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

AUGUST 5, 2024

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)
2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.** Led by the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates
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 Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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HONORABLE MENTIONS:

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PROCLAMATIONS:

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PRESENTATIONS:

Recognizing the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____

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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 **AUGUST 1, 2024**.
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
June 26, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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7. **RESOLUTIONS removed** from consent agenda for **CONSIDERATION (if needed).**

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8. **Administrator’s Report.**

9. **Engineer’s Report.**

10. **Council’s Reports.**

11. **Mayor’s Report.**

12. **Public Comments.** (5 Minutes per Speaker)

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13. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – August 5, 2024

The Council of the Township of Monroe met at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for the Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting.

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Miriam Cohen with a Salute to the Flag led by the Police Youth Academy Graduates.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Christine Robbins, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Michael Markel, Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel, Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura, and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Assistant Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

There were approximately sixty (60) members of the Public in attendance.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

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Council President Cohen turned the meeting over to Mayor Dalina who extended thanks to the Police Department, and all who were involved in running the “Police Youth Academy” program, as well as, to the families of the children involved for supporting them throughout its duration. He introduced Detective McCann who extended thanks to the Mayor and Council for their unwavering support of this program and went on to give a brief overview of how these graduates went through a physically challenging police boot camp and training and thanked the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates for their hard work and dedication in completing the Police Youth Academy Program.

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A 5-minute recess for photos of the Graduates, Officers and their families was given with the meeting resuming at 6:39pm.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024** Regular Council Meeting:

O-6-2024-012 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A STORM SEWER MANAGEMENT EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY LOCATED AT REMINGTON AVENUE KNOWN AS BLOCK 13.01 PART OF LOTS 4 AND 5 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP. (Stratford)**

O-6-2024-013 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UNDER CHAPTER 108 SECTION 6.23 TO AMEND THE MEDICAL FACILITY REQUIREMENT IN THE PLANNED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DISTRICT 2 (“PRC-2”).**

Council Vice-President Van Dzura stated that he plans to motion during the Regular portion of the meeting to withdraw this Ordinance, as the Mayor and Council have heard a lot of comments and concerns and took all into consideration. He clarified that if this Ordinance were to be considered again it would need to be reintroduced.

O-6-2024-014 **ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPEALING CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES”**

Council President Cohen and Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024** Regular Council Meeting:

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(County project – Applegarth Rd between Half Acre Rd & Prospect Plains Rd.)

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- O-8-2024-021** **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,224,400 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,523,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**
- O-8-2024-022** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION OVER PROPERTY AT 45 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOT 41.29, A WIDE STREET TREE EASEMENT AT 43, 45, AND 47 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOTS 41.34, 41.35, 41.36, AND A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT 43, 45, AND 47 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOTS 41.34, 41.35, 41.36 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP.**
- O-8-2024-023** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A 10' WIDE TREE EASEMENT AT 38 AVENUE I AND 40 AVENUE I KNOWN AS BLOCK 123, LOTS 11.01 and 14.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP.**

Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024** Regular Council Meeting: (R-8-2024-179 – R-8-2024-194)

- R-8-2024-179** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 1114 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- R-8-2024-180** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (Removal of 11 Ash Trees - \$5,954.95)**
- R-8-2024-181** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE. (Solar permit - \$512.00)**
- R-8-2024-182** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**
- R-8-2024-183** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO GENTILINI FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD BASE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (\$41,890.00)**
- R-8-2024-184** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR STRATFORD DEVELOPERS LLC., W&S 623.4 AND PARTS OF SECTION 5 AND 8 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (Halsey Reed Road/Cranbury Station Road)**
- R-8-2024-185** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR STRATFORD DEVELOPERS LLC., W&S 623.5 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (Halsey Reed Road/Cranbury Station Road)**
- R-8-2024-186** **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC. FOR CONTRACT 541 - "MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (1-year contract with 2 optional 1-year extensions – unit pricing)**

- R-8-2024-187** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY, LLC. FOR CONTRACT 540, “WRT Z-88® FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT (WELL 16A)” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$358,000.00)
- R-8-2024-188** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR GURU NANAK SIKH HERITAGE INC. (PHASE 1) – BA-5152-17. (Wycoff’s Mill Road)
- R-8-2024-189** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS. LLC. BA-5193-20. (Perrineville Rd.)
- R-8-2024-190** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR FOUR SEASONS – NORTH VILLAGE (THE ORCHARDS) PB-1089-10. (Prospect Plains Rd.)
- R-8-2024-191** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO J. FLETCHER CREAMER & SON, INC., FOR EMERGENCY STORM SEWER REPAIR AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD & FORMAN AVENUE.
(not to exceed \$49,839.38)
- R-8-2024-192** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY S&G PAVING, INC. FOR THE SPOTSWOOD GRAVEL HILL ROAD ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
(increase of \$34,746.80)
- R-8-2024-193** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BY TEKCON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS ADDITION & ALTERATIONS PROJECT. (increase of \$221,547.54 – 3.8%)
- R-8-2024-194** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-6-2024-172 ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVDEALS.COM.”
(Rescheduling Auction date to August 28 – September 4, 2024)

Councilman Dipierro motioned to add a resolution to extend the grace period for tax payments to August 23rd.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro, and seconded by Councilman Markel, Resolution R-8-2024-195 was added to the agenda for consideration. All were in favor, none opposed.

