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

**DECEMBER 18, 2024**

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 Clerk Christine Robbins 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 29, 2023 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 29, 2023;
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:**

**Volunteer Appreciation Awards presented to:**

**Monroe Special Sports: Susan Reiser**

**Korean War/Defense Veterans, Jewish War Veterans: Charles Koppelman**

**Monroe Township Community Gardens: Joel Greenberg, Len Baskin, Gary Busman, Jaquelyn Coleman, Jon Gjoreski, Jerry Levine, Joan Munster, Donald B. Pollitt, and Robert Sibler.**

**Proclamation:** “Parker at Monroe 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” - December 15, 2024

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

OPEN:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLOSE:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **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 **December 12, 2024.**  
MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_                      ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

**December 2, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

OPEN: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Adjournment.** MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – December 18, 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.

**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 Terrence Van Dzura and Council President Miriam Cohen.

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

There were approximately thirty (30) members of the Public in attendance.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following **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 29, 2023 and remains posted at that location for public inspection.
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 29, 2023;
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 rolling time unless further time is granted by the Council President.

Mayor Dalina presented Volunteer Appreciation Awards to Mr. Charles Koppelman from his involvement in the Korean War, Defense Veterans and Jewish War Veteran organizations, as well as to Joel Greenberg, Len Baskin, Gary Busman, Jaquelyn Coleman, Jon Gjoreski, Jerry Levine, Joan Munster, Donald B. Pollitt, and Robert Sibling for their outstanding volunteerism with the Monroe Township Community Garden and lastly to Mrs. Susan Reiser for her involvement in the Monroe Township Special Sports Program. Mayor Dalina read aloud and presented each a plaque extending thanks and appreciation for their unwavering dedication and service in going above and beyond in serving the citizens of Monroe Township. He went on to state that he is honored and privileged to recognize these distinguished residents for their selflessness and hard work as their volunteerism and activism has made our Township shine bright.

Council President Cohen read aloud, by title, the following proclamation:

***“Parker at Monroe 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” - December 15, 2024***

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024** Regular Council Meeting:

**O-12-2024-026**                      **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM BRASUSA CONSTRUCTION INC. ON BLOCK 37, LOT 12. (7 Union Hill Road)**

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024** Regular Council Meeting: (R-12-2024-295 – R-12-2024-337)

**R-12-2024-295**                      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP’S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (As needed basis per fee schedule)**

- R-12-2024-296**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BARNABAS HEALTH, INC. FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(As needed basis per fee schedule)
- R-12-2024-297**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEMS (AHS) FOR VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL AND IMMEDIATE CARE MEDICAL WALK-IN SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(As needed basis per fee schedule)
- R-12-2024-298**      **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**  
(Kelly Strenkowski – 5 year term)
- R-12-2024-299**      **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D.) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$54,770)**
- R-12-2024-300**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$195/hr not to exceed \$428,400)
- R-12-2024-301**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$45,000)**
- R-12-2024-302**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM OF ANTONELLI KANTOR, RIVERA P.C. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
((\$195/hr not to exceed \$50,000)
- R-12-2024-303**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (as needed basis - per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2024-304**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$2,500)**
- R-12-2024-305**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Sholk Appraisal, Sterling Disanto & Associates and Timothy Hoffman Inc. as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)
- R-12-2024-306**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (not to exceed \$30,000)**
- R-12-2024-307**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Not to exceed \$162,302)

- R-12-2024-308**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.** (Not to exceed \$55,204.00)
- R-12-2024-309**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(as needed basis per fee schedule)
- R-12-2024-310**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PKF O’CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.** (Not to exceed \$120,000)
- R-12-2024-311**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.** (Twp. Engineer not to exceed \$27,000; General Engineering Services and Tax Map Maintenance not to exceed \$322,320)
- R-12-2024-312**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2025 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (CME Engineering, Delaware Raritan Engineering, Morgan Engineering & Surveying and Alaimo Group)
- R-12-2024-313**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Not to exceed \$78,000)
- R-12-2024-314**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO R3M ENGINEERING INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Not to exceed \$104,000)
- R-12-2024-315**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H2M ASSOCIATES INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Not to exceed \$104,000)
- R-12-2024-316**      **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM VARIOUS WATER AND/OR SEWER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.** (R3M Engineering, Inc., Weston & Sampson Engineers, PC, H2M Associates, Inc., CME Associates, Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC (PS&S).
- R-12-2024-317**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. 528 “SODIUM HYDROXIDE 50%” WITH UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**  
(\$2.2776 per gallon)
- R-12-2024-318**      **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-319**      **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**

- R-12-2024-320 RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-321 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-322 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER. (Alan Weinberg)**
- R-12-2024-323 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2024-324 RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2024-067 AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 DODGE DURANGOS & ONE (1) CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM FRED BEANS GOVERNMENT SALES USING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#47-CPCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
(Vehicles, Accessories & Lighting \$185,846.10)**
- R-12-2024-325 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FOR SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2.**
- R-12-2024-326 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY SCOZZARI BUILDERS INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERAN'S PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**
- R-12-2024-327 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE THROUGH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-328 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-329 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON THE TOWNSHIP'S BEHALF CONCERNING TAX APPEALS FOR CALENDAR YAR 2025.**
- R-12-2024-330 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATIONS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH JAMES P. NOLAN & ASSOCIATES FOR 2024 TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Increase of \$12,000)**
- R-12-2024-331 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNIANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-1, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)**
- R-12-2024-332 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNIANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-2, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)**

- R-12-2024-333**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-3, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)**  
(Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)
- R-12-2024-334**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL FUND GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCES.**
- R-12-2024-335**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND RESERVE BALANCES.**
- R-12-2024-336**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES.**
- R-12-2024-337**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF GENERAL CAPITAL FUND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES.**

**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 an explanation on R-12-2024-311 and R-12-2024-314 as these are for two separate engineering contracts for the Utility Department; Administrator Weinberg answered that these are for specialty contracts for water and sewer which is different from the Township’s engineer involvement.

Mr. Gunkelman asked for an explanation on R-12-2024-316 which is for the appointment of various engineering firms; Administrator Weinberg answered that for capital projects the Director can solicit from these other firms if necessary.

