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

**MARCH 3, 2025**

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Charles Dipierro  
Councilman Michael Markel  
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Council Vice President Terence Van Dzura  
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- R-3-2025-072**            **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.** (Dr. Rajinder Mudhar – Member, Savita Saxena – Alt I)
  
- R-3-2025-073**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO TACOS EL TIO MONROE, LLC.**  
(Falcon River Group – 211 Applegarth Rd. Gables Plaza, Building F)
  
- R-3-2025-074**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2025 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE.**  
(Lake Management Sciences Inc. - \$17,966.40)
  
- R-3-2025-075**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
  
- R-3-2025-076**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

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

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

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

11. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**                            Time: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION:\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_                            ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_\_Nays\_\_\_\_

**MARCH 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW**

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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 **February 25, 2025**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**January 29, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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

4. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION:**

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – March 3, 2025**

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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.

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

There were approximately ten (10) members of the Public in attendance.

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- R-3-2025-070**      **RESOLUTION AWARDED AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO WATER SERVICE PROFESSIONALS OF PA, INC., FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WELLS 20 AND 23 FOR UNDERDRAIN REPAIR. (M.T.U.D.)**

- R-3-2025-071**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO CUSTOM LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE, INC. FOR 2025 LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP.** (Not to exceed – Section 1 “Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal”- \$160,245.00, Section 2 “Detention Basins, Islands and Open Space”- \$129,040.00, Section 3 “Monroe Twp. Utility Dept. \$5,000.00)
- R-3-2025-072**            **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.** (Dr. Rajinder Mudhar – Member, Savita Saxena – Alt I)
- R-3-2025-073**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO TACOS EL TIO MONROE, LLC.**  
(Falcon River Group – 211 Applegarth Rd. Gables Plaza, Building F)
- R-3-2025-074**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2025 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE.**  
(Lake Management Sciences Inc. - \$17,966.40)
- R-3-2025-075**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
- R-3-2025-076**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolution R-3-2025-049 to be considered separately.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Public Comments –**

**George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct.** – Mr. Gunkelman asked what the expected rate will be for the bonds referenced in O-1-2025-004; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have received a report from the investment advisor on what the rate for bond anticipation notes are and they are currently at 3% at this point. He also stated that the life of road improvements are 10 years.

Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification on R-3-2025-050; Administrator Weinberg stated that we receive a significant number of buses from NJ Transit as grant buses used for senior and disabled transportation and in order to get these buses at no cost we must comply with Title VI, which ensures that we do not discriminate against anyone who uses our buses.

Mr. Gunkelman asked how much money for both R-3-2025-075 and R-3-2025-076; Administrator Weinberg answered that R-3-2025-075 budget appropriations is for \$28 million which will take us through May 3<sup>rd</sup> which is when our budget will be officially adopted and R-3-2025-076 are budget transfers in the amount of \$234,000 which we are allowed to move money around at the end of the fiscal year.

**Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd.** – Mr. Busman asked regarding R-3-2025-055 tax overpayments in the amount of approximately \$49,000 is routine business; Administrator Weinberg stated that we do this monthly for a variety of reasons.

Regarding R-3-2025-060 the salt storage agreement with the Board of Education, Mr. Busman asked if this was always a 5 year contract and if so what is the cost; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is the first time we have done this but we have worked with the school district for decades. He went on to explain that they are responsible for purchasing their own salt and we will allow them to come and take what they need all while keeping track.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked how big of a playground will be built in regard to R-3-2025-068; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is a 120’ by 80’ inclusive playground which includes parking, bathrooms, a picnic area and the expansion of the garden.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked how big of a playground will be built regarding R-3-2025-068; Engineer Rasimowicz answered it is 120’ by 80’ and includes a parking lot, bathrooms, running sanitary sewer lines, stormwater management and etc.

Regarding O-1-2025-004, Mrs. Arminio asked what fund the bonds are coming from; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a capital ordinance which is paid back through debt service.

Regarding O-1-2025-005, Mrs. Arminio asked if this was the Open Space fund; Administrator Weinberg answered yes, this brings in approximately \$1.3 million per year and our debt service is approximately \$1 million and we purchase land as pay as you go if available. Mrs. Arminio questioned why we would break even to which Administrator Weinberg answered that our goal is not to sit on cash as we want to utilize it while we have the money.

Mrs. Arminio asked how much was in the fund pertaining to Ordinance O-3-2025-006 and if this was also to manage basins; Administrator Weinberg answered that basins are separate, and this is funded by builders.

Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation of costs for R-3-2025-056; Administrator Weinberg answered that \$240,000 to Center State for the design, bid and construction management of this project.

**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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:52pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:52pm.

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 Markel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **2/25/2025** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

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

**January 29, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-3-2025-048 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the local capital budget for the year 2025 has not been adopted for the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to establish a temporary capital budget for 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that the following Temporary Capital Budget for the 2025 Budget be made:

**PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025**

	1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	5d	5e	6
	PROJECT	Project Number	Estimated Total Cost	Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	2025 Budget Appropriations	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Grants in Aid and Other Funds	Debt Authorized	To Be Funded in Future Years
Various Roadway, Sidewalk, and Curb Replacements			\$1,700,000			\$ 81,000			\$1,619,000	
Recreation Improvements on Open Space Property			250,000			12,000			238,000	
Improvement of Southfield Estates Pump Station and Hidden Pond Pump Station			406,000					\$ 406,000		
<b>TOTALS ALL PROJECTS</b>			<b>\$2,356,000</b>			<b>\$ 93,000</b>		<b>\$ 406,000</b>	<b>\$1,857,000</b>	

**6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025-2030**

**ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUNDING REQUIREMENT**

1	2	3	4	5						
PROJECT	PROJECT NUMBER	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR	Budget Year 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Various Roadway, Sidewalk, and Curb Replacements		\$1,700,000		\$1,700,000						
Recreation Improvements on Open Space Property		250,000		250,000						
Improvement of Southfield Estates Pump Station and Hidden Pond Pump Station		406,000		406,000						
<b>TOTALS ALL PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$2,356,000</b>		<b>\$2,356,000</b>						

**6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025-2030**

**SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS**

1	2	3		4	5	6	7			
PROJECT	Estimated TOTAL COST	Budget Appropriations		Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Grants in Aid and Other Funds	BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
Various Roadway, Sidewalk, and Curb Replacements	\$ 1,700,000			\$ 81,000			\$1,619,000			
Recreation Improvements on Open Space Property	250,000			12,000			238,000			
Improvement of Southfield Estates Pump Station and Hidden Pond Pump Station	406,000					\$ 406,000				
<b>TOTALS ALL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,356,000</b>			<b>\$ 93,000</b>		<b>\$ 406,000</b>	<b>\$1,857,000</b>			

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	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-1-2025-003**                      **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79, “POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS BY REPEALING ARTICLES I-V AND VIII AND AMENDING AND RELOCATING CHAPTER 79, ARTICLES VI TO VII AND ARTICLES IX TO XIII TO CHAPTER 3, “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT,” ARTICLE VI, “DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE”, SUBSECTION 3-50, “DIVISION OF POLICE”**  
(Police Accreditation Update)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (hereinafter referred to as “Township”) wishes to repeal Chapter 79 Articles I to V and VIII; amend Chapter 79, Articles VI, VII, and IX-XIII to reflect the current Police Department’s promotional process standards; and relocate Chapter 79, Articles VI, VII, and IX-XIII to Chapter 3; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 79 Articles I-V and VIII are repealed and Chapter 79 Articles VI, VII, and IX-XIII are amended and inserted into Chapter 3, Article IV to read as follows:

All new language is depicted in **bold and underline**  
All language deletions are depicted in ~~striketrough~~  
Language that remains unchanged is not highlighted in anyway

Section 1. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that Chapter 3, "Administration of Government, Article VI, "Department of Administration and Finance," Subsections 3-50.1 to 3.50.32 shall be amended as follows:

~~Article VI Hours of Duty~~

§ ~~79-683-~~**50.1** Duty Responsibilities

Members of the Department are always subject to duty although periodically relieved of its routine performance. They shall, at all times, respond to the lawful orders of superior officers and other proper authorities as well as calls for police assistance from citizens. Proper police action must be taken whenever required. Members assigned to special duties are not relieved from taking proper action outside the scope of their specialized assignment when necessary.

§ ~~79-68.13-~~**50.2** Request for police attendance at private affairs.

A. Any request for police attendance at a private gathering from which the general public is excluded, whether by ticket or invitation, or for assistance with regard to road projects and other special details involving private contractors working within the Township shall be made to the Chief of Police.

B. The Chief of Police, at his **or her** discretion, may assign members of the Police Department not on regular duty and who may volunteer for such service, or special officers who may request such service, to perform police duty at private affairs and such other projects as above defined. While on such special duty, the members of the Department shall be under the supervision and control of the Chief of Police and shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

C. Persons requiring special police services shall make application to the Chief of Police stating how long the services will be required. The persons sponsoring or responsible for the event shall make payment to the Township Treasurer in an amount sufficient to cover the time and expenses at a rate established by the Township Council.

The Township Treasurer shall deposit such payments to the Township payroll account to cover the paychecks of the officers performing the special services. The rate established by the Council for this purpose shall be included in the annual Municipal Salary Ordinance.

§ ~~79-693-~~**50.3** Overtime.