- R-8-2024-195** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A ONE TIME GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER TAXES 2024. (Grace Period extended to August 23rd)

In addition, Councilman Dipierro requested for Resolutions R-8-2024-184, R-8-2024-185 and R-8-2024-192 to be considered separately.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, 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 more information on several items, including: O-8-2024-019, as far as what is being done, how long the bonds are for and what the total net cost is including interest.

O-8-2024-020: what is being done with the \$5 million and inquired as to why it is referred to as” part of the cost” and not all the cost if we are going to issue bonds for the same amount as the appropriation, and what is the total cost for the life of the bond for this activity.

O-8-2024-021: what are the improvements and what the cost of the bonds are.

R-8-2024-183: noted that the police interceptor is a year old model and if it is new or used and how many miles it has.

Administrator Weinberg responded that the bond ordinances in question are both being introduced this evening and are available to be viewed online and went on to explain that O-8-2024-019 is for an indoor practice facility to be located at James Monroe Park. He stated that we have applied for a County grant that will match 50% of the costs and this will provide a space for indoor sport practices including baseball and softball. The useful life for a building is 30 years and explained that it is difficult to predict interest rates as they have been as low as 2.3% and as high as 3.5% under permanent financing but it first goes out as 1-year notes and it is hard to estimate the total cost without knowing what the interest rate will be.

Administrator Weinberg explained that O-8-2024-020 has to do with the Water Quality Accountability Act. The numbers are similar because they are a self-liquidating authority. The money will be expended for the sandblasting and painting to the water tank located on Applegarth Road, as well as improvements to Well 21 and the replacement of a 1993 jet vac pump truck with an estimated cost of \$650,000. He stated that the full list of items is noted in the ordinance and the average bond life is 13.04 years.

Administrator Weinberg explained that O-8-2024-021 has an exhaustive list with an approximate bond life of 8.06 years. This ordinance includes the purchase of an ambulance, EMS and Police vehicles, as well as, DPW equipment, drainage work, municipal improvements, guiderrails and a NJDOT local aid grant project for Links Drive.

Administrator Weinberg explained that R-8-2024-183 is for the replacement of a 2022 police vehicle which was totaled in an accident. He went on to say that we received \$30,000 from insurance and went out to bid for a 2023 or 2024 vehicle, as it is difficult nowadays to find anything, and we were able to secure a new 2023 vehicle with less than 20 miles.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked for clarification on O-8-2024-019; Attorney Rainone explained that James Monroe Park is a Township park and we are looking to construct an indoor practice facility there.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked if any analytics were done in regard to O-8-2024-019 as kids would say that soccer is the most up and coming sport right now in Monroe and not baseball.

Regarding R-8-2024-183, Mrs. Panos said “tsk tsk”.

Regarding R-8-2024-192 and R-8-2024-193, Mrs. Panos asked why there are change orders as we need to get it done right the first time.

Administrator Weinberg commented that in regard to O-8-2024-019, there has been a long-time request for more indoor practice facilities especially on the southside of town. He stated that there are several projects moving forward in coordination with the Master Plan review and we are doing our best to get them done with grants. He added that this facility would be used by Monroe Township recreational programs and is primarily for our residents. Engineer Rasimowicz commented that our Recreation Center is one of the best in the County and this indoor facility would be run similarly to how they run their facility.

Engineer Rasimowicz explained that the change order for R-8-2024-192 is for additional quantities of items which increased the contract by 5% and regarding R-8-2024-193 the bulk of the money was to take the tower down which increased the contract by 3.8%. Mrs. Panos commented that this should have been a part of the original RFP and as far as “grants” is a buzz word and the “grant” for the indoor practice facility is coming from the County and as well all know our taxes went up. She stated that we instead need to do our due diligence first.