Asked for an explanation on what “PACO” means as it seems like it would be a conflict to have our Administrator appointed as this; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a requirement by statute from the Department of Treasury which ensures that we are following the Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines in our contracts. Attorney Rainone further explained and reiterated Administrator Weinberg’s explanation.

Lastly, Mr. Gunkelman asked for an explanation on R-12-2024-334, R-12-2024-335, R-12-2024-336 and R-12-2024-337 and the amounts tied to each; Administrator Weinberg explained that R-12-2024-334 is canceling approximately \$900,000 of general capital fund receivable balances, R-12-2024-335 is for canceling \$3.3 million in water-sewer utility fund reserve balances, R-12-2024-336 is for canceling water-sewer utility capital fund improvement authorization balances and R-12-2024-337 is for canceling \$9.7 million in general fund capital improvement authorization balances which essentially cleans up a bond ordinance and will lower the debt we have.

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos asked what the rate of interest is and if there a window of time given before a tax lien is implemented in reference to R-12-2024-320; Administrator Weinberg answered that the interest rate starts at 8% but goes up to 18% for amounts over \$1,500 and the tax sale happens a year after.

Mrs. Panos asked if there is a stipend given to the PACO, R-12-2024-322; Administrator Weinberg responded that there is no stipend.

**Anjan Karnati, 11 Preservation Dr.** – Mr. Karnati asked what happens with the monies cancelled in reference to R-12-2024-334 through R-12-2024-337; Administrator Weinberg explained for R-12-2024-334, cancelling funds comes out of surplus, regarding R-12-2024-335 that goes into surplus and R-12-2024-336 and R-12-2024-337 are neutral because it is bond money that has not been spent.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification if the PACO being Administrator Weinberg is a conflict of interest as that question was not addressed; Attorney Rainone responded that the State of New Jersey regulates compliance and the PACO is the one responsible for responding. He went on to explain that Administrator Weinberg meets with the State along with the Clerk’s Office and provides the requested documents to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity compliance.

Mrs. Arminio asked if anyone was in defiance of filing the required financial disclosure form that is requested annually; Township Clerk Christine Robbins responded that we are in full compliance and stressed that our only responsibility is to pass along the information to the filers to ensure they file by the due date but can confirm that last year there were no delinquencies.

Lastly, Mrs. Arminio asked if we test for PFAS in our water system; Director Stroin answered that we do test every quarter and we are in full compliance. He went on to give a further explanation.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, 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 7:16pm.

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 Markel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:16pm.

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 **12/12/24** 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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

**December 2, 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-12-2024-026                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM BRASUSA  
CONSTRUCTION INC. ON BLOCK 37, LOT 12. (7 Union Hill  
Road)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4(a) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, the Township is authorized to acquire any real property, or interests therein, by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, BRASUSA Properties, LLC (the "Grantor") is the owner of a certain tract of land identified on the Township's Official Tax Map as Block 37, Lot 12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor has agreed to dedicate to the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) a Conservation Easement under, across, and over portions of Block 37, Lot 12, as specifically described in Schedule A and B of the Conservation Easement attached hereto as Attachment A (the Conservation Easement Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the proposed form of a Easement Agreement appended hereto as Attachment A will preserve the Conservation Easement Area to prevent the removal of trees and ground cover, subject to certain conditions, and maintain open space in as close to its natural state as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, after analysis and review, the Township has determined it is in its best interest to accept the Conservation Easement over Block 37, Lot 12 as attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

**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 execute all documents necessary for the conveyance of a portion of Block 37, Lot 12 through the Conservation Easement, as attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
2. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
3. 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 Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-12-2024-026** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-12-2024-026** 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.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
(R-12-2024-295 - R-12-2024-337)

**R-12-2024-295**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP’S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(As needed basis per fee schedule)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire medical, educational and administrative services related to the Township's compliance with Federal laws and regulations in the development of its Substance and Alcohol Misuse policy and testing, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS, Dynamic Testing Service** has submitted a proposal indicating the fees for such services shall be in accordance with the attached fee schedule and payment for such services shall be made on an “as needed” basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Dynamic Testing Service has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure which certifies that Dynamic Testing Service has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Monroe in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Dynamic Testing Service from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Utility Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. M-250003, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with **Dynamic Testing Service, 230 Main St., Toms River, NJ 08753** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit “C”, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by Dynamic Testing Service on a unit price, open-ended contract basis;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the Dynamic Testing Service contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township of Monroe all appropriate documentation within the time period prescribed by law;

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-296                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT  
TO BARNABAS HEALTH, INC. FOR OCCUPATIONAL  
MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.  
(As needed basis per fee schedule)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire Occupational Medical Services for its Employees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this contract shall be one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS, Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.** has submitted a proposal indicating the fee schedule for such services and payment for such services shall be made on an “as needed” basis; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500016, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-250004, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;

**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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for occupational medical services with **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc., 95 Old Short Hills Road West Orange, N.J. 07052** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit "B", effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.** on a per unit price, open-ended contract basis;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.**, contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township all appropriate documentation within the time period prescribed by law;

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-297                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEMS (AHS) FOR VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL AND IMMEDIATE CARE MEDICAL WALK-IN SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(As needed basis per fee schedule)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has a need to provide various Occupational Medical Services and Immediate Care Medical Walk-In services for its Employees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this contract shall be one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, Atlantic Health System (AHS) has submitted a proposal indicating the fees for such services which shall be in accordance with the attached fee schedule and payment for such services shall be made on an "as needed" basis; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-250005, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

**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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for occupational medical services with **Atlantic Health System (AHS)/Immediate Care Walk-In Management, LLC, 46 Newman Springs Road East, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit "B", effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by Hackensack Meridian Health Occupational Health on a unit price, open-ended contract basis;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the Hackensack Meridian Health Occupational Health contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township all appropriate documentation within the time period prescribed by law;

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-298 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**  
(Kelly Strenkowski – 5 year term)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 7, 2024, has appointed the following member to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** commencing January 1, 2025, *nunc pro tunc*;

**Kelly Strenkowski Member 5-year term 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2029**

**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 **Kelly Strenkowski** to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for the term as defined above, commencing January 1, 2025, *nunc pro tunc*.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-299 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D.) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$54,770)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, had purchased Q.E.D. Software for the Monroe Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe wishes to enter into an annual Maintenance Agreement with Queues Enforth Development, Inc. (Q.E.D.); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) authorizes the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software, except that this provision shall not be utilized to acquire or upgrade non-proprietary hardware or to acquire or update non-proprietary software; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost of the Software Maintenance Agreement for calendar year 2025 shall not exceed Fifty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (**\$54,770.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2500023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Software Maintenance Agreement, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with **Q.E.D., Inc., 400 Tradecenter Drive, Suite 5900, Woburn, MA 01801** in an amount not to exceed Fifty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (**\$54,770.00**).