All members of this Department may be ordered and requested to work overtime in case of emergency or as necessary to complete department work as ordered.

§ ~~79-703-~~**50.4** Vacation.

All officers shall follow the following departmental policy on vacation.

A. Vacation shall be selected with the first choice to be made in accordance with rank, as follows:

- (1) Chief.
- (2) Captain.
- (3) Lieutenants.
- (4) Sergeants.
- (5) ~~Patrolman~~**Patrol Officer**.

B. Where there are more than two officers or enlisted ~~men~~ **officers** in a rank the choice of vacation dates will be given in accordance with seniority.

~~Article VII Outside Employment~~

§ ~~79-713-~~**50.5** Outside employment restricted.

Members of the Department shall not accept outside employment or engage in outside business activities without the prior approval of the Chief of Police. Applications for permission to accept outside employment shall be made in writing to the Chief of Police. The application shall set forth pertinent information concerning the type of work to be engaged in, the name and address of the prospective employer and the hours of such employment. No application for permission to accept outside employment shall be approved by the Chief of Police if there is any reasonable probability that such outside employment will interfere with a member's performance or compromise a member's position with the Township through a conflict of interest or if there is any reasonable probability that the particular employment requested would reflect unfavorably upon the policeman involved or upon the Police Department. All officers requesting to use police equipment during outside work must place such requests in writing to be approved by the Chief of Police.

§ ~~79-71.13~~**50.6** Procedures for employment of off-duty police personnel.

A. A person may make a request to the Chief of Police to utilize off-duty police personnel for private purposes. If the request is granted, then and in that event, provided the person is a for-profit entity or governmental entity, a fee shall be charged as provided herein. A "person" is defined as any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, organization, club, association, governmental entity or any principal or agent thereof.

B. Each private party receiving police services shall be charged a fee as follows per officer utilized for the service. The following hourly fees shall be paid to Police Department personnel of the Township of Monroe as hereinafter specified, retroactive to January 1, ~~2002~~**fees shall be set in accordance with Municipal Code § 3-50.2 "Request for police attendance at private affairs."**

<del>2002</del>	<del>2003</del>	<del>2004</del>
<del>\$60.00/hour</del>	<del>\$62.00/hour</del>	<del>\$65.00/hour</del>
<del>2002</del>	<del>2003</del>	<del>2004</del>
<del>\$80.00/hour</del>	<del>\$83.00/hour</del>	<del>\$87.00/hour</del>

C. An application, on a form provided by the Police Department, must be submitted to the Chief of Police. If approved, the Chief of Police shall require the applicant, where applicable, to deposit in escrow with the Treasurer of the Township, a sum of money for payment for the estimated total compensation for the utilization of the off-duty personnel. The amount to be determined shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police based on the estimated number of days and number of personnel required to fulfill applicant's request. Moneys not expended shall be returned to the applicant within 30 days of task completion. If additional funds are required, applicant shall be notified by the Chief of Police in writing setting for the additional amount to be deposited in the escrow account and the date on which the deposit shall be made. The Chief of Police, at his **or her** sole discretion, may order the off-duty personnel to cease performing their duties and shall cause applicant's activity to cease, provided the aforesaid payment is not timely made.

D. The Chief of Police shall be solely responsible for the assignment of off-duty police personnel for private purposes.

~~Article IX Rank~~

§ ~~79-753~~**50.7** Order of rank.

The order of rank in the uniform force of the Department shall be as follows:

- A. Chief of Police.
- B. Captain.
- C. Lieutenant.
- D. Sergeant.
- E. ~~Patrolman~~**Patrol Officer**.

§ ~~79-763~~**50.8** Chain of command.

Command shall be exercised by the virtue of rank and, in the case of equal rank, by length of service in the next preceding rank, unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police.

§ ~~79-773~~**50.9** Temporary change in rank.

Members of the Department who may be placed temporarily in the position of a member of higher rank by proper authority shall exercise the authority and perform the duties of such higher office. They shall not alter or countermand any such order issued by the member whose place was temporarily occupied, except when the expediency of police business demands.

§ ~~79-783~~**50.10** Ranking officer to take command.

Upon all occasions, when a body of members of the Department is assembled, the ranking officer present shall take command and will be held responsible for the official action and conduct of those present and for the good condition of everything entrusted to his **or her** charge. He or she shall be familiar with all that concerns his command and he **or she** shall exact from his subordinates efficient performance of duty.

§ ~~79-793~~**50.11** Seniority of ~~patrolmen~~Police Officer.

When two or more ~~patrolmen~~**Police Officer** are sent upon any special duty and no ranking officer accompanies them, the ~~patrolman~~**Police Officer**, senior in point of service, shall have command, unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police.

~~Article X Authority and Duties~~

§ ~~79-803~~**50.12**. Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police shall have and exercise the following authority:

- A. Be responsible for the prevention of criminality and the repression of criminal activity, the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace and public compliance with countless laws. He or she is supplied with ~~men~~officers and equipment to assist in the attainment of these objectives. These he or she must organize, direct, coordinate and control in a manner that will assure the most effective and economical accomplishment of his or her purpose.
- B. Be responsible for the observation and enforcement of all laws of the state and ordinances within the jurisdiction of the Police Department, the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Police Department and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance of the Township Council.
- C. See that all persons connected with the Department are properly instructed in their duties and give particular attention to the training and instruction of new members thereof.
- D. Shall have under his or her control all records and property of the Police Department and designate any member of the Department to prepare these reports and keep the records in such manner as he or she may prescribe, as well as to take charge of such property coming into the custody of the Department.
- E. Furnish to the Mayor complete monthly and yearly reports of Police Department matters.
- F. Shall, with approval of the Mayor, establish and may, from time to time, amend and repeal such rules and regulations as he or she may deem necessary for the government and efficient working of the entire Department. The rules and regulations when adopted, amended or repealed shall be posted by the Chief of Police, in facilities assigned to the Police Department for headquarters purposes and a copy delivered to each member of the Department within five days after their adoption, amendment or repeal.
- G. Shall supervise the designated Humane Enforcement Officer under Chapter 33, Section 33-2.1 of the Code authorized to carry a firearm.

§ ~~79-813-50.13~~. Captain.

Each captain shall have and exercise the following authority and perform the following duties:

- A. He or she shall be subject to the direct supervision and command of the Chief of Police.
- B. He or she shall be next in command to the Chief of Police and, in case of absence or disability of the Chief of Police, he or she shall perform all the duties of the Chief of Police.
- C. He or she shall, when acting as the Chief of Police, issue such orders and directives or take such action as may be necessary; but in every case shall make a full report of the entire occurrence to the Chief of Police at the earliest practical moment.
- D. He or she shall be responsible for the maintenance of all records, files and reports pertaining to the operations of the Police Department.
- E. He or she shall be responsible for the scheduling of the work for the entire Police Department.
- F. He or she shall assist the Chief of Police in the performance of all his or her duties and shall be responsible for seeing that all the laws of the State of New Jersey and the ordinances for the Township of Monroe are duly enforced and observed and that the public peace is maintained.
- G. He or she shall order and purchase all supplies which are necessary for the efficient operation of the Department.
- H. He or she shall maintain complete files of personnel records and Department equipment.
- I. He or she shall forward all monthly reports as prescribed by the Chief of Police.
- J. He or she shall oversee the entire operation of the Police Department.
- K. (Reserved)
- L. He or she shall, at time to time, assume any other duties as assigned to him or her by the Chief of Police.

§ ~~79-823-50.14~~. Lieutenant.

Each Lieutenant shall have and exercise the following authority and perform the following duties:

- A. He or she shall be subject to the direct supervision and command of the Captain.
- B. He or she shall be superior in rank to Sergeants, ~~patrolmen~~ patrol officers and special officers.
- C. He or she shall thoroughly familiarize himself or herself with the laws of the federal government, the laws of the State of New Jersey and the ordinances of the Township of Monroe.
- D. He or she shall, at all times, inform himself or herself of the affairs of the Department and be assured that the duties of his or her subordinates are properly discharged.
- E. Ordinarily his or her hours of duty shall be established by departmental policy, but he or she shall be available for duty at all times, in cases of special need and emergency.
- F. He or she shall be designated as a Division leader and oversee the operation of his or her Division.
- G. He or she shall forward all monthly reports as prescribed by the Chief of Police.
- H. He or she shall be responsible for the maintenance of all records, files and reports pertaining to his or her specific job assignment.
- I. He or she shall request to the Captain in writing all orders and supplies which are necessary to the

efficient operation of his or she section.

- J. He or she shall, when requesting vacation time, submit it in writing to the Captain for approval or disapproval.

§ ~~79-833-50.15~~. Sergeant.