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 Councilman Markel, 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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **8/1/24** 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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

June 26, 2024 - 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 ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-6-2024-012 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A STORM SEWER MANAGEMENT EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY LOCATED AT REMINGTON AVENUE KNOWN AS BLOCK 13.01 PART OF LOTS 4 AND 5 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP. (Stratford)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, the Township has the power to acquire any real property for a public purpose through a negotiated agreement process; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Developers, LLC c/o Atlantic Realty (the “Grantors”) are the owners of that certain parcel of land identified on the Township of Monroe’s (the “Township”) Official Tax Map as Block 13.01, part of Lots 4 and 5 (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to acquire a storm sewer management easement in perpetuity consisting of a 15 foot easement containing 1,465 sq. ft. of land (the “Easement”); and

WHEREAS, the Grantor has executed a Storm Sewer Easement providing the Township with a storm sewer management easement in the property as described in the Storm Sewer Easement appended hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney and Township Engineer have reviewed the aforementioned Storm Sewer Easement and agreed that it is in the best interests of the Township to acquire the Storm Sewer Easement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to the review of the Township Attorney.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to accept the Storm Sewer Easement in substantially the form appended hereto as Exhibit A, subject to the review of the Township Attorney, which sets forth the terms and conditions pertaining to the Storm Sewer Easement, and all documents necessary for the acceptance.
2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance.

3. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2024-012** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2024-012** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

O-6-2024-013 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UNDER CHAPTER 108 SECTION 6.23 TO AMEND THE MEDICAL FACILITY REQUIREMENT IN THE PLANNED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DISTRICT 2 (“PRC-2”).

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was **WITHDRAWN** from consideration:

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

Attorney Rainone explained that by withdrawing this Ordinance, it cannot be brought back up for consideration.

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-6-2024-014 ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPEALING CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES”

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, is a Faulkner Act municipality pursuant to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is organized under the Mayor/Council Plan of Government as authorized by the Faulkner Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-31 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 78 Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Code of the Township of Monroe codifies certain policies, practices and procedures which are a function of the Mayor and Administration pursuant to the Faulkner Act Mayor/Council Form of Government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor/Council Form of Government under the Faulkner Act does not contemplate that the personnel policies and procedures would be codified in the Code of the Township of Monroe but rather is a function of the Mayor and Administration; and

WHEREAS, Best Practices for the Administration of Government do not contemplate that the personnel policies and procedures be codified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 78 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey, entitled “Personnel Policies and Procedures” is hereby repealed.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2024-014** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if this had anything to do with the employees’ contribution to healthcare; Attorney Rainone answered no, this chapter contained the personnel policy which is frequently being amended and because of our form of government it is not required to have in the code. He went on to explain that it is the mayor’s authority to make changes to the personnel policy which is in effect and enforceable as the rules and regulations for employees are in the policy. Mrs. Arminio asked if the personnel policy is as strong as an ordinance since it is now being taken out of the code to which Attorney Rainone answered yes, if not stronger.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2024-014** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-8-2024-015 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “FEES”.**
(DCA required language applied to Construction portion of fee schedule and addition of public parking space fees for charging of electric vehicles)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro 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-8-2024-016 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”.** (NJDEP mandated update)

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

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-8-2024-017 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK ON APPLGARTH ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 619), TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**
(County project – Applegarth Rd between Half Acre Rd & Prospect Plains Rd.)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-8-2024-018 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, “DRUG-FREE ZONES”**
(Updating code to include last map revision date of September 7, 2022; maps were updated to include new streets within same boundaries)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Regarding O-8-2024-019, Councilman Dipierro asked if the bond is specific to the property at James Monroe Park and asked who would be collecting the money being paid by the parents of those playing. He added that the County “grant” has the taxpayers paying either way. He asked why this building must be in James Monroe Park and there are a lot of concerns with the property being surrounded by wetlands and the parking situation being tighter than it already is. Administrator Weinberg answered that Monroe baseball and softball has taken the lead with this and generally when we do park improvements it happens within our own; he went on to state that this will be an 80-90’ building and is what the association wants. He invited Councilman Dipierro to suggest a different location and noted that the County has expressed an interest in being supportive of it, as well as it being located on the southside of the Township. Councilman Dipierro asked for this to be tabled so a different location can be considered; Engineer Rasimowicz added that we have proposed other locations and developed conceptual designs, and this is an ideal location for it as this is where the baseball tournaments are held. Mayor Dalina added that this was an ask over 20 years ago with baseball reaching out to the Recreation Advisory Board and they have explained that this will not be just for baseball and softball but for all recreational uses. He stated that the Recreation will manage this facility and it is anticipated that it will be used for 365 days a year. Councilman Dipierro stated that with baseball declining in numbers and opening up to other towns to participate is why he has asked who will be collecting the money and where will it go to which Administrator Weinberg responded that it is no different than the other recreation programs we have throughout the Township.