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-300 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$195/hr not to exceed \$428,400)

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2024, 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 # 25-1 – TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY- GENERAL LEGAL**, for various legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone, Esq. of Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone, Esq. and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Attorney shall be paid **\$27,347.00 annually**; and

**WHEREAS**, the General legal fees shall not exceed **\$428,400.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate Nos. C-2500001 and C-2500002, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-301                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$45,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024 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 # 25-3 – TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various tax appeal legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC satisfies the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, legal services shall be billed at the rate of \$195.00 per hour not to exceed **\$45,000**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500003, 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 and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, 61 Green Street, Woodbridge, N.J. 07095 in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-302                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM OF ANTONELLI KANTOR, RIVERA P.C. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(\$195/hr not to exceed \$50,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 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 # 25-3 – TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various legal tax appeal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the hourly rate shall be \$195.00/hour; not to exceed \$50,000 for various legal tax appeal services as may be assigned by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in **Certificate No. C-2500004**, 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 and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C., 354 Eisenhower Pkwy, Suite 100 Livingston, N.J., commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-303 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (as needed basis - per fee schedule)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-4 – MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL**, for various bond services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Firm **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** satisfy the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in **Certificate No. C-2500005**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC., 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, N.J. 07068**, effective January 1, 2025, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$2,500)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-9 WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY**, for various workers compensation claims as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Randolph Brause, Esq. of the Firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.** satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500006 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C., 244 Fernwood Avenue, Edison, N.J. 08837**, effective January 1, 2025, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-305**                      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Sholk Appraisal, Sterling Disanto & Associates and Timothy Hoffman Inc. as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-10 – APPRAISAL SERVICES**, for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the review committee has, based on the judging criteria, thoroughly reviewed each proposal and made its selections for each solicitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, recommends the Council approve and qualify the following firms:

***Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal - 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816***

***Sterling Disanto & Associates – 145 W. End Avenue, Somerville, N.J. 08876***

***Timothy Hoffman, Inc. - P.O. Box 3030, Westfield, N.J. 07091***

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024 also recommends the award of contract for **Open Space Appraisals** to **Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisal**, 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000** to be paid out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by **Certificate No. C-2500007**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Monroe Township is hereby authorized to solicit proposals as necessary for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township from the above selected firms for Calendar Year 2025 and authorize the award of contract to Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisals for Open Space Appraisals, not to exceed \$20,000, out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-306                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (not to exceed \$30,000)**

**WHEREAS**, for calendar year 2025, the Township and the Monroe Township Shade Tree Commission seek professional consultant services in connection with the survey and evaluation of dead trees and the selection, identification, and planting of new stock, the inspection of proposed new development sites, the examination of citizen requests for planting and removal of trees, for general advice at Commission meetings, and advice regarding the planting of trees on municipal property and in connection with the administration and enforcement of Chapter 97 of the Monroe Township Code governing the preservation, protection and removal of trees; and.

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-15 – LICENSED TREE EXPERT**, for various professional forestry/arboricultural advice and services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC, possesses professional expertise as a certified tree expert, holding State Certificate #273 and otherwise meets the established criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, recommends that Council approve and award a professional service contract to Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed \$30,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.C-2500008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC, 151 Route 516 (P.O. Box 564), Old Bridge, NJ 08857**, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC in an amount **not to exceed \$30,000.00**;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-307                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (Not to exceed \$162,302)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-16 INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES/INSURANCE PRODUCER SERVICES** for various general employment law and collective negotiation services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, North American Insurance Management Corporation (hereinafter NAIMC), 1460 US Route 9 North, Suite 210, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 possesses the technical expertise required for such an engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 9, 2024, recommends the Council approve and award the contract to NAIMC; and

**WHEREAS**, North American Insurance Management Corporation has indicated that the flat fee for their service will be **\$162,302.00**. payable in equal monthly installments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in **Certificate No. C-2500009**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds, for the Utility Department, in **Certificate No. M-250001**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

**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 NAIMC for Insurance Consulting & Producer Services, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit C, commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NAIMC for the Township at a cost **not to exceed \$130,000.00** and **not to exceed \$32,302.00** for MTUD – **Totaling \$162,302.00** payable in equal monthly installments; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that North American Insurance Management Corporation shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-308                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (Not to exceed \$55,204.00)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-17 – TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES** required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Jaffe Communications satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **Jaffe Communications, Inc. 312 North Ave. E, Suite 5, Cranford, N.J. 07016** in accordance with the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$55,204.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by **Certificate No. C-2500010**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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 one (1) one year professional service contract with Jaffe Communications Inc., commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Jaffe Communications Inc. in an amount not to exceed **\$55,204.00**; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Jaffe Communications Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-309                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT  
TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS  
FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.  
(as needed basis per fee schedule)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-18 - FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES** for various financial advisory services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC.** satisfy the established criteria for said professional financial advisory services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, in accordance with the fee schedule contained within the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in **Certificate No. C-2500011**, 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 and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, N.J. 08505 commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, on an as needed basis in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Phoenix Advisors, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-310                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
PKF O’CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO  
PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL  
ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (Not to exceed \$120,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et seq., requires the Township Council to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within six (6) months after the close of its fiscal year, and for that purpose to employ a registered municipal accountant of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the ownership of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 25-19 MUNICIPAL AUDITOR SERVICES** for auditing services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, **PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.**, satisfy the established criteria for said professional auditing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP., 300 Tices Blvd. Suite 315 Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677** in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$120,000.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by **Certificate No. C-2500012**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available for the Utility Department, as set forth in Certificate No. M-250009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; 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 one (1) one-year professional service contract with **PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.**, commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.** in an amount not to exceed **\$118,320.00**; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.** shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-311 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025. (Twp. Engineer not to exceed \$27,000; General Engineering Services and Tax Map Maintenance not to exceed \$322,320)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-20 TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES and ID #25-25 TAX MAP MAINTENANCE**, for various professional engineering services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Rasimowicz of the Firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer shall be paid **\$27,000.00 annually**; and