Each Sergeant shall have the following authority and perform the following duties:

- A. He or she shall be subject to the direct supervision and command of the Lieutenant.
- B. He or she shall be superior in rank to and have charge of all ~~patrolmen~~patrol officers and special officers who shall be serving on the same shift and shall supervise the work of all said members. He or she shall give such instructions and directions as he or she shall deem necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the Police Department.
- C. He or she shall see that ~~men~~officers reporting for duty properly relieve the officers going off duty and that his or her ~~men~~officers are in proper uniform with the necessary equipment to perform their duties.
- D. He or she shall designate sections of the Township (known as "zones") to be patrolled by members of his or her squad.
- E. He or she shall be responsible for maintaining the day sheet and recording any compensatory time owed to any ~~man~~officer in his or her squad.
- F. He or she shall review for approval all reports made by the ~~men~~officers he or she is supervising during a tour of duty. If reports fail to meet with his or her approval, he or she shall instruct the ~~men~~officers under his or her supervision as to the proper form and information to be supplied.
- G. He or she shall assure that all patrols are in their assigned zones and shall know where his or her ~~men~~officers are at all times.
- H. He or she shall set an example for all subordinates in sobriety, dignity, courtesy, discretion and observance of proper discipline and shall at all times, while on duty, appear neatly attired.
- I. He or she shall demand of his or her ~~men~~officers an appreciation and respect for the rights and liberties of all persons. He or she shall constantly require his or her ~~men~~officers to strive for a high degree of excellence in the quality of law enforcement and services rendered by them.
- J. He or she shall make himself or herself thoroughly acquainted with the capabilities of ~~patrolmen~~patrol officers under his or her supervision.
- K. He or she shall be held responsible for the proper conduct and appearance of ~~patrolmen~~patrol officers under his or her supervision and would be deemed guilty of neglect of duty or inefficiency when those under his or her command of supervision are habitually lax and indifferent in the performance of their duties.
- L. He or she shall promptly obey and transmit all orders ensuring uniform interpretation and full compliance.
- M. He or she shall obey all rules and regulations and shall see that all ~~patrolmen~~patrol officers under his or her supervision obey them, and when they are violated he or she shall take the proper action.
- N. He or she shall at the earliest practical moment approve or disapprove all requests concerning vacations, for all ~~men~~officers under his or her supervision and forward the same to the Lieutenant's office. He or she shall, from time to time, forward special reports and assume such duties assigned to him or her by the Chief of Police.
- O. He or she shall when requesting vacation, submit in writing to his or her division leader for approval of disapproval.

§ ~~79-843-50.16~~. Detective.

- A. The title Detective is an assignment, not a rank. All officers assigned to the Detective Bureau will be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- B. A Detective assigned to the Detective Bureau shall be accountable through the Bureau Commander to the Chief of Police.
- C. Ordinarily his or her hours of duty shall be established by the Division Lieutenant, but he or she shall be available for duty at all times in case of special need or emergency. He or she shall respond punctually to all his or her specific uniformed assignments.
- D. He or she shall be governed by the rules and regulations for a ~~patrolman~~Patrol Officer insofar as they do not relate to specific uniformed assignments.
- E. He or she shall intelligently and thoroughly investigate each case assigned to him or her, initiating the investigation by prompt contact with the complainant. He or she shall keep interested units advised of information developed.
- F. He or she shall use every legal means at his or her disposal to detect and solve crime and prosecute offenders, thoroughly investigating all information received from any source.
- G. He or she shall assist police units and personnel in the investigation of crime, the apprehension and successful prosecution of criminals and the recovery of property.
- H. He or she shall recognize crime as an offense against the state and, whenever feasible, initiate prosecution.
- I. He or she shall study and apply sound investigative techniques and improve his or her effectiveness by attention to:

- (1) Use of records and reports.
  - (2) Interviews.
  - (3) Cultivation of informants.
  - (4) Development of perception.
  - (5) Proper collection, identification, analysis, preservation and presentation of evidence.
- J. He or she shall keep detailed records of his or her investigations and promptly execute all other reports required by the Department.
- K. He or she shall prepare all cases assigned to him or her in every way which will ensure the best possible way of presenting the facts to the court.
- L. He or she shall learn the rules of evidence and court procedure and develop skills which will enable him or her to be an effective witness.
- M. He or she shall communicate information to other police personnel concerning crimes, criminals and suspects for proper coordination of police effort.
- N. He or she shall serve all legal papers assigned to him or her and execute required returns.
- O. He or she shall constantly be alert to the identity of suspects connected with local crime, when arrested by other agencies, and effect their return and prosecution.
- P. He or she shall maintain good relationships with other police agencies, satisfying their request and improving his or her sources of aid and information.
- Q. He or she shall actively cooperate with prosecutors to prepare cases for trial.
- R. He or she shall provide immediate response to the need for any police service notwithstanding the special nature of his or her assignment.
- S. The fact that a member of the Department is assigned for duty to the Detective Bureau shall not be construed as relieving him or her of the responsibility of taking prompt action in the matter of any violations of the laws, ordinances and regulations brought to his or her attention.
- T. Members of the Detective Bureau shall at all times cooperate in their work with the uniform branch of the Department and endeavor at all times to see that the utmost harmony prevails between their branch of the service and the uniform branch of the service.

~~§ 79-853-50.17. Patrolman.~~ **Patrol Officer**

Each ~~patrolman~~ **Patrol Officer** shall have and exercise the following duties:

- A. He or she shall be subject to the direct supervision and command of the Sergeant.
- B. Perform general police work and be the primary public relations representative of the Department.
- C. Conduct preliminary investigations at the scene of crimes or accidents and shall gather evidence, administer first aid, locate and interview witnesses, make proper arrests and submit proper reports.
- D. Watch particularly the actions of suspected criminals.
- E. Be responsible for all phases of police work, not just his or her specific assignments.
- F. Confine his or her patrol within the limits of the Township of Monroe, except when making arrests or making urgent investigations or when ordered elsewhere by his or her superior officer.
- G. Maintain constant patrol of the Township, except when taking proper lunch period or for personal necessity.
- H. Note and investigate all vehicles, the drivers or occupants of which arouse suspicion, and shall question the occupants and driver, learning names and ages, sexes, residences and other information, together with the make, license number, serial number, color and type of vehicle.
- I. Note all defects in highways, sidewalks, buildings, etc., from which accidents might arise and, when unable to immediately adjust such defects shall notify his or her superior officer by written report or where urgency is required, by phone or other means.
- J. Report at once to the ~~desk officer~~ **Superior Officer** all defective traffic signals, streetlights, etc.
- K. Report to his or her superior officer as quickly as possible if for any reason he or she cannot report by police radio.
- L. Be responsible for seeing that all laws of the State of New Jersey and ordinances of the Township of Monroe are duly observed and enforced and that the public peace is maintained. He or she shall also be responsible for the protection of life and property, for the health, safety and general welfare and for general well-being of the citizens and residents of the Township.
- M. Appreciate and respect the liberties and rights of all persons and shall constantly strive for a high degree of excellence in quality in law enforcement and services rendered by him or her.

~~§ 79-863-50.18.~~ All Department personnel.

In addition to the general duties specified herein, each member of the Police Department, commensurate with the rank or assignment, shall:

- A. Have the responsibility and obligation to uphold the constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey and the ordinances of the Township of Monroe.
- B. Have the responsibility to carry out the orders of the Chief of Police and all other superior officers whether such orders are written or verbal.
- C. Maintain order and morality, preserve the peace, prevent crime, protect life and property and detect and arrest criminals.
- D. Investigate crimes, make legal arrests and serve subpoenas.
- E. Be responsible for maintaining good public relations.

- F. Prevent accidents, provide emergency services for sick, injured and insane persons, recover missing persons, recover missing persons and property, regulate traffic and give guidance and information about the Township. Supervise the work of personnel assigned to him or her through individual discussions, conferences and written orders.
- G. Be responsible for investigations of any unlawful acts being performed or existing in the Township, including gambling, vice and crime.
- H. Be responsible for the transmittal of all necessary orders and directives to his or her subordinates and to his or her relief.
- I. Familiarize himself or herself with all orders issued to him or her by superior officers and with all relevant orders issued to the ~~man~~ officer he or she relieves.
- J. Assure himself or herself that his or her subordinates are adhering to all rules, regulations, orders and procedures of the Department.
- K. Be responsible for the quality and effectiveness of police services tendered by his or her subordinates.
- L. Be responsible for the conduct and discipline of his or her subordinates.
- M. Prepare cases for court, attend hearings and testify before courts as required.
- N. Make an immediate written report to his or her superior officer of any bribe attempt.
- O. Treat the public with courtesy and respect, keeping in mind the necessity of public respect for the police force.
- P. Render police assistance when needed, regardless of whether he or she is on or off duty or on a special assignment.
- Q. Ensure the order and cleanliness of Township property and equipment assigned to him or her.
- R. Report in writing immediately to his or her superior officer the loss of any equipment necessary for the performance of his or her duty.
- S. Give his or her name upon proper request.
- T. When in uniform salute the national colors as they pass in public parades or other ceremonies.
- U. Maintain a notebook for the purpose of filing all departmental directives issued by the Chief of Police. Such directives shall instruct and guide personnel in the performance of their duties.
- V. Restrict all off-duty jobs to work which is approved by the Chief of Police. No off-duty job shall interfere with or impair the ability or availability of the police officer to perform all aspects of his or her duties as a Police Department member.
- W. Be governed with regard to vacation leave, sick leave, special leave, compensatory leave, military leave, death leave, leave without pay, holiday leave, off-duty leave, insurance coverage and salary by the appropriate ordinances of Monroe Township.