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

O-8-2024-019 **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT ON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE PROPERTY, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,925,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,397,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.** (James Monroe Park Practice Facility – expected 50% County match)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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O-8-2024-020 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,995,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,995,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

O-8-2024-021 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,224,400 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,523,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-8-2024-022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION OVER PROPERTY AT 45 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOT 41.29, A WIDE STREET TREE EASEMENT AT 43, 45, AND 47 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOTS 41.34, 41.35, 41.36, AND A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT 43, 45, AND 47 LOWER MATCHAPONIX ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 68, LOTS 41.34, 41.35, 41.36 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilman Michael A. 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, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-8-2024-023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE A 10' WIDE TREE EASEMENT 38 AVENUE I AND 40 AVENUE I KNOWN AS BLOCK 123, LOTS 11.01 and 14.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TAX MAP.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

Councilman Dipierro asked for further clarification on R-8-2024-193 as to what the breakdown of the demolition and excavation costs were, as well as, how much conduit wire was used as no length or distance is noted. Engineer Rasimowicz answered that Alaimo provided detailed documents to answer Councilman Dipierro's questions which he can provide to Council if necessary. Councilman Dipierro noted that the cost for scrap metal has gone up and there is no mention of the amount received to which Engineer Rasimowicz stated that he has reviewed all documentation received from Alaimo and he can provide if necessary.

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-8-2024-179– R-8-2024-195 except R-8-2024-184, R-8-2024-185 and R-8-2024-192 which will be considered separately)

**R-8-2024-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 1114 MORNING
GLORY DRIVE.**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, Miriam Doria (“Doria”) gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe requiring Doria to pay the sum of \$56,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1114 Morning Glory Drive, (the “Property”) as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 22, 2020, in Mortgage Book 18039 on Page 732 *et seq.* (“Doria’s Affordable Housing Lien”); a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023 , Doria sold the Property to Mark Allen, (“Allen”); Allen executed a deed in the mandatory form required for ownership units subject to restrictive covenant required by N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(d) transferring title to the Property to Allen for the sum of \$102,126.00, said deed having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 28, 2023 in Deed Book 19239, page 951 *et seq.*; a copy of said deed is attached as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023, Allen gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program to the Township of Monroe requiring Allen to pay the sum of \$80,874.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1114 Morning Glory Drive, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 26, 2023, in Mortgage Book 19239 on Page 958 *et seq.*; a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, Doria’s Affordable Housing Lien qualifies for discharge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Doria sold the Property to Allen, and Allen executed a new affordable housing recapture mortgage in favor of the Township; accordingly, Doria’s Affordable Housing Lien should be discharged; and

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 are authorized and directed to execute the Discharge of Mortgage, annexed hereto as Exhibit “D”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-180 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE
TREE ESCROW FUND. (Removal of 11 Ash Trees - \$5,954.95)**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 96 of the Monroe Township Code entitled “Shade Trees and Shrubbery; Landscaping”, a Tree Escrow Fund has been created to hold and disburse fees paid in lieu of tree replanting by developers or property owners removing trees; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is to be used to maintain, preserve and protect the municipal tree cover; and

WHEREAS, the overall health and vitality of Monroe Township’s tree cover is at risk due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, which has spread to ash trees throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that purposes of the Tree Escrow Fund are served by funding the removal of dead or diseased ash trees within the Township, which pose a danger to healthy trees and to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds within the Tree Escrow Fund in Certificate No. C-2400057 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$5,954.95 for the removal of approximately 11 Ash trees, when invoices are tendered by Princeton Tree Care, from the Tree Escrow Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Princeton Tree Care from the Tree Escrow Fund, for the services provided.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-181 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE. (Solar permit - \$512.00)

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, by copy of letter dated June 26, 2024, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refund:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. 1001 Lower Landing Road Suite 601 Blackwood, NJ 08012 ATTN: Permitting	Permit # 2023-2394 Requests refund due to permit cancelled. Homeowner at 3 Ceir Court. has cancelled solar panel installation.	\$ 512.00

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Construction Official and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Tesla Energy Operations, Inc. in the amount of \$512.00**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-182 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 Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$9,639.63) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, for all 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.

**R-8-2024-183 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO
GENTILINI FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023
FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD BASE FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (\$41,890.00)**

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2024 one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township for a 2023 or 2024 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Base (K8A) for the Monroe Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager, by copy of letter dated July 17, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended *Gentilini Ford, 555 John S. Penn Blvd., Woodbine, NJ 08270* to be awarded the Bid, based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$41,890.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby consents to the recommendations made by the Township Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400058 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; 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, State of New Jersey, that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to *Gentilini Ford* for a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Base (K8A) for the Monroe Township Police Department, at a total contract price of **\$41,890.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contract with *Gentilini Ford*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *Gentilini Ford*, in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Gentilini Ford* 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.