**WHEREAS**, the General engineering services and tax map maintenance fees shall not exceed **\$322,300.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500013, and C-2500014, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2025;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. accordance with the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-312                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2025 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (CME Engineering, Delaware Raritan Engineering, Morgan Engineering & Surveying and Alaimo Group)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, 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 # 25-21 TOWNSHIP CONFLICT/ALTERNATE ENGINEER**, for municipal engineering 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 Township Conflict or Alternate Engineer 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 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 Conflict or Alternate Engineering Services:

**CME Associates**  
3141 Bordentown Avenue  
Parlin, N.J. 08859

**Delaware-Raritan Engineering**  
200 Daniels Way, Suite 230  
Freehold Twp., N.J. 07728

**Morgan Engineering, LLC.**  
130 Central Avenue  
Island Heights, N.J. 08732

**Alaimo Group**  
200 High Street  
Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

**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.

**R-12-2024-313                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**  
(Not to exceed \$78,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for **ID# 25-28 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY**, for various legal professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, legal fees shall not exceed **\$78,000.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-250002, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; 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 one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., 1 Woodbridge Center, Suite 515, Woodbridge Twp., N.J. 07095, commencing January 1, 2025;
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the attached agreement;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law;
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-314                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
TO R3M ENGINEERING INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.  
(Not to exceed \$104,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications **ID# 25-27 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER**, for various engineering professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, R3M ENGINEERING, INC. and other engineers within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to R3M ENGINEERING, INC. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the services performed shall not exceed **\$104,000.00 per year** unless additional services are requested by the Township in writing and approved by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-250007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; 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 one (1) year professional service contract with R3M ENGINEERING, INC., 1405 Route 18, Suite 208, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857, commencing January 1, 2025.
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by R3M ENGINEERING, INC. in accordance with the attached agreement.
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law.
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that R3M ENGINEERING, INC., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-315                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
TO H2M ASSOCIATES INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.  
(Not to exceed \$104,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications **ID# 25-27 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER**, for various engineering professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, H2M ASSOCIATES INC. and other engineers within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to H2M ASSOCIATES INC. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the services performed shall not exceed **\$104,000.00 per year** unless additional services are requested by the Township in writing and approved by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-250008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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 one (1) year professional service contract with H2M ASSOCIATES INC., 4810 Belmar Blvd. Wall Twp, N.J. 07753, commencing January 1, 2025.
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by H2M ASSOCIATES INC. in accordance with the attached agreement.
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law.
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that H2M ASSOCIATES INC., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-316                      RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM VARIOUS WATER AND/OR SEWER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**

(R3M Engineering, Inc., Weston & Sampson Engineers, PC, H2M Associates, Inc., CME Associates, Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC (PS&S).

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township of Monroe Utility Department, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes setting forth qualifications for general water and sewer professional engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, (5) proposals were received and reviewed, and each of the five (5) firms listed below have been selected as qualified firms to perform water and/or sewer professional engineering services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Utility Department has received Statements of Qualifications and has determined each of the below qualified to perform general water and sewer professional engineering services:

- **Water & Sewer General Engineering Services**
  - R3M Engineering, Inc.
  - Weston & Sampson Engineers, PC
  - H2M Associates, Inc.
  - CME Associates
  - Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC (PS&S)

; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for required professional services from the selected firms, as necessary, during the 2025 calendar year.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-317                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. 528 “SODIUM HYDROXIDE 50%” WITH UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$2.2776 per gallon)**

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. is currently under contract with Univar Solutions USA, Inc (Univar) for providing Sodium Hydroxide; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract term expires on January 9, 2024, and the Monroe Township Utility Department has been very satisfied with the performance Univar in providing this chemical over the past decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Section IV. “Contract Term and Extension Option” of the General Specifications allows for an optional (1) one year extension, with the agreement of the vendor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Purchasing Manager, after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Monroe Township Utility Department to extend the current contract for the final 1-year term with no increase in price, and has notified Univar Solutions USA, Inc. of the M.T.U.D.’s desire to extend said contract via a letter dated November 25, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, with Univar Solutions USA, Inc. has indicated their acceptance of the amendment and extension by signing and returning the attached Vendor Acknowledgement and Consent letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.’s Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-230023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that it hereby authorizes and approves the M.T.U.D. extending its open-ended contract for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution with Univar Solutions USA, Inc., based on amended year (2) two-unit pricing of \$2.2776 per gallon and estimated quantities, for the (1) one-year extension term. The new termination date shall be January 9, 2026. The existing terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-318                    RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2025.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that during the year 2025 the Combined Agenda and Regular meetings of the Township Council will be held each month at **6:30 p.m.** starting with the Agenda Meeting and Regular Meeting to immediately follow.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Township meetings will be held in the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., New Jersey, as provided in the **2025 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that information regarding the proposed agenda is available on the Township of Monroe website [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com) under the Mayor and Council tab/Council Minutes and Agendas.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-319                    RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, CRANBURY PRESS AND/OR THE STAR LEDGER** are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Monroe for Year 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ are hereby designated as the place where **ALL** official notices are to be posted.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-320 RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 54:4-67* permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes, assessment, or other municipal liens or charges on or before the dates when they would become delinquent; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 54:4-67* permits the fixing of said rate at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

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

- (1) The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any delinquency in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date that actual payment to the Tax Collector is made, and if delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged.
- (2) A delinquency shall mean the sum of all taxes, assessments, municipal liens and charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years.
- (3) Effective January 1, 2025, there will be a ten (10) day grace period for quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
- (4) Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph three of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-321 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, various departments/divisions utilize open-ended contracts for routine, recurring items which may, in the aggregate, exceed \$44,000.00 per annum; and

**WHEREAS**, these purchases are permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these purchases are made on a unit price basis with the certification of availability of funds being provided by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer on each Purchase Order/Voucher for such items; and

**WHEREAS**, any contract for a purchase price of over \$44,000.00 must be approved by the Township Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe authorizes purchases of various materials and services through the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-322 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER. (Alan Weinberg)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Office of Administrative Action, the Township is required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, said position shall act as the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and must have the authority to make the appropriate corrections to the Township's contracting procedures; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council hereby appoints **Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator**, to the position Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Office of Affirmative Action, CN 209, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-323                      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 Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Two cents (\$30,477.82) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) 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.