~~§ 79-87. Desk Officer.~~

- ~~A. The Desk Officer shall thoroughly familiarize himself with the rules and regulations governing the Police Department and all matters pertaining to Department business. He shall properly and intelligently transact such duties as are entrusted to him.~~
- ~~B. He shall, at all times, in his official dealings with both the citizenry and members of the Department, be an example of intelligence, efficiency, promptness, accuracy and courtesy.~~
- ~~C. The Desk Officer shall be under the immediate supervision of the Shift Sergeant and shall remain behind the desk until properly relieved, unless otherwise required to leave in the performance of his official duties or for reason of personal necessity. When it is necessary to leave his post for any reason, he will have the Shift Sergeant assign a member of the Department to assume charge. Upon being properly relieved, the Desk Officer shall inform and advise his relief of all matters pursuant to Department business.~~
- ~~D. He shall properly enter on the prescribed blotters, books and forms, a record of all police business affecting the Department, as occurring or reported during his respective tour of duty. He shall further take the necessary and proper action thereon and will be responsible for the preparation of all reports in connection therewith.~~
- ~~E. The Desk Officer shall not permit any unauthorized person or persons behind the desk.~~
- ~~F. He shall permit no loitering, particularly about the desk area, of any civilian visitor or departmental member, either on or off duty. Only such person or persons having official business shall be allowed to remain on or about the premises of police headquarters.~~
- ~~G. He shall cooperate with all other municipal departments and law enforcement agencies, whenever possible and when not inconsistent with police duties. In accordance thereto, it will be his responsibility to promptly transmit to said departments or other agencies so affected all reports received concerning them, through official channels.~~
- ~~H. It shall be the responsibility of the Desk Officer to properly record in the desk log all complaints regardless of nature.~~
- ~~I. The Desk Officer shall dispatch or cause to be dispatched all local alarms via teletype and police radio in respect to stolen autos, missing persons, lost or stolen property, police information, wanted persons or any other related information.~~
- ~~J. The Desk Officer shall transmit all orders or instructions from competent authority as affecting any or all members of the Department.~~
- ~~K. All departmental personnel, so performing the duties of Desk Officer, shall be thoroughly familiar with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communication Commission and will be governed thereby.~~

- ~~L. In all cases whereby any unit of the radio system becomes inoperative, the Desk Officer shall forthwith notify the duly authorized maintenance personnel, so that the defective unit may be repaired or replaced as quickly as possible.~~
- ~~M. The Desk Officer shall be responsible for the proper keeping of records, reception, distribution, censorship and form used in the filing of all alarms and messages, relative to the police teletype system and the disposition thereof.~~
- ~~N. The Desk Officer shall transmit or cause to be transmitted all alarms and messages to Department radio equipped units, in order of the alarm or message importance.~~
- ~~O. All mechanical difficulties experienced in conjunction with the teletype receiver shall be immediately reported to the telephone company by the Desk Officer and an appropriate entry recorded in the desk blotter accordingly.~~
- ~~P. All Desk Officers and other departmental members, upon answering the telephone at police headquarters, will in a pleasant voice announce, "Monroe Township Police Department," and then in turn, give their respective rank and name. No other form of telephone technique shall be used.~~
- ~~Q. Outgoing and intradepartmental personal telephone calls must, out of necessity, be restricted to a minimum. Incoming personal calls must be kept as brief as possible, under the code of good manners. It shall be the responsibility of the Desk Officer to eliminate all unnecessary toll charge calls, if such call is not official in nature.~~
- ~~R. All Desk Officers shall be covered by all policies, rules and regulations set forth by the Chief of Police.~~

§ ~~79-883-50.19~~. School Crossing Guards.

- A. School Crossing Guards shall be under the direct super-vision of the officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau.
- B. A School Crossing Guard, before assuming duties at any post, will first be required to undergo four hours of traffic-control training and one hour of a refresher training course each preschool term thereafter.
- C. Responsibilities and assignments.
  - (1) A School Crossing Guard assigned to a post will be responsible for the safety of all persons using that post.
  - (2) School Crossing Guards, while on post, will not be permitted to sit in their vehicles, unless otherwise directed by the officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau. Those times, when permissible, will be outlined by him or her.
  - (3) No parking will be permitted while on post.
  - (4) Any complaints that School Crossing Guards may have pertaining to their post, such as unruly children, speeders, problems with bicyclists or any other problem that requires attention, shall be reported to the Traffic Bureau.
  - (5) Any injury received while on assigned duty shall be reported by the quickest means to the Traffic Bureau Officer.
  - (6) Complaints received from citizens pertaining to the conduct of a School Crossing Guard will be investigated by a Traffic Bureau officer. If and when it is determined through an investigation that the Crossing Guard is alleged to be guilty of improper conduct, a report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police, at which time a hearing date will be set. The School Crossing Guard so charged will be notified, in writing, as to the date and time of the hearing.
  - (7) A School Crossing Guard, when reporting out due to sickness or any other cause, must make such information known to the ~~desk officer~~ **Superior Officer** at police headquarters as soon as possible. The person reporting out must reveal the following information: name, post and approximate date of return. A substitute School Crossing Guard will be assigned to fill a post that is vacant due to sickness, personal days or emergencies.
  - (8) No School Crossing Guard shall be excused from their post for more than five days during a school term, exclusive of sick leave and personal days, unless an extreme emergency occurs. When a post is vacant due to extended sickness or emergencies over five days, a Senior School Crossing Guard will have the option of working that post. The substitute School Crossing Guard will be assigned to fill the Senior School Crossing Guard's post.
  - (9) When a substitute School Crossing Guard is called to fill a vacant post and refuses, that person's name will go to the bottom of the substitute School Crossing Guards' call list.
  - (10) At no time will it be permissible for a School Crossing Guard to consume any type of an alcoholic beverage prior to reporting to duty.
  - (11) No personal shopping is permitted while attired in any part of the School Crossing Guard uniform.
  - (12) A School Crossing Guard reporting late for duty more than once in the course of a school term, without a justifiable excuse, shall be subject to disciplinary action, as determined by the Department.
  - (13) All School Crossing Guards shall be required to attend meetings as scheduled by the Officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau. Any unexcused absence from a scheduled meeting may be cause for disciplinary action, as determined by the Department.
  - (14) A School Crossing Guard assigned to a post will be subject to change anytime. However, under normal circumstances a guard assigned to a post will remain on that post, unless moved for reasons specified.

- (15) A School Crossing Guard shall at all times comply with verbal or written orders issued by the Chief of Police and the officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau or, in his **or her** absence, any other Traffic Bureau officer.

D. Uniforms: clothing and equipment regulations.

- (1) All School Crossing Guards, when receiving clothing and equipment from the Traffic Bureau, shall be required to sign a form that will indicate what type of clothing and equipment was issued.
- (2) The School Crossing Guard receiving clothing and equipment shall be held responsible for its care.
- (3) In the event of loss or damage to clothing or equipment issued, the person shall be required to replace said clothing or equipment if and when determined through an investigation by a Traffic Bureau officer that the loss or damage was due to carelessness.
- (4) The cost of replacement shall be determined by the Administrative Sergeant of the Monroe Township Police Department.
- (5) The replacement of said clothing or equipment shall be made by check or money order payable to the Township of Monroe and presented to the Officer of the Traffic Bureau within 30 days of the notification which shall be in writing.
- (6) All equipment and clothing issued by the Traffic Bureau and any other clothing or equipment required to comprise the uniform of a School Crossing Guard shall be subject to standard operating procedure issued by the officer in charge of the Traffic Section and approved by the Chief of Police.
- (7) All equipment and clothing issued to the School Crossing Guards shall be used at all times while on their assigned post.

- E. The regulations set forth will be enforced to the fullest extent. Failure to comply with the foregoing regulations will result in formal charges and possible termination of employment.

§ ~~79-88.13~~-**50.20**. Law Enforcement Chaplain.

- A. The Law Enforcement Chaplain shall be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police.
- B. The Law Enforcement Chaplain shall be a volunteer clergyman appointed by the Mayor.
- C. The Law Enforcement Chaplain shall be an ecclesiastically certified person in good standing, endorsed for the chaplaincy by a recognized religious body and shall have been ordained for at least five years.
- D. Responsibilities and assignments.
  - (1) The Law Enforcement Chaplain shall be an advisor to the Chief of Police in all matters pertaining to the moral, spiritual and religious welfare of police personnel and shall provide requested guidance and input regarding community services rendered through the Police Department.
  - (2) The Law Enforcement Chaplain shall be responsible for all duties assigned by the Chief of Police and shall be available to serve with any officer as a consultant or assistant upon the direction of the Chief of Police.

§ ~~79-88.23~~-**50.21**. Domestic Violence Victim Response Team.

- A. Findings. As outlined in N.J.S.A. 2C:25-18, the State Legislature has found and declared that domestic violence is a serious crime against society; that there are thousands of persons in this state who are regularly beaten, tortured and in some cases killed by their spouses or cohabitants; that a significant number of women who are assaulted are pregnant; that victims of domestic violence come from all social and economic backgrounds and ethnic groups, that there is a positive correlation between spousal abuse and child abuse; and that children, even when they are not assaulted, suffer deep and lasting emotional effects from exposure to domestic violence. Therefore, the State Legislature has declared its intent to assure the victims of domestic violence the maximum protection from abuse and directs that domestic violence victim response teams be created.
- B. Establishment. The Domestic Violence Victim Response Team is hereby established. It shall consist of not more than 20 civilian members appointed by the Mayor. A member of the Police Department appointed by the Chief of Police shall serve as the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator to supervise and manage the efforts of the team.
- C. Purpose. Members of the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team shall:
  - (1) Respond to the scene of a domestic violence incident when summoned by the Domestic Violence Response Team Coordinator or his **or her** designee.
  - (2) Provide victims of domestic violence with support and compassion; and
  - (3) Provide victims with information with respect to various help agencies, hotline numbers and support groups.
- D. Requirements. Applicants who wish to serve as part of the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team must be at least 21 years of age, complete an application form, submit to a background investigation, supply references and be personally interviewed by the Chief of Police or his **or her** designee.
- E. Appointment. Once the application process has been completed, the Mayor may appoint a team

member. The appointment shall be for a one year term. At the end of the one year term, the team member shall submit to a performance evaluation by the Chief of Police. Based upon the performance evaluation, the team member may be appointed by the Mayor for an additional one year term or released from service. Team members shall serve without compensation.