**R-8-2024-186 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID PUMP &
METER SERVICE CO., INC. FOR CONTRACT 541 -
"MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR
SERVICE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY
DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)
(1-year contract with 2 optional 1-year extensions – unit pricing)**

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2024 at 11:00am prevailing time two (2) sealed bid were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 541, Mechanical & Electrical Maintenance & Repair Services, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co, Inc. of 285 Straight St., Patterson New Jersey has submitted the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bid in the amounts for years one (\$86,940.00) and two and three (\$90,340.00), respectively, a copy of the bid tabulation sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bids with the M.T.U.D. Director, and by a copy of a letter dated July 18, 2024 recommends the award of an open-ended (1) One-year contract, with (2) two optional (1) one-year extension at the request of the M.T.U.D. and agreement of Contractor be awarded to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc based on the estimated quantities and unit pricing provided in their bid for, an estimated total year one price of \$86,940.00 annually, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.'s Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(1)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body.

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 award of a contract for the M.T.U.D. for Mechanical & Electrical Maintenance & Repair Services to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., for (1) one-year per the unit price rates indicated in their proposal, and with the provision authorizing optional (2) one-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with two optional one-year extensions, with Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded subject to a attorney positive review, with the stipulation that Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY, LLC. FOR CONTRACT 540, "WRT Z-88® FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT (WELL 16A)" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$358,000.00)

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2024, one (1) sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read, by the Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 540, "Z-88 Filter Media Replacement (Well 16a)", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the sole bid received was submitted by Water Remediation Technology, LLC in the amount of \$358,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager by copy of a letter dated July 26, 2024 has, after consulting with the MTUD Director, recommended that a contract be awarded to the low bidder Water Remediation Technology, LLC, Inc. in the amount of \$358,000.00, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Purchasing Manager regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Water Remediation Technology, LLC, has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter contract with an optional with Water Remediation Technology, LLC, Inc., Inc., in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Water Remediation Technology, LLC, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

(3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Water Remediation Technology, LLC, Inc. shall provide the required performance bond and insurance certificate as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-188 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR GURU NANAK SIKH
HERITAGE INC. (PHASE 1) – BA-5152-17. (Wycoff's Mill Road)**

WHEREAS, Guru Nanak Sikh Heritage Inc. has posted a Maintenance Guarantees for the Sikh temple construction on property located at Wycoff's Mill Road Block 13, Lot 2 project (BA-5152-17); and

WHEREAS, said maintenance guarantee has expired on March 7, 2024 and Guru Nanak Sikh Heritage Inc. has requested its release; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 et seq., the Township Engineer. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Monroe Township Council approve the request for release of the cash maintenance guarantee, as detailed in a letter dated July 26, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of **\$35,523.33**.

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 Maintenance Guarantee posted for Guru Nanak Sikh Heritage Inc. BA-5152-17, be released as reflected above and within the letter annexed hereto. This approval for release of cash maintenance guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to release said cash Maintenance Guarantee for this project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE
GUARANTEE POSTED FOR NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS.
LLC. BA-5193-20. (Perrineville Rd.)**

WHEREAS, New Cingular Wireless PCS. LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 20, Lot 28.10 project BA-5193-20; and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC. Block 20, Lot 28.10 Project BA-5193-20, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated July 26, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$1,558.60**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit, however the Township Engineer's office recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-190 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR FOUR SEASONS – NORTH VILLAGE (THE ORCHARDS) PB-1089-10. (Prospect Plains Rd.)

WHEREAS, K. Hovnanian At Monroe NJ, LLC has posted Performance Guarantees for the Four Seasons-North Village (The Orchards) Project PB-1089-10; and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Four Seasons-North Village (The Orchards) Project PB-1089-10, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter dated July 26, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$1,222,184.48**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit, however the Township Engineer’s office recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-191 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO J. FLETCHER CREAMER & SON, INC., FOR EMERGENCY STORM SEWER REPAIR AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD & FORMAN AVENUE. (not to exceed \$49,839.38)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and Township Engineer advised of the urgent need of emergency repairs to a storm sewer located at the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and Forman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, these repairs were deemed necessary as this was an emergent condition affecting the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergent nature, this response required the immediate performance of services and pursuant to the provisions in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1, the emergency response was authorized and contracted to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. to respond and repair the storm sewer line; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer reviewed the summary of costs for the proposed repairs and, by copy of letter dated July 25, 2024, recommends the award of contract to **J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed **\$49,839.38**; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee 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;

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400059, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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 **J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.** for the emergency repairs to a storm sewer located at the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and Forman Avenue for a total contract price not to exceed **\$49,839.38**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-193 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BY TEKCON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS ADDITION & ALTERATIONS PROJECT. (increase of \$221,547.54 – 3.8%)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1-2024-043, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 3, 2024, a contract was awarded to Tekcon Construction Inc. in connection with the Monroe Township Police Headquarters Addition & Alterations Project; and