**R-12-2024-324                      RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2024-067 AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2025 DODGE DURANGOS & ONE (1) CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM FRED BEANS GOVERNMENT SALES USING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#47-CPCPS) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (Vehicles, Accessories & Lighting \$185,846.10)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-2-2024-067 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at the February 5, 2024 council meeting authorized the purchase of (3) three 2024 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Police Department in the amount of \$142,124.10 from **Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department was notified the vehicles were out of stock and Mall Chevrolet was not taking any new orders, causing the purchase, certificate no. C-2400031 and Resolution No. R-2-2024-067 be cancelled.

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Police Department still has the need for two (2) 2025 Dodge Durango's and one (1) Chevrolet Tahoe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (#47-CPCPS) has awarded a contract for Police vehicles under its contract number #47-CPCPS, from **Fred Beans Government Sales, 876 N Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA 18902** for the purchase as follows:

2	2025 Dodge Durango's (without equipment)	-	\$89,190.00
1	2025 Chevrolet Tahoe ( without equipment)	-	\$50,096.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>\$139,286.00; and</b>

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that any “state contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$40,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount for these vehicles exceed the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2400096 copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase emergency lights and equipment to outfit three (3) of the new vehicles under Whelan, New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00761), Havis New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00719) and Pro-Gard New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00768) with the installation to be performed by **East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535**, an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCECCPS) for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

<b>2</b>	<b>Emergency Lights/Pro-Cell Console (East Coast)</b>	<b>\$36,614.40</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Emergency Lights for Admin</b>	<b>\$6,386.70</b>
	<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$43,001.10; and</b>

**WHEREAS**, the detailed accessories for each vehicle are attached hereto and made a part of; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that any “state contract” purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$40,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount for these emergency lights and equipment exceed the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2400097 copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to paint the front and rear doors on two of these vehicles with the painting to be performed by **A&J Motors Auto Body, 9 Hooker St., Jamesburg, NJ 08831**, pricing per quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

<b>2</b>	<b>Vehicle Paint Doors White</b>	<b>\$2,569.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$2,569.00; and</b>

**WHEREAS**, the services for the vehicles is attached hereto and made a part of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400098**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to install letters and numbers on three of these vehicles with the lettering to be performed by **Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc., 566 Rt. 33 West, Mercerville, NJ 08619**, pricing per quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

<b>2</b>	<b>Lettering (standard)</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$990.00; and</b>

**WHEREAS**, the services for the vehicles is attached hereto and made a part of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400099**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

**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 Police Department to purchase said vehicles from Fred Beans Governmental Sales using the Cranford Cooperative Police Pricing System (#47-CPCPS); and
- (2) Authorizes the Police Department to have the three (3) new Police Vehicles outfitted with emergency lights and equipment by East Coast Emergency Lighting; and

- (3) Authorizes the Police Department to have the new vehicles painted by A&J Motors Auto Body; and
- (4) Authorizes the Police Department to have the new vehicles lettered and numbered by Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc.; and
- (5) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Fred Beans Government Sales, respectively; and
- (6) The contracts are awarded through the Cranford Cooperative Police Pricing System Purchasing Program (#47-CPCPS) 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.

**R-12-2024-325                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FOR SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe is desirous of filing an application for municipal aid under the Local Freight Impact Fund for certain municipal improvements which qualify for said funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes and approved submission of a Grant Application and execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the South Middlesex Industrial Park Roadway Improvements, Phase 2; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic Grant Application, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, identified as LFIF-2025-South Middlesex Industrial Park Roadway Improvements, Phase 2-00030 for Monroe Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and approval of the execution of the Grant Agreement.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-326                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY SCOZZARI BUILDERS INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERAN'S PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS, Scozzari Builders Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS, Scozzari Builders Inc.** has requested 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, by copy of letter dated December 9, 2024, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations 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 Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated December 9, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for the release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$18,778.20**. 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.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-327**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE THROUGH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program (the 1033 “Program”) to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (“LEAs”); and

**WHEREAS**, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county law enforcement agencies to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to the municipal and county law enforcement agencies, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

**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 Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for one year from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medial and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection and supplies, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the Monroe Township Police Department, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolution authorize, based on the needs of the Monroe Township Police Department, without restriction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following (DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolutions authorizes without restriction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property available through the Program, “DEMIL B through Q” is attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Monroe Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Monroe Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire (1) “DEMIL A” property that may be available through the 1033 Program and (2) “DEMIL B through Q” property both of which that may be available through the 1033 Program during the time period for which this Resolution authorizes, with program participation and all property requests authorization terminating on December 31, 2025.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-328**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct Tax Sales during Calendar Year 2025 for all prior year’s delinquent taxes, pursuant to New Jersey Law, Chapter 99.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-329                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR  
TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON THE TOWNSHIP'S BEHALF  
CONCERNING TAX APPEALS FOR CALENDAR YAR 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding the valuation and assessment of properties in the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to 36 to set assessments for properties in the Township of Monroe under the Local Property Tax, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality.