- F. Responsibilities. All team members must attend an initial 40 hour training course, as well as any other periodic sessions required by the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator. Team members must also adhere to the Police Department's General Orders concerning domestic violence.
- G. Scheduling. The Domestic Violence Coordinator shall create a schedule for all team members. Team members shall be on-call and available to report for duty when necessary to respond to domestic violence situations during their scheduled times.
- H. Termination. Team members may be terminated at any time for failure to comply with Police Department General Orders. Termination is at the discretion of the Chief of Police who shall take into account the recommendation of the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator.

~~Article XI Amendment To Rules And Regulations~~

~~§ 79-893-50.22~~ Procedure.

A. The rules and regulations of the Department may be amended, revoked or suspended, in whole or part, or additional ones may be made from time to time, as the circumstances or the good of the service may require.

B. When notice of any amendment, alteration, or new rule or alteration, or rule or regulation is given to the members of the Department, they shall promptly make the necessary corrections and insert such change or changes in their manual.

~~Article XII Qualifications of Members~~

~~§ 79-903-50.23~~ General qualifications of **Members of the Township Police Department.**

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall be appointed as a member of the Township Police Department and force unless he **or she**:

- A. Is a citizen of the United States.
- B. Is in sound mind and body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey as to his **or her** eligibility for membership in the Retirement System.
- C. Is able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently.
- D. Is of good moral character and has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

~~§ 79-90.13-50.24~~ Specific Qualifications **of Members of the Township Police Department.**

**A. Promotion to rank of Captain. A person who is qualified to be appointed as a Captain in the Township of Monroe Police Department must have served one year as Lieutenant in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size. In addition, the Police Department will consider the following during the promotion process:**

~~(1) One year as Lieutenant in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size.~~

~~(2)~~ **(21)** If there are more than four eligible candidates for the position of Captain, the candidates shall successfully complete the ~~written and~~ oral examination given by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association **and the departmental evaluation.** If there are four or less eligible candidates for the position of Captain, the Chief of Police, with the approval of the Mayor, shall appoint a candidate to fill the position without requiring the candidates to take the examination given by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association.

~~(3)~~ **(32)** **The candidate's One-year probationary period.**

**(3) The candidate's seniority credit. The seniority credit is equal to .15 multiplied by years in grade.**

**B. Promotion to rank of Lieutenant. A person who is qualified to be appointed as a Lieutenant in the Monroe Township Police Department must have one year as Sergeant in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size. In addition, the Police Department will consider the following during the promotion process:**

~~(1) One year as Sergeant in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size.~~

~~(2) Successful at the written and oral examination given by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association.~~

**(2) Successful at the Departmental Evaluation.**

~~(3) The candidate's One-year probationary period.~~

**(4) The candidate's seniority credit. The seniority credit is .15 multiplied by years in grade.**

**C. Promotion to rank of Sergeant. A person who is qualified to be appointed as a Sergeant in the Monroe Township Police Department must have served five years as Patrol Officer in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size. In addition, the Police Department will consider the following during the promotion process:**

~~(1) Five years as patrolman in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size.~~

~~(2) Successful at written and oral examination given by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association.~~

~~(3) The candidate's One-year probationary period.~~

**(3) Successful at the Departmental Evaluation.**

**(4) The candidate's seniority credit. The seniority credit is equal to .15 multiplied by years in grade.**

**D. Patrolman Patrol Officer.**

(1) No person shall be appointed as an officer or probationary officer unless such person has provided documentation demonstrating that they satisfy N.J.A.C. 13:1-10.2.

~~(1) Citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 35 and a resident of New Jersey for the past two years.~~

~~(2) Shall be of good reputation and sound moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.~~

~~(3) Shall be a high school graduate or a graduate of an equivalent institution of learning.~~

~~(4) Shall be in good physical condition.~~

~~(5) Shall have normal hearing in both ears.~~

~~(6) Shall have the ability to distinguish colors.~~

~~(7) Must possess a valid New Jersey auto driver's license.~~

~~(8) Must be successful at a five part entrance examination:~~

~~(a) Written and oral, given by the New Jersey State Chiefs Association.~~

~~(b) Medical, given by the Township Physician.~~

~~(c) Physical, given by the Monroe Police.~~

~~(d) Psychological, given by the Township Psychologist.~~

**(9) Must successfully complete mandatory police training course approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission, as set forth below.**

(a) An officer appointed for a one year probationary term who has not previously and successfully completed the mandatory police training course approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission shall be enrolled in the course during his **or her** probationary term. To be eligible for appointment as a permanent police officer after his **or her** probationary term, he must successfully complete the course.

(b) An officer appointed for a one year probationary term who has previously and successfully completed the above mandatory police training course shall be eligible for appointment as a permanent police officer once his **or her** probationary term ends.

**E. Administration of the Promotional Process.**

**(1) The Police Department will be responsible for reviewing the components included regarding the promotional selection process. If an officer believes that they received an improper score during their attempt for promotion, then they shall request a review of their score pursuant to the Monroe Township Police Department Rules and Regulations.**

**(2) Upon multiple applicants successfully completing the above listed requirements, the Police Department shall establish a list of eligible applicants. The names of the applicants placed on the herein mentioned list shall remain there for a maximum of three years.**

**(3) The Mayor shall be responsible for administering the promotional process for the Chief of Police.**

§ ~~79-913-50.25~~ Temporary appointments.

The appointing body, officer or officers of the municipality, when authorized to do so, may employ such officers and other personnel for said Police Department and force as temporary employees in emergencies or for certain specified parts of the year, as needed.

§ ~~79-923-50.26~~ Absences from duty.

Except as otherwise provided by law, any permanent member or officer of said Police Department and force who shall be absent from duty without just cause or leave of absence for a continuous period of five days shall cease to be a member of said Police Department and force.

§ ~~79-933-50.27~~ Additions to Department.

The appointing body, officer or officers of the municipality, when authorized to do so, may employ such officers and other personnel for permanent positions within said Police Department as are from time to time needed.

§ ~~79-943-50.28~~ Application fee.

The appointing body may prescribe an application fee as a requirement of those desiring to apply for a permanent position on the force, said fee to help defray the administrative costs associated with administering examinations to applicants. Said fee shall be fixed in amount from time to time by resolution of the Township Council.

~~Article XIII Intermunicipal Police Assistance~~

§ ~~79-953-50.29~~ General provisions **Intermunicipal Police Assistance.**

**General Provisions**

A. Preamble. N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156 et seq. (hereinafter the "Statute") allows municipalities to provide emergency intermunicipal police assistance to other municipalities which adopt similar reciprocal ordinances; and

The Township Council of the Township of Monroe deems it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Monroe to enact an ordinance pursuant to the Statute in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township.

The Township hereby cooperates with all other municipalities which adopt a similar reciprocal ordinance providing for intermunicipal police assistance in times of emergency.

B. The intermunicipal assistance will be provided if and when the Township of Monroe has an emergency within its boundaries requiring additional police assistance to protect life and property, or to assist in suppressing a riot or disorder and whenever another municipality, which has enacted a similar reciprocal ordinance, may experience a similar emergency requiring police assistance.

C. The Mayor, as the appropriate authority, or in his or her absence, the Chief of Police, is hereby authorized to request assistance from the Chief or highest ranking officer on duty of the police departments of other municipalities for intermunicipal police assistance during and/or after an emergency situation.

D. The Chief of Police of the Township of Monroe or the highest ranking officer on duty at the time shall provide assistance to another municipality or municipalities making a valid request to supply such personnel and equipment, to the extent possible without endangering person or property within the Township of Monroe.

E. Members of the Township of Monroe Police Department supplying emergency assistance to other municipalities shall have the same powers and authority, as have the members of the police department of the municipality in which said assistance is being rendered. Additionally, said

members shall also have, while so acting, said rights and immunities as they may otherwise enjoy in the performance of their normal duties within the Township of Monroe.

F. The Township of Monroe shall, upon providing assistance to another municipality which has enacted a similar intermunicipal assistance ordinance, assume the cost and expense of providing said personnel and equipment to the requesting municipality, excepting such instances when the requesting municipality receives state or federal aid as reimbursement or if private concerns are involved and the requesting municipality receives reimbursement. Therefore, in this event, the costs incurred by the Township shall be submitted to the municipality which requested assistance, for reimbursement.

G. At such times that an emergency may occur and intermunicipal police aid is requested, the Chief of Police of the municipality wherein said emergency situation exists, shall be the senior ranking officer of all members of any police department rendering assistance within the boundaries of said municipality.