WHEREAS, the original total contract amount was \$5,724,026.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated July 29, 2024, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Monroe Township Police Headquarters Addition & Alterations Project reflecting an **increase of \$221,547.54** in the contract amount, as the result of additional work required, as described in the attached change order; and

WHEREAS, the current contract price including this change order is **\$5,945,573.54**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the request and has found same to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. **C-2400034**, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

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 are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2024-194 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-6-2024-172 ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVDEALS.COM.” (Rescheduling Auction date to August 28 – September 4, 2024)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has determined that various vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment listed on Schedule “A” as attached hereto and incorporated herein are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council adopted Resolution No. R-6-2024-172 at their June 26, 2024 Council Meeting, to authorize the sale of Township owned surplus property no longer needed for the public use through the use of an online auction service provided by GovDeals Inc.; and

WHEREAS, there is an amendment needed to the dates of the auction from August 19-26, 2024 to August 28-September 4, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the Township vehicles and miscellaneous equipment described on the attached Schedule “A” on an online auction website entitled www.govdeals.com and Monroe Township’s website at www.monroetwp.com in accordance with the terms and conditions attached hereto and made a part hereof with said auction to be held the week of August 28- September 4, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator
GovDeals, Inc.
Greg Slavicek, DPW

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-195 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A ONE TIME
GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER
TAXES 2024. (Grace Period extended to August 23rd)**

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Township of Monroe, the property tax bills for the third quarter of 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024 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 2024 be and is hereby extended this “one time” to **August 23, 2024** and provided, however, that payments received after the statutory due date of August 1, 2024, which grace period shall be in lieu of, and not, in addition to, another applicable grace period.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Nay
	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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

**R-8-2024-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF
MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR STRATFORD
DEVELOPERS LLC., W&S 623.4 AND PARTS OF SECTION 5
AND 8 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY
DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)
(Halsey Reed Road/Cranbury Station Road)**

WHEREAS, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Stratford Developers LLC., W&S 623.4 and parts of sections 5 & 8;

WHEREAS, Stratford Developers LLC. has requested a release of the Performance Guarantees upon posting and acceptance of Maintenance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantees as detailed in a letter dated July 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release sewer (98 units in section 4) Performance Bond #S 11810 in the amount of \$390,960.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$58,644.00 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$43,440.00.

Release sewer (parts of sections 5 & 8), Performance Bond #S 11811 in the amount of \$397,440.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$59,616.00 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$44,160.00

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation.

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 Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 623.4 and parts of section 5 & 8 to be released as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval to release a Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the provision of replacement Maintenance Guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the developer, and to his attorney, if applicant has been represented by counsel in this matter.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-185 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF
MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR STRATFORD
DEVELOPERS LLC., W&S 623.5 POSTED TO THE MONROE
TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)
(Halsey Reed Road/Cranbury Station Road)**

WHEREAS, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for Stratford Developers LLC., W&S 623.5;

WHEREAS, Stratford Developers LLC. has requested a release of the Performance Guarantees upon posting and acceptance of Maintenance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantees as detailed in a letter dated July 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release water Performance Bond #FP0020957 in the amount of \$209,520.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$31,428.00 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$23,280.00.

Release sewer Performance Bond #FP0020956 in the amount of \$278,640.00 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$41,796.00 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$30,960.00.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation.

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 Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 623.5 to be released as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval to release a Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the provision of replacement Maintenance Guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the developer, and to his attorney, if applicant has been represented by counsel in this matter.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2024-192 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY S&G PAVING, INC.
FOR THE SPOTSWOOD GRAVEL HILL ROAD ROADWAY
AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
(increase of \$34,746.80)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-6-2023-182, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on June 26, 2023, a contract was awarded to S&G Paving Inc. in connection with the Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the original total contract amount was \$665,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated July 26, 2024, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Spotswood Gravel Hill Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project reflecting an **increase of \$34,746.80** in the contract amount, as the result of additional contract quantities, as described in the attached change order; and

WHEREAS, the current contract price including this change order is **\$699,746.80**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the request and has found same to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. **C-2300066**, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

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 are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Administrator’s Report – Reported that the community access channels are now up and working thanks to a shared services agreement with the Board of Education; extended thanks to Kyle, Stacey and the Board of Education for all their efforts in getting this accomplished.

Reported that irrigation services are back in place and running.

Thanked all involved in the 4th of July celebration and fireworks event at Thompson Park.

Thanked all the recreation camp counselors, including Mt. Sepa camp for their hard work.

Engineer’s Report – Reported that the Applegarth Road and Joan Warren Way traffic signal is complete but will remain bagged for another month, and then flashing, per County rules and regulations before working permanently.