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Monroe has tax appeals pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey and the Middlesex County Tax Board in the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor must be consulted on any settlement of a tax appeal pending in the Tax Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe desires to grant the authority to the Township Tax Assessor to settle Tax Appeals on behalf of the Township of Monroe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Taxing District without further governing body approval to:

- (a) Determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regarding to any property located in the Township of Monroe and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate.
- (b) Resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlement in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board, so long as such settlement does not result in a refund in excess of \$100,000.00.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-330                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATIONS TO  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH JAMES P. NOLAN  
& ASSOCIATES FOR 2024 TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES  
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Increase of \$12,000)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-12-2023-293, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 20, 2023, authorized a Professional Service Contract with James P. Nolan and Associates for Tax Appeal Legal Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Service contract for 2024 Tax Appeal Legal Services shall be increased by \$12,000.00, with the new contract amount not to exceed \$52,000.00; 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 the availability of funds in Certificate Nos. C-2400010, copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorization is hereby given to increase and modify the 2024 Tax Appeal Legal Services contract in the amount of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the amendments to the agreements attached hereto.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-331**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNIANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-1, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)** (Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, W&S 1168-1, Water and Sanitary Sewer;

**WHEREAS**, K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, has requested a release of the reduced 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 Performance Guarantees as detailed in a letter dated December 12, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release reduced Water Performance Bond #GM202382 in the amount of \$107,310.90 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$53,655.45 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$ \$11,923.50.

Release reduced Sanitary Sewer Performance Bond #GM20281 in the amount of \$97,171.20 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$48,585.60 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$10,796.70.

**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 1168-1, Water and Sanitary Sewer 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-12-2024-332**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNIANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-2, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)** (Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, W&S 1168-2, Water and Sanitary Sewer;

**WHEREAS**, K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, has requested a release of the reduced 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 Performance Guarantees as detailed in a letter dated December 12, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release reduced Water Performance Bond #GM215736 in the amount of \$56,504.81 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$28,252.40 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$6,278.31.

Release reduced Sanitary Sewer Performance Bond #GM215737 in the amount of \$49,621.57 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$24,810.79 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$5,513.51.

**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 1168-2, Water and Sanitary Sewer 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-12-2024-333                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNIANIAN AT VILLAGES AT COUNTRY VIEW, LLC, W&S 1168-3, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)**  
(Spotswood Englishtown Rd/Buckelew)

**WHEREAS**, Performance Guarantees have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, W&S 1168-3, Water and Sanitary Sewer;

**WHEREAS**, K. Hovnianian at Villages at Country View, LLC, has requested a release of the reduced 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 Performance Guarantees as detailed in a letter dated December 12, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Release reduced Water Performance Bond #72BSBBF9348 in the amount of \$42,638.40 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$21,319.20 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$4,737.60.

Release reduced Sanitary Sewer Performance Bond #72BSBBF9347 in the amount of \$44,582.40 and replace with a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$22,291.20 (15% of the original bond) and release cash portion in the amount of \$4,953.60.

**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 1168-3, Water and Sanitary Sewer 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-12-2024-334                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL FUND GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCES.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists certain prior years grant receivable balances in the General Capital Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, these balances have been reviewed by the finance department and it has been determined to formally cancel said balances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe that the following General Capital Fund Grant Receivable balances be cancelled to General Capital - Fund Balance:

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Ordinance Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County of Middlesex:		
2002-17	Intersection of Forsgate Drive, Applegarth Road, and Possum Hollow Road	\$ 321,737.03
2003-11	Traffic Light at Perrineville Road and Schoolhouse Road	194,424.17
2008-08	Traffic Light at Applegarth Road and Cranbury Station Road	256,332.03
2009-20	Applegarth/Clearbrook Traffic Light	<u>125,856.99</u>
		<u><u>\$ 898,350.22</u></u>

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-335 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND RESERVE BALANCES.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists certain prior years reserve balances in the Water-Sewer Utility Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, these balances have been reviewed by the finance department and it has been determined to formally cancel said balances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe that the following Water-Sewer Utility Fund Reserve Balances be cancelled to Fund Balance as follows:

	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>	<u>Operating Fund Balance</u>
<u>Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund</u>		
Bond Indenture Reserve	<u>\$ 2,291,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,291,000.00</u>
	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>	<u>Capital Fund Balance</u>
<u>Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund</u>		
Reserve for Bond Resolution	<u>\$ 1,017,971.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,971.74</u>

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-336 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES.**

**WHEREAS**, certain Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be cancelled and credited to Fund Balance or unused debt authorizations may be cancelled in the Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

Ordinance Number	Ordinance Description	Amount		
		Cancelled	Funded	Unfunded
2009-12	Computer Equipment, Software and Information Systems	\$ 7,485.97	\$ 7,485.97	
2009-25	Various Water-Sewer Improvements	485.47	485.47	
2010-12	Various Water Sewer Improvements	647,042.62	647,042.62	
2011-35	Imp to Wells No. 17 and 19	5,377.92	5,377.92	
2012-15	Ashmall Pumping Station Improvements	1,771.26	1,771.26	
2012-28	Various Water Sewer Improvements	10,039.92	10,039.92	
2013-17	Various Water Sewer Improvements	586,586.38	586,586.38	
2014-23	Acq. Of Water Allocation Rights	79,750.00	79,750.00	
2015-24	Acq. Of Water Allocation Rights/Well 25 Improvements	129,746.55		\$ 129,746.55
2021-05	Well 25 Improvements	<u>18,489.40</u>	<u>18,489.40</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,486,775.49</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,357,028.94</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 129,746.55</u></b>

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2024-337 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF GENERAL CAPITAL FUND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES.**

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Fund Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be cancelled and credited to Fund Balance or unused debt authorizations may be cancelled in the General Capital Fund;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Fund Improvement Authorizations be cancelled:

Ordinance Number	Ordinance Description	Amount		
		Cancelled	Funded	Unfunded
2005-35	Rehab. of Low and Moderate Income Housing	\$ 111,066.60	\$ 111,066.60	
1998-24	Various 1998 Capital Improvements	47,869.15	47,869.15	
1999-17	Recreation and Open Space	83,925.47	83,925.47	
2000-26	Various 2000 Capital Improvements	7,724,379.87	1,152,779.87	\$ 6,571,600.00
2007-29	Various 2007 Capital improvements	20,679.11	20,679.11	
2008-09	Acquisition of Property for Open Space Purp.	210,382.83	210,382.83	
2020-22	Refunding Bond Ord. 2012 and 2013 Bonds	<u>1,500,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500,000.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,698,303.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,626,703.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,071,600.00</u></b>

**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

**Administrator's Report** – Reported that he has received 8-9 emails from residents of the Stratford community with concern over recent car and home burglaries. In response he read aloud a statement sent this afternoon in response to the emails received as he believes this to be helpful in sharing with the community, as well as, important to know the actual data to help drive crime down.