H. In the event any member of the police force summoned pursuant to an agreement to render assistance, suffers injury or death in the performance of his or her duties, he/she or his/her designee or legal representative shall be entitled to such salary, pension rights, workman's compensation or other benefits as would have accrued, if such injury or death had occurred in the performance of his or her normal duties.

I. A copy of this section shall be transmitted to the Municipal Clerk of each municipality in Middlesex County, no later than five business days following its adoption. The Clerk of the Township of Monroe shall maintain a record of all such similar ordinances adopted by other municipalities.

§ ~~3-50.13~~50.30 Division of Municipal Disaster Control.

[Note: there are no other changes to this section]

§ ~~3-50.43~~50.31 Monroe Township Division of Ambulance Service.

[Note: there are no other changes to this section]

§ ~~3-50.53~~50.32 Third party payment plan for emergency medical services.

[Note: there are no other changes to this section]

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudications shall apply to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid in effect.

Section 3. Repealer. Any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with the applicable law.

**SO ORDAINED**, as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-003** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked for a brief description of what has been amended and asked if this had anything to do with salaries; Attorney Rainone responded that the Council does not vote on salaries unless it is collective bargaining agreements as the Mayor sets the salaries and that is not required by law to be set by Ordinance. He added that this changes some technical language which is necessary for the accreditation to be given to the Police Department. Mrs. Arminio asked what form of government our Township is to which Attorney Rainone answered that we are a Faulkner Mayor-Council form of government.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-003** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, **Ordinance No. O-1-2025-003** 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 ACTION** made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

**O-1-2025-004                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY, SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,619,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,700,000, including the sum of \$81,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,619,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various roadway, sidewalk and curb improvements, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general

improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,619,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-004** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** - Mrs. Arminio asked what fiscal year this applies to; Attorney Rainone responded that this applies to 2025 as we are a calendar year not fiscal.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked how much money we receive from the State and County each year for infrastructure; Administrator Weinberg answered that we receive at least one local aid grant worth anywhere from \$400,000 to \$600,000 and the other is payment preservation which is generally received every other year in the amount of \$500,000. He stated that the County paves the roadways that we pay for with County taxes. Engineer Rasimowicz added there are quite a few roadways with usually two done in town but last year three to four were done.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-004** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, **Ordinance No. O-1-2025-004** 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 ACTION** made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

**O-1-2025-005                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS ON OPEN SPACE, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$238,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$250,000, including the sum of \$12,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$238,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is recreation improvements on open space property, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$238,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-005** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2025-005** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, **Ordinance No. O-1-2025-005** 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 Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-3-2025-006 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$406,000 FROM DEVELOPER PAYMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTHFIELD ESTATES PUMP STATION AND THE HIDDEN POND PUMP STATION IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-3-2025-050– R-3-2025-076)

**R-3-2025-050 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION ON AGING & DISABLED SERVICES, SENIOR BUS PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe operates a Senior Bus Program for the benefit of qualifying Monroe Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, through a grant received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, is a sub-receipt of grant money from the Federal Transit Administration utilized for the operation of the Senior Bus Program; and

**WHEREAS**, to receive grant money from the Federal Transit Administration as a recipient or sub-recipient, the Township of Monroe is required to implement a program to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Monroe operates its Senior Bus Program and services without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Monroe’s staff drafted a Title VI Program to ensure continued compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which was subsequently reviewed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and found to be fully compliant with federal requirements.

**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 attached Title VI Program is hereby approved and adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute such documents consistent with this Resolution and to take such other action on behalf of the Township of Monroe in furtherance of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-050</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-051 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. 530 “BIOXIDE” WITH EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC (EVOQUA) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (unit pricing)**

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. is currently under contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC. for the provision of Bioxide; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract term expires on March 22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Section IV. “Contract Term and Extension Option” of the current contract Specifications, allows for (1) one final (1) one-year extension, with the consent of the vendor; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Purchasing Manager has notified Evoqua, Inc. of the Township’s desire to extend said contract, via a letter dated February 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Evoqua has indicated their acceptance of the amendment #1 and extension by signing and returning the above referenced letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to extend the current contract for the final (12) twelve-month term, with pricing set forth in the bid’s Proposal Section; 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-240005 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 extending its open-ended contract for Bioxide with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC., based on the pricing set forth in the proposal section of the bid, for the (1) one-year extension term of \$3.20 per gallon. The new termination date shall be March 22, 2026. The existing terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-051</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-052                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“GTAC”).**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (“Township”), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has made a commitment to optimize the quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to achieve the sustainable goals and in support of Green Initiatives, the Township Council, at a meeting held on July 1, 2013, adopted Resolution No. R-7-2013-175 establishing a Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee (“GTAC”) to work towards Sustainable Jersey certification and to advise the Township on means to enhance municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee have expired; and

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence dated January 28, 2025, the Monroe Township Environmental Commission Chair recommended the following appointments to the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee:

- Charles Dipierro, Council Representative
- Mihir Mujumdar, Environmental Commission Chair and Green Team Chair
- Carolyn Barna, Dept. Of Public Works Representative
- Renee Haider, Environmental Commission Member
- Theresa Zamorski, Environmental Commission Secretary
- Surabhi Agarwal, Environmental and Shade Tree Commission Member
- Roger Dreyling, Environmental Commission Member
- Sudha Radhakrishnan, Resident
- Catharine Hunt, Resident
- Pradeep Byram, Resident
- Sadia Awwal, Resident
- Tejas Desai, Resident

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and approves the above recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe does hereby approve and authorizes the above appointments to the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2025 nunc pro tunc, through December 31, 2025.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-052</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-053                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (Solar permit - \$693.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official, by copy of letter dated February 4, 2025, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refund:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equinox Solar 1433 Hooper Avenue Suite 330 Toms River, NJ 08753 ATTN: Permitting	Permit # 2024-3709 Requests refund due to permit cancelled. Homeowner at 124 Gravel Hill Spotswood Rd. has cancelled solar panel installation.	<b>\$ 693.00</b>

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Equinox Solar in the amount of \$693.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-053</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-054                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF FOOD HANDLER LICENSE FEES. (Refund of duplicate fees paid - \$400.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk, by copy of letter dated February 3, 2025, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following food handler license fee refunds:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Stop & Shop Supermarket Co., LLC 1149 Harrisburg Pike Carlisle, PA 17013 ATTN: Licensing	Permit #60-2025 Stop & Shop #810 Refund due to duplication of fee paid.	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
	Permit #61-2025 Starbucks @ Stop & Shop #810 Refund due to duplication of fee paid.	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

**Total: \$ 400.00**

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Township Clerk and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **The Stop & Shop Supermarket Co., LLC in the amount of \$400.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-054</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-055                      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 Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Two cents (\$49,559.22) 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.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-055</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-056                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2025 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (Not to exceed \$240,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the *2025 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements Project*; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed two hundred forty thousand dollars (**\$240,000.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2500027, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with ***Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with ***2025 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements Project*** in an amount not to exceed two hundred forty thousand dollars (**\$240,000.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Center State Engineering*** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-056</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-057                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL BY S&G PAVING INC. FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** (increase of \$15,415.83) (Halsey Reed Rd. – Shared Svc. with Fire District #2)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-10-2023-235, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, a contract was awarded to S & G Paving Inc. in connection with the Emergency Services Building Site Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$85,236.39; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated January 27, 2025, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and final for the Emergency Services Building Site Improvements Project reflecting an **increase of \$15,415.83** in the contract amount, as the result of additional contract quantities, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order is **\$100,652.22**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. C-2300078, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and final, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-057</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-058**                      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROPERTY TITLE SURVEY & DESCRIPTION AND EXCEPTION AREA SURVEY & DESCRIPTION FOR BLOCK 28.4, LOT 60.** (Not to exceed \$16,200) (Barnes Property – Schoolhouse Rd. – Approximately 34 acres)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *Property Title Survey and Description and Exception Area Survey and Description for Block 60, Lot 28.4 – 328 Schoolhouse Road (Barnes)*; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed sixteen thousand two hundred dollars (**\$16,200.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2500028, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *Property Title Survey and Description and Exception Area Survey and Description for Block 60, Lot 28.4 – 328 Schoolhouse Road (Barnes)* in an amount not to exceed sixteen thousand two hundred dollars (**\$16,200.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-058</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-059**                      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2025 JAMES MONROE PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** (Not to exceed \$95,000)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional construction management services in connection with the *2025 James Monroe Park Improvements Project*; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed ninety five thousand dollars (**\$95,000.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2500029, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional construction management services in connection with the *2025 James Monroe Park Improvements Project* in an amount not to exceed ninety five thousand dollars (**\$95,000.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-059</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-060                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR THE STORAGE OF ROAD SALT DEICING MATERIAL. (5 year agreement)**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., (the “Act”) permits units of local government to share services for particular purposes and to effectuate agreements for any service or circumstance that will aid and encourage a reduction of local expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (“BOE”) and the Township of Monroe (“Monroe”) are public bodies corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey and are authorized under New Jersey Law to enter into a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to utilize the Township of Monroe’s salt storage facility located at the Public Works Department, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road for the storage of their road salt deicing material; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Monroe and the Board of Education have negotiated a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe is desirous of entering into the Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education; and