Reported that the 2024 Roadway Improvements Project has started and is ongoing.

Council Reports –

Councilwoman Siegel –

- The Historic Preservation Committee held another Open House at the Dey Farm celebrating the “Culture of India” which was very interesting and informative.
- The annual vintage baseball game will be held on September 21st at the Dey Farm.
- Farmer Al’s is celebrating 100 years of farming in Monroe Twp.
- The Library will be hosting the NJMVC mobile unit on Tuesday, August 13th, which will include the ability to obtain by appointment only a ‘REAL I.D.’.

Councilman Markel –

- The library will be hosting a blood drive on August 29th.
- In regard to grant money, stated that the money received is not spent freely as a lot of thought and consideration goes into the process of how it is spent. He went on to say that the Master Plan updates include more cricket pitches, fields and programs with the goal to make everyone happy.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Shared that National Night Out is scheduled for tomorrow, August 6th from 6pm-9pm in Thompson Park.
- Station 51 will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on August 10th at Thompson Park with festivities kicking off there at 2pm.
- Asked for an update on the Bentley Road water and sewer connection issue; Administrator Weinberg responded that the water and sewer improvements in that area are tied to the development happening and the project is moving forward.
- Noted that within the Code Book and on the Township’s website the Utility Department is still noted as M.T.M.U.A which was changed in 2011 so both need updating because as liaison to the Shade Tree Committee it is their job to collect funds and work with developer’s so they can go out and do their job accordingly, as well as the oversight by the Engineer and the Clerk’s Office in handling the bonding so it is important that the information is reflected correctly.
- Asked for an update regarding the grant received from the State for the acquisition of 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road; Administrator Weinberg clarified that we received two different grants from State, one for \$2.5 million for the Police Department renovations and \$2.5 million for

Open Space acquisitions. He went on to say that \$2.3 million is associated with the Barnes farm purchase and \$200,000 was moved to 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road. The County gave \$2 million for the farm purchase, which is now fully funded and an additional \$1 million for the acquisition of 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road. He stated that we have a total of \$1.2 million for the 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road site with the entire project totaling \$2.3 million and we are bonding approximately \$1.1 million for that project and are awaiting approval from the State for the Open Space purchases and the ability to draw down for the Police Department renovations should be forthcoming. Councilman Dipierro asked if the grant money has been received yet for the 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Road site to which Administrator Weinberg once again explained.

- Prior to Covid, the Township had a bus and transportation committee which he was a part of and asked if this was going to be reestablished; Administrator Weinberg stated that the commuting world has drastically changed post Covid and explained that because we had a private carrier doing our busing, NJ Transit would not provide additional transportation as they have dominated the field so this has been very challenging.
- Thanked Director Stroin and his department for their work on addressing the water main break on Walnut Street and Pergola Avenue, as well as Center State for their work in getting an emergency repair taken care of on Schoolhouse Road. He went on to say that fixing issues in house is incredible and thanked those for working through the heat both day and night.
- Attended a Board of Education meeting where a representative was present who stated that we are at our cap for State Aid; went on to say that we should invite representatives here so they can help and our residents can ask questions and get answers as to how we can go about changing this formula to get more State Aid.
- Suggested that instead of spending money on maintaining the golf range property that the Board of Education had asked for, it could be farmed or used for solar and put to use so they do not have to spend money to maintain it.
- Asked for Nixle alerts to be sent out for the road paving projects and concrete work that is going on throughout the Township so residents are aware.
- Inquired as to what is going on with the project on Mounts Mills Road and Old Bridge Englishtown Road as it is a ghost town. He stated that there have been no contractors seen and is unsure what is holding up to the project as school will be starting shortly, and no progress has been made.
- Attended the Planning Board meeting and suggested that two screens are put in front of the tables to make it easier to view the plans and information being shown.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Invited all to attend National Night Out on August 6th.
- Proud to see the Police Youth Academy graduates and congratulated them on their hard work.
- Complimented the road paving work that is ongoing.
- Congratulated Farmer Al's on their 100th Anniversary.
- Shared a personal story of how the fire department helped him and his family when lightning struck causing a fire in his home. He went on to say that he appreciates all the work they do and invited everyone out to attend Fire District #1's 75th Anniversary on Saturday, August 10th in Thompson Park.
- Excited for the grants received and anticipates more recreation facilities to come about in accordance with the Master Plan.
- Reminded all to keep our children safe as it is still Summer.

Council President Cohen –

- Noted that the growing popularity of cricket and pickleball will make them Olympic sports in the future.

Mayor's Report – Reminded all that National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th, weather permitting. He noted for all to check the Township website and social media pages for updates.

Fire District #1 will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on Saturday, August 10th in Thompson Park. This is an important celebration and will commence with a parade beginning at Noon.

