone and Mr. Riggle answered, with Mr. Riggle further explaining that there is a 20-30 year lifespan and he would get back to Administrator McGowan with specifics as to the process of decommissioning and what the environmental impacts would be.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio stated that she is all for the leasing of the properties for farming and asked if we knew if they would be using pesticides on the land or if it is organic farming; Administrator McGowan answered that they are regulated by NJDEP regardless of it being municipally owned or privately owned property. He went on to state that they are permitted to use whatever NJDEP regulates. Mrs. Arminio asked if we knew what that was and what is permissible since they will be farming on our land, to which Township Attorney Rainone stated that it is in the State Administrative Code and overseen by the State to ensure they are following the NJDEP regulations. Mrs. Arminio commented that she felt that was a terrible answer to which Administrator McGowan answered that municipalities do not have the authority to do inspections of what is being used on farms and noted that there are environmental analysis' done with reports available to view if interested.

Mrs. Arminio stated that she is all for anything environmentally sound regarding the solar project but noted that the Board of Education has done something similar and advised to get a second opinion to compare the numbers they received, which may be prudent and good business practice. Mrs. Arminio inquired if the cost for the guarantee was included in Mr. Riggle's proposal to which Administrator McGowan answered that it is and is approximately \$19,000 which is an option but silly not to do.

Council Vice President Van Dzura and Mrs. Arminio exchanged commentary back and forth and was advised by Council President Cohen that her free speech comes with regulations and responsibilities.

Mrs. Arminio asked if the generation of solar panels being used will be current or obsolete and what the amount of light pollution would be; Mr. Riggle answered that these panels are current and lighting diagrams are provided for each project to show the light spread, adding that the benefit to LED lighting is that they are more directional and show more of where the light spill occurs.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:20pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Tanya Pannucci
TANYA PANNUCCI, Sr. Deputy Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen
MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on September 3, 2025.