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

- 1- The Shared Services Agreement shall be open to public inspection in the Municipal Clerk’s Office and shall take effect upon the adoption of a resolution and execution of the agreement by both parties.
- 2- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education for the storage of their road salt deicing material, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-060</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-061                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A CONTRACT AWARDED TO BAY HEAD INVESTMENTS, INC. D/B/A VCI (VCI) FOR THE PURCHASE OF (1) AMBULANCE USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE EMS DEPARTMENT. (additional \$4,797- total cost not to exceed \$318,327)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-6-2022-162, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on June 1, 2022, a contract was awarded to Bay Head Investments, Inc. d/b/a VCI (VCI) for the purchase of one (1) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulance using the HGACBuy National Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Monroe EMS Department, for a total price of \$313,530.00; and

**WHEREAS**, as the ambulance build is near completion, VCI has submitted a final invoice dated January 24, 2025 for one (1) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulances, amending the total price to \$318,327.00, an increase of \$4,797.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200043 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 it hereby authorizes the contract with Bay Head Investments, Inc. d/b/a VCI (VCI), be modified to make the final purchase price *Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$318,327.00)* for one (1) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulance.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-061</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-062                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO J. FLETCHER CREAMER & SON, INC. FOR CONTRACT U-2501 - “SYSTEM REPAIR SERVICES” BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (M.T.U.D.) (unit pricing)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. two (2) sealed bid were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract U-2501, System Repair Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed both bids, and found the bid of the Low Bidder J. Fletcher Creamer of 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 to be complete, responsive and responsible, a copy the recommendation of award is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager, by copy of a letter dated February 19, 2025, recommends a (2) two-year contract be awarded to J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc. of 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 based on their low bid, based on estimated quantities and unit pricing provided in their bid proposal section; a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bid submitted by Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc. was based on unit pricing, with an annual estimated annual total of: \$62,668.00, a copy of the complete bid tabulation sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; 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. M-250006, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for the Monroe Township System Repair Services for Two (2) years per the unit price rates indicated in their proposal, and with the provision authorizing the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Manager to extend said contract for an additional one (1) year term, with the consent of the bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc., has submitted, with their bid, all the required documents.

**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 contract with J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., shall provide the required performance bond and insurance certificate as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-062</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-063                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR BID #T-2502 FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORIDE SOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (unit pricing)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. (2) two sealed submissions were received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract U-2502, System Repair Services; and

**WHEREAS**, two proposals were received were from Miracle Chemical Company and a “no-bid” submission from Kuehne Chemical Co. Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposal of Miracle Chemical Co. of 1151B Highway 33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 and found to be complete, responsive and responsible, and recommends a (2) two-year contract be awarded at the unit price of \$3.84/gal. for an estimated annual total of \$96,000.00 per year, with a (1) one-year optional extension at the unit price of \$3.89/gal., copies of the Recommendation of Award and bid tabulation sheet are attached hereto as Exhibits “B” and “C”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-250010 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

and

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

**WHEREAS**, Miracle Chemical Company has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a (2) two-year contract for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for Monroe Township Utility Department; 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 (2) two-year year contract with Miracle Chemical Company in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for materials supplied by Miracle Chemical Company in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Miracle Chemical Company shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond, as required by the specifications.

(5) Payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by the governing body.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-063</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-064                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KLENZOID, INC FOR BID #T-2504 FOR LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (unit pricing)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. (1) one sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract U-2504, Zinc Pyrophosphate; and

**WHEREAS**, the sole bid received was from Klenzoid, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bid from Klenzoid, Inc. of 912 Spring Mill Ave, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428 and found to it be complete, responsive and responsible, and recommends a (2) two-year contract be awarded at the unit price of \$1.29/lb. for an estimated annual total of \$64,500.00 per year, with a (1) one-year optional extension at the unit price of \$1.29/lb., copies of the Recommendation of Award and bid tabulation sheet are attached hereto as Exhibits “B” and “C”, respectively ; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-250011 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Klenzoid, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a (2) two-year contract for Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate for Monroe Township Utility Department; 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 (2) two-year year contract with Klenzoid Inc. with a (1) one-year optional extension, in accordance with their bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for materials supplied by Miracle Chemical Company in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Miracle Chemical Company shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond, as required by the specifications.
- (5) Payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by the governing body.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-064</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-065**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PERFORM A PFAS TREATMENT DESIGN FOR WELLS 17 AND 19 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.) (\$479,300)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) requires Professional Engineering Services in relation to PFAS treatment design at its Wells 17 & 19; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for General Water & Sewer Professional Engineering Services for the M.T.U.D. after advertisement on the Township website for not less than 10 days, Statements of Qualifications were publicly opened by the Township Business Administrator for calendar Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of all the Statement of Qualifications by the review committee, H2M Associates, Inc. was determined to be qualified to perform said engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, H2M Associates, Inc. has provided a proposal dated February 21, 2025, for the performance of said services in the amount of \$479,300.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the M.T.U.D. has reviewed the proposal, and recommended that a contract be awarded to H2M Associates, Inc. based on their proposal for the above referenced work in the amount \$479,300.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-250012, 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 contract with H2M Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services, in accordance with the proposal;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by H2M Associates, Inc. in accordance with the attached proposal;
- (3) The contract is awarded without through a fair and open RFQ process 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) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-065</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-066                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 2009 CASCADIA FREIGHT TRACTOR BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** (Auction – March 21<sup>st</sup> @10am)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe Police Department came into possession of a 2009 Cascadia Freight Tractor, VIN# 1FUJGLDR39LAL2605 with an odometer reading of 432,563 miles; and

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township Business Administrator or his designated representative shall conduct a public auction for the sale of one (1) 2009 Cascadia Freight Tractor on March 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Cranbury Service Center located at 44 Hightstown-Cranbury Road Cranbury, N.J. 08572.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minimum opening bid for the vehicle shall be \$10,096.25. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount equal to 10% percent of the final bid price in cash. There shall be no other forms of payment accepted. The balance shall be paid by certified check delivered to the Township Clerk’s office between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon within five (5) days after the conclusion of the auction. Upon payment in full, the Clerk’s office shall provide the purchaser with the signed documents necessary to complete the transaction with the Motor Vehicle Commission. In order to obtain the title for the vehicle, the highest bidder shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate documents and payments to the Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the Notice of Public Auction issued by the Township.

**SO RESOLVED**, as foresaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-066</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-067                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NJ TREE SURGEONS FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING SERVICES.** (per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2025 eight (8) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township for tree removal and pruning services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager recommends, by copy of letter dated February 20, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the tree removal and pruning contract be awarded to **NJ Tree Surgeons, 204 Sweetmans Lane, Millstone, N.J. 08535** at the unit pricing as provided by the bidder, and as shown on the attached schedule of rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendation made by the Business Administrator regarding said bid and finds same to be reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2500030, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a one (1) year contract, for Monroe Township Tree Removal and Pruning services at the unit pricing provided by the bidder, said contract expiring March 2, 2026, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of the bidder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **NJ Tree Surgeons per unit pricing**; and

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

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

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-067</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-068                      RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT THE MONROE COMMUNITY GARDENS. (Grant Amount - \$750,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$750,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

**#1212-24-101 Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2025, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “Council”) that:

1. The Mayor and Township Attorney of the Township of Monroe are hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$250,000, *and*;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-068</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-069                      RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MONROE COMMUNITY GARDENS. (Grant Amount - \$469,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$469,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

**#1212-25-103 Monroe Community Gardens**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2025, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “Council”) that:

1. The Mayor and Township Attorney of the Township of Monroe are hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$1,407,000, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-069</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-070                      RESOLUTION AWARDDING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO WATER SERVICE PROFESSIONALS OF PA, INC., FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WELLS 20 AND 23 FOR UNDERDRAIN REPAIR. (M.T.U.D.)**

**WHEREAS**, a recent inspection of Wells 20 and 23 revealed that the filter media was being lost during the backwash cycle as it was appearing in the backwash tank; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township requested immediate assistance from the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the filter, Hungerford and Terry (hereinafter “H&T”); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2025 and January 24, 2025, H&T conducted inspections. They discovered the underdrains were damaged and the media in each filter needs to be removed and replaced in order to effectuate repairs to the underdrains; and

**WHEREAS**, the MTUD Director has determined that if Wells 20 and 23 are out of service during the peak summer demand period a water supply emergency would result and any further delay in repairs would create a danger to public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, the Township is permitted to award a contract without public advertising for bids if an emergency affecting the public health, safety, and welfare requires the immediate delivery of performance of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer received a quote for the completion of this Project from Water Service Professionals of PA, Inc. in the amount of \$339,700.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township needs to authorize an emergency contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 with Water Service Professionals of PA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$339,700.00 to complete the project.