Mayor's Wellness Program will be hosting a movement and dance session on August 20th and a meditation session on August 28th at the Library.

The next municipal shredding event will be held on September 14th at the Department of Public Works.

Shared that the Township is now on Instagram and NextDoor.

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

Public Comments –

Frank Steinhauser, 19 Oliver St. – Mr. Steinhauser commented that he appreciates the improvements made on Forest Park Terrace and asked if this was inclusive of the project that had been approved on Oliver Street to extend the curb line but was delayed because of additional work the Engineer wanted to look into having done. He also asked if the water problem would be addressed on Applegate and Baker Streets; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that this was not part of the Forest Park Terrace project; in regard to the water problem, he met with DPW and it was marked out but will follow up for status. He added that there is no plan to extend the curb on Oliver Street.

Mr. Steinhauser commented that the facility being proposed at James Monroe Park would be very cramped and surrounded by wetlands and suggested looking at other locations such as Avenue K. He added that the parking situation at James Monroe Park has many issues also which would need to be addressed if a facility was to be built at that location.

Anjan Karanati, 11 Preservation Dr. – Mr. Karanati commented in regard to Ordinance O-8-2024-019 that the southside of Monroe could use recreation improvements to benefit the Asian/Indian community that heavily populates that area.

Sudheer Mamadapur, 271 Morning Glory Dr. – Mr. Mamadapur shared his concerns with a warehouse being considered by the Planning Board; Administrator Weinberg stated that this is an active application with the Planning Board so we can listen to the concerns of the public but cannot comment. Attorney Rainone added that anything said cannot be considered as testimony to the Planning Board and Administrator Weinberg added that the best place to address any concerns would be with the Planning Board.

Claudette Klimczak, 25 Wisteria Ct. – Ms. Klimczak stated that she objects the warehouse being proposed and shared that her community has a petition that has been circulating with over 1,000 signatures to date objecting this proposal. She suggested building a recreation facility or park and advised that she plans to attend the second Planning Board public hearing on September 26th.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab stated that the states highway development program is, in his opinion, destruction that leads to nowhere for children to play. He stated that there is traffic congestion because the roads are too narrow and it negatively impacts ecology and destroys the ecosystem.

Murali Nandigama, 24 Hyacinth Ln. – Mr. Nandigama stated that he objects the warehouse being proposed as well and cites that there has been a lack of information given to the residents regarding this proposal. He mentioned Mayor Dalina's position on banning truck traffic on Township roadways and stated that having this warehouse built on Route 33 would have a negative impact. He stated that recreation improvements are needed on the southside of the Township.

Gyaneshwar Sadamastula, 283 Morning Glory Dr. – Mr. Sadamastula stated that he objects the warehouse as well and said that more recreation is needed instead on the southside of the Township. He suggested starting small, maybe creating a walking loop, etc. until more funds are available to build something bigger.

Sree Melam, 24 Wisteria Ct. – Mr. Melam stated that more recreational facilities are needed on the southside of the Township as the children in his community have nowhere to play leaving them to play in the streets which is dangerous. Mr. Melam asked for the Council to consider putting a park in that area instead of another warehouse or shopping center.

Dennis Liu, 31 Beachwood Dr. – Mr. Liu stated that he is the most impacted as his bedroom faces the intersection and he sees so many accidents occur. He commented that the zoning should be revisited on Route 33 as he grew up in Middlesex County, specifically in East Brunswick for much of his life where there are more parks and open space. Mr. Liu went on to say that while he understands that Route 33 is zoned for Highway Development he fears that the area will become even more unsafe and children will be dodging traffic as there are no recreational facilities in that area.

Srinivas Gajam, 3 Beachwood Dr. – Mr. Gajam stated that he is in opposition of the proposed warehouse and its impact on the environment, traffic and quality of life. He requested for a park to be built in the area so the children can play safely and not have to travel far to other recreational facilities.

Adithi Vadakane, 15 Clover Ln. – Ms. Vadakane shared that her and her friends would love to have a place where they could play safely near their neighborhood and asked the Mayor and Council to consider her request because it would mean so much to them.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman thanked the Administration and Police Department for their foresight in combatting the influx of car thefts and home burglaries. He went on to say that JCP&L does not address streetlight outages quickly as it takes over 6 months to fix and the dark streets allow for more ample opportunity for these thieves to act so he suggested involving our Assemblymen to help getting this addressed.

Commented that the Maresco Performing Arts Center was presented as something for the community but that seems to have been forgotten. He stated that the School Board needs to make it more accessible to the community and figure out a way to make that happen.

Mr. Gunkelman asked if there were plans available to view for the proposed facility at James Monroe Park as he would like to view them.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:53pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on September 4, 2024.