*“Any crime in the township is upsetting, especially to the victim. It is an unnerving experience for those involved and their neighbors. Please know that the mayor and council and the police department are always working together to keep us as one of the safest communities in our state.*

*I think it's very important to share facts when it comes to public safety and crime. The Monroe Township Police Department has maintained crime statistics on their website for many years. These statistics can be found by visiting <https://monroetwppolice.org/statistics-1/>. Please note that this link has been shared on numerous occasions, including previous volumes of the printed Monroe News, social media pages and at council meetings. These statistics come directly from the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that helps law enforcement agencies manage and coordinate emergency responses.*

*Every call that comes into police department headquarters is automatically logged. Last year, there were 50 burglaries in town. By comparison, and as noted in your letter, this year there were 32 burglaries as of November 30 and we stand at 36 to-date. This is currently 14 less burglaries than last year with two weeks remaining in 2024. Our efforts are ongoing and constantly improving, but this year undoubtedly is trending in the right direction.*

*When evaluating crime reports and statistics, it is helpful to examine data in neighboring municipalities and understand that no one is immune to crime. Monroe Township, however, is safer than most other municipalities in NJ. In fact, our burglary incidences referenced above are significantly less than other towns, including neighboring East Brunswick who experienced approximately 40% more burglaries this year as of November 30th. Furthermore, motor vehicle thefts in Monroe have gone from 30 in 2022 to 20 in 2023 and 10 in 2024. Again, this is one of the lowest auto theft rates per capita in the state.*

*Our top rank in safety did not happen by accident. We have an incredibly professional, well-trained, experienced and knowledgeable police department that notifies the public immediately when and if they determine there is a known danger. The police department reports on crime within the town as appropriate as determined by the chief and the department's professional judgement – and shares those notifications on Nixle or social media.*

*It is important to note that as information is sent to the public it may also be seen by criminals. There is a fine balance of keeping the public informed and sharing intelligence with those aiming to commit crime.*

*As you mentioned, there were two burglaries this month in Stratford and the police chief has increased patrols in that area, while maintaining patrols for all of the township.*

*The police department actively communicates between local, state and federal agencies. Much of our success in keeping our incidents down is because of the active communication between local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to address all crimes.*

*The mayor and council have increased our police force to 70 officers and have invested significant funding in flock cameras which have successfully deterred crime from taking place. They cover entrances to our community and scan license plates to identify stolen vehicles and those with warrants. Our police department responds to these notifications in real time.*

*The mayor advocated with the legislature to increase penalties on home burglaries. There is an article featured on the cover of Monroe News arriving this week. Following are some notable items from this recently signed legislation:*

- *Home invasions are now first-degree crimes, punishable by 10- to 20- year prison terms, a fine of up to \$200,000 or both.*
- *Residential burglaries are now second-degree crimes, punishable by five to 10 years in prison, fines of up to \$150,000 or both.*
- *Home invasions and burglaries are now subject to the “No Early Release Act,” which requires a convicted person to serve at least 85 percent of their prison term before parole eligibility.*
- *Convicted offenders who are 15- to 18-years old now face up to 20 years in state prison.*

*Again, while any crime is alarming, the number of overall crimes in Monroe has gone down in the last few years. It is important to look at the facts and note that, according to statistics, from 2022-2024 overall crime incidents have decreased. There is not a growing frequency and unfortunately there will never be a time where crime rates drop to zero.*

*The township responds to every resident inquiry that we receive. We continue to hold regular crime prevention strategy workshops during the day and evening at different times throughout the year.*

*In closing, I want to stress that the public should continue their diligence in reporting suspicious activity. It is equally important that we work together to help spread factually accurate information in the interest of public safety. The entire administration has always been and will continue to be committed to serving you in the safest and most effective way possible.*

*We understand your concerns and encourage you to share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.”*

Reported that our Affordable Housing Round 4 begins in 2025, and we will set and present to Council at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting our number for the housing obligation. He went on to explain that Fair Share Housing can challenge it but once that number is determined we have 6 months to begin developing the plan for that number.

**Engineer’s Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the Inwood Estates Roadway Improvement Project has stopped for the Winter and will resume in the Spring.

Wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

#### **Council’s Reports –**

##### **Councilman Markel –**

- Shared that he read emails from residents concerned with car and home burglaries and noted that we are one of the safest towns in the State. He stated that although this may not give much solace to the people who have been violated, we will continue to improve to keep our community safe.
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays and reminded all that on December 26<sup>th</sup> the Senior Center will hold a menorah lighting starting at 5:00pm.

##### **Councilwoman Siegel –**

- While attending many year-end meetings she has been able to reflect on all the accomplishments over the year such as open space, technology enhancements, collaborations with the County and State for grants for roadway improvements and recycling improvements to the DPW yard just to name a few.
- Wished everyone a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

##### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Shared his thoughts regarding the emails from residents concerned with car and home burglaries, noting that he asked for a police blotter or monthly report and thanked Administrator Weinberg for his report earlier addressing the concerns. He suggested that a neighborhood watch form within the community so suspicious activities can be reported.
- Thanked all the volunteers who were honored tonight with the Volunteer Appreciation Awards.
- Regarding affordable housing, noted that we purchased Meadowview, and the hope was to use that property for senior housing and asked if that was still the intent; Township Attorney Rainone answered that the property is planned to be used in our Round 4 obligation.
- Questioned the status of the two oil tanks found on 405 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that permits are in the process of being obtained to which Councilman Dipierro asked what the cost will be; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that he will reach out.
- Asked for an update on the police addition construction; Administrator Weinberg answered that the project is moving slower than we would like as this was supposed to be done by the end of January; he added that an update will be given at the January meeting. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that the project is approximately 60% complete with the roof trusses going up in January which is a huge part of the project.
- Attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parker House and Council President did a phenomenal job presenting the proclamation.
- Asked what the tentative date for the third installment of the charging stations was; Administrator Weinberg answered that the plan is for January; Councilman Dipierro asked if fees were going to be charged to which Administrator Weinberg answered yes.
- Shared that Valor Pointe has a satellite office where they are accepting applications for the veterans housing development and those that are interested can check out their website for more information.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

**Council Vice-President Van Dzura –**

- Thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our community. Noted the commitment he witnessed firsthand from Mrs. Reiser in her involvement with the Special Sports Program.
- Recommended to homeowners affected by burglaries to make sure they video tape and keep receipts of items within the home for insurance purposes.
- Shared some holiday memories from growing up and wished everyone a very happy holiday season, reminding all to be thankful always.

**Council President Cohen –**

- Extended Happy Holidays to all and a wish for peace.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina shared his thoughts regarding the burglaries, that as leader of the team, this is all about allowing the professionals to do their job. He commented that the Administrator read aloud the email he sent earlier today in response to the concern and in it explains what has been done and what we are doing. He invited all to take a copy of the email to read and share and added that unfortunately we do not live in a world without crime but we continue to invest in our safety with increased police, technology, etc. and on tonight's agenda we approved an upgrade to our CAD software, as well as, three new police vehicles which was voted on 4 to 1.

We had a great turnout for the holiday parade.

Noted that on December 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center there will be a menorah lighting starting at 5:00pm and the large menorah lighting will be held on Sunday.

Regarding the JCP&L outages, a letter has been sent to address our concerns and we are hoping for accountability and answers in getting this addressed.

Thanked all for their generosity in donating to the Mayor's Toy Drive.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

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

**Public Comments -**

**George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct.** – Mr. Gunkelman stated that he received an email regarding grants for preschool and kindergarten and asked whose job it is to get these grants as it seems like we missed an opportunity.

Inquired as to who the internal consultants are for the Affordable Housing Round 4 kickoff; Township Attorney Rainone answered that he and his team, our planner and Engineer Rasimowicz will all be involved to which Mr. Gunkelman commented that he was hoping for more community involvement.

**Anjan Karnati, 11 Preservation Dr.** – Mr. Karnati asked how many burglaries there were this year to which Administrator Weinberg responded that there were 36 total as of today. Mr. Karnati asked what the number of open and closed cases were to which Administrator Weinberg responded that he did not have information, but he can follow up with the Police Department to find out that information. Mr. Karnati went on to say that he trusts our Police Department in keeping our community safe.

Regarding affordable housing, Mr. Karnati asked what the locations were going to be; Township Attorney Rainone responded that we are not there yet as we first must establish what our obligation will be.

Lastly, Mr. Karnati asked if recreation on the south side of the Township would be considered in the budget this year; Administrator Weinberg responded that we have projects identified in the Master Plan but are currently working on a brand new playground near the Community Garden, as well as Engineer Rasimowicz working on some design work for additional pickleball courts that will go up near the Senior Center.

**Pradeep Melam, 4 Jake Pl.** – Mr. Melam read a statement out loud regarding the burglaries and commented that there has been no NIXLE alerts sent out alerting the residents as to what it is happening which he finds concerning. He went on to say that he would like to see the gun permit fees waived so residents can arm themselves against these criminals.

**Gyaneshwar Sadamastula, 283 Morning Glory Dr.** – Mr. Sadamastula commented about the burglaries in Stratford as there were multiple within the same week and he feels that just patrolling is not enough.

Mr. Sadamastula asked when the pickleball courts are coming to the Senior Center; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that there will be five courts with additional parking coming in next year.

Commented on the JCP&L outages; Mayor Dalina responded that he has reached out to the BPU and stated that JCP&L will be meeting with us to discuss.

**Raju Dantuluri, 11 Orchard Grove Rd.** – Mr. Dantuluri shared his concern regarding the rise of burglaries within the Stratford community and feels that because it has been easy for the criminals to come and go without incidence is the reason they keep coming back. He went on to say that the Township needs to continue to budget and add more license plate readers and work to catch them as it is making it hard for the people of the community to sleep and feel safe. Mr. Dantuluri requested a meeting with both Mayor Dalina and Chief Banos to discuss further.

**Abdul Muqtadir, 9 Robert Ct.** – Mr. Muqtadir asked if the Township would consider purchasing a leaf vacuum truck; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that the NJDEP may have guidelines for leaves left in the street near the stormwater drains as it would clog them.

Extended congratulations to the Township for allowing the Muslin organization to hold a presentation at the Senior Center. It was a very nice presentation and nicely done and asked why it was not covered in the Monroe News; Administrator Weinberg responded that this non-profit rented out the Senior Center and was not a Township sponsored event.

**Sundaram Thirumalaiappan, 32 Sheller Dr.** – Mr. Thirumalaiappan asked how the Township and residents can collaborate to help combat against the burglaries. He suggested the Township install flock cameras on the streetlights within their community, make reports available that have current crime statistics and provide an email where residents can send reports of suspicious activities and videos to help the Police catch these criminals.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio expressed her empathy to the residents affected by the burglaries and stated that if we all gather and become vigilant with our leaders we help combat against these criminals.

Mrs. Arminio went on to discuss the Township's affordable housing obligation, as well as what is to be expected for Round 4. She stated that the Fair Share Housing website has the same number listed at 750 as needed for the Township. Township Attorney Rainone gave an overview of what is to be expected for Round 4 to which Mrs. Arminio asked how many units have been delivered in Round 3 as she has been told approximately 30%, as well as, how many market rate units have been delivered; Administrator Weinberg answered that there are approximately 100 units in Stratford that are part of the second round being completed which are market rate with Township Attorney Rainone adding that each developer had a different number of obligations to fulfill. A brief discussion continued regarding Mrs. Arminio's concerns about the Township and the over development that is happening in relation to the affordable housing mandate.

Lastly, Mrs. Arminio wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, 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 Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:35pm.

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*  

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CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  

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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on January 29, 2025.