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

1. The Township hereby authorizes and confirms an emergency contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 with Water Professionals of PA, Inc, located at 10 Pettit’s Bridge Road, Jamison, PA 18929 in an amount not to exceed \$339,700.00 to complete the repairs at Wells 20 and 23 in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution as approved by the Township Attorney.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-070</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-071                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO CUSTOM LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE, INC. FOR 2025 LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP.** (Not to exceed – Section 1 “Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal”- \$160,245.00, Section 2 “Detention Basins, Islands and Open Space”- \$129,040.00, Section 3 “Monroe Twp. Utility Dept. \$5,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2025, five (5) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the 2025 Monroe Township Landscaping and Snow Removal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager, by letter dated March 26, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, recommended that Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of the 2025 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal bid be awarded to **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care, Inc.** on their bids submitted for **Section 1 in the amount of \$160,245.00, Section 2 in the amount of \$129,040.00 and Section 3 in the amount of \$5,000.00;** and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2500031, C-2500032, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Finance Manager has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-250013, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for Section 1, 2 and 3 of the **2025 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal** as follows Section 1 “Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal” at a total contract price of **\$160,245.00**, Section 2 “Detention Basins, Islands and Open Space” at a total contract price of **\$129,040.00** and Section 3 “Monroe Twp. Utility Department” at a total contract price of **\$5,000.00** for a contract term beginning April 1, 2025 and expiring March 31, 2026 with the provision authorizing Monroe Township to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc., 1900 Englishtown Road, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831;** and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc.**, in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time

the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-071</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-072                      RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. (Dr. Rajinder Mudhar – Member, Savita Saxena – Alt I)**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated February 27, 2025 has appointed the following members:

**Dr. Rajinder Mudhar                      Member                      3 Year unexpired                      1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026**  
**term of Ellen P. Schwartz**

**Savita Saxena                                      Alt I                                      2-Year unexpired                      1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025**  
**term of Dr. Mudhar**

**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 above new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-072</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-073                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO TACOS EL TIO MONROE, LLC. (Falcon River Group – 211 Applegarth Rd. Gables Plaza, Building F)**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Clerk’s Office for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-33-001-009 heretofore held by Tacos el Tio Monroe, LLC, having a sited premise of 211 Applegarth Road, Gables Plaza Building F, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license having been properly renewed for the 2024-2025 licensing term; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-33-001-009 to Falcon River Group, LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows:

“This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Falcon River Group, LLC, effective March 3, 2025.”

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-073</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**R-3-2025-074                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR  
 2025 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE.**  
 (Lake Management Sciences Inc. - \$17,966.40)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has the need to solicit proposals for Wet Basin Maintenance for 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2025 Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. has solicited proposals from a total of five (5) pond maintenance companies and received one (1) response as follows (includes permits and treatment):

**Lake Management Sciences, Inc.** Branchville, N.J. - \$17,966.40

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposals received and, by copy of letter dated February 28, 2025, recommends the award of contract to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc., P.O. Box 2395 Branchville, N.J. 07826**, in the amount of **\$17,966.40** and any additional services as needed; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc.**, for 2025 wet basin maintenance for a total contract price of **\$17,966.40**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No.C-2500033, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Lake Management Sciences, Inc.**; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-074</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>		
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**R-3-2025-075**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2025, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$28,943,174.00;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
<u>Mayor</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$5,000.00
<u>Council</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$9,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,800.00
<u>Township Clerk</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$115,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:</b>	
<u>Administration</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$105,000.00
<u>Human Resources</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$79,000.00
<u>Transportation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$170,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
<u>Data Processing</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$74,000.00
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
<u>Citizens Review Board</u>	

Salaries & Wages	\$500.00
<u>Insurance</u>	
Group Health	\$3,000,000.00
Group Health-Broker	\$40,000.00
<u>Public Information and Public Advocate</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
<u>Recreation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$100,000.00
<u>Human Relations</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$750.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
<u>Economic Development Commission</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$775.00
Other Expenses	\$4,500.00
<u>Parks</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
<u>Finance</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$175,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Special Accounting Services	\$10,000.00
<u>Tax Collector</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$90,000.00
Other Expenses	\$7,000.00
<u>Tax Assessor</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$100,000.00
<u>Ambulance Service</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$770,000.00

Other Expenses \$15,000.00

Police Department

Salaries & Wages \$2,800,000.00

Other Expenses \$100,000.00

Police Department-911

Salaries & Wages \$250,000.00

Emergency Mgt.

Salaries & Wages \$11,000.00

Other Expenses \$7,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:**

Township Engineer

Other Expenses \$150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Streets and Roads

Salaries & Wages \$650,000.00

Other Expenses \$150,000.00

Vehicle Maintenance

Salaries & Wages \$85,000.00

Other Expenses \$200,000.00

Solid Waste and Recycling

Other Expenses \$12,000.00

Landfill

Other Expenses \$55,000.00

Building and Grounds

Salaries & Wages \$250,000.00

Other Expenses \$250,000.00

Community Services Act

Other Expenses \$140,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

Department of Law:

Other Expenses \$200,000.00

Municipal Prosecutor

Salaries & Wages \$23,000.00

Other Expenses \$2,400.00

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:**

Division of Health Contr.

Other Expenses \$75,000.00

Animal Control

Salaries & Wages \$55,000.00

Other Expenses \$40,000.00

**OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:**

Zoning Board

Salaries & Wages \$45,000.00

Other Expenses \$20,000.00

Planning Board

Salaries & Wages \$2,800.00

Other Expenses \$20,000.00

Division of Planning

Salaries & Wages \$90,000.00

Other Expenses \$15,000.00

Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission

Salaries & Wages \$750.00

Other Expenses \$200.00

Shade Tree Commission

Salaries & Wages \$6,000.00

Other Expenses \$10,000.00

Environmental Commission

Salaries & Wages \$1,100.00

Other Expenses \$1,400.00

Cultural Arts Commission

Other Expenses \$10,000.00

Historic Pres. Commission

Other Expenses \$1,000.00

Health Advisory Board

Salaries & Wages \$750.00

Other Expenses \$100.00

Senior Services

Salaries & Wages \$165,000.00

Other Expenses \$50,000.00

Recreation Advisory Board

Salaries & Wages \$1,000.00

Other Expenses \$5,000.00

Construction Official

Salaries & Wages \$375,000.00

Other Expenses \$15,000.00

**OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:**

Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant \$8,750.00

Celeb. Pub. Event \$30,000.00

Utilities \$585,000.00

Central Mailing Equipment \$22,000.00

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan \$15,000.00

Social Security System \$750,000.00

Storm water Management

Salaries & Wages \$65,000.00

Other Expenses \$75,000.00

Municipal Court

Salaries & Wages \$115,000.00

Other Expenses \$5,000.00

Recycling Tax \$7,500.00

Public Defender

Salaries & Wages	\$8,000.00
<u>Solid Waste and Recycling</u>	\$45,000.00
<u>Shared Services - Recycling</u>	\$160,000.00
<u>911</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$14,000.00
<u>PERS</u>	\$2,681,780.00
<u>PFRS</u>	\$3,473,819.00
<u>Library</u>	\$1,145,000.00
<u>Ambulance Service</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$430,000.00
Other Expenses	\$250,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$21,648,174.00</b>
<u>Water-Sewer Operations</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,500,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,301,000.00
<u>Social Security</u>	\$80,000.00
<u>PERS</u>	\$619,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,500,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$28,148,174.00</b>

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 Calendar Year Budget; and
3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

**SO RESOLVED** as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-075						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilman Markel	X		X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura			X			
Council President Cohen			X			

**R-3-2025-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

**WHEREAS**, there are certain 2025 budget appropriation reserves of the Township of Monroe which may be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township’s affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are certain other budget appropriation reserves where there are unexpended balances which will not be used for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Revised Statutes 40A:4-59 provides for the transfer from such accounts that have unexpended balances to those accounts which have deficiencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the transfers itemized below are hereby authorized among the following 2024 accounts:

**CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM: TRANSFER**  
**AMOUNT:**

Clerk S&W	\$9,000.00
Clerk OE	\$15,800.00
Treasury OE	\$3,000.00
Police OE	\$10,000.00
Div of Ambulance S&W	\$75,000.00
Streets and Roads S&W	\$45,000.00
Vehicle Maint OE	\$50,000.00
Animal Control OE	\$10,000.00
Recreation OE	\$16,200.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$234,000.00</b>

**TRANSFER TO:**

Accum. Absences S&W	\$84,000.00
Streets and Roads OE	\$100,000.00
Liability Insurance OE	\$25,000.00
Shared Services Recycling	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$234,000.00</b>

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-076</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

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 Markel and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolution was removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately: (R-3-2025-049).

**R-3-2025-049 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR SHARED PROPERTIES LLC. BOULEVARD PORTION – BA-5108-15. (Rt. 33/Joan Warren Way)**

**WHEREAS**, Shared Properties LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Shared Properties Boulevard Portion Project BA-5108-15; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated February 6, 2025, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total (\$857,803.43), or \$128,670.52. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

<b>RECORDED VOTE: R-3-2025-049</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Markel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President VanDzura</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

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

Copy of Resolution filed.

**Administrator’s Report** – Administrator Weinberg reported that on February 16<sup>th</sup> a windstorm caused a large area in the Township to lose power, including Clearbrook, Encore and southern Rossmoor. Thanked the OEM for their quick response along with the DPW, Police and First Responders and luckily the power was restored later that day.

Shared that a very productive meeting happened with JCP&L and some progress has been made in getting our streetlights fixed. He stated that JCP&L has hired contractors to help with backlogged repairs and will meet again soon regarding using LED lighting, so it lasts longer.

Excited for the multiple shared services approved on this meeting.

Awarded the landscaping and tree service contracts which were less than previous contracts which is great.

Regarding ambulance purchases, it is very hard to get certain types of public safety equipment including ambulances nowadays so this is a very exciting purchase. He mentioned that we will be looking to do another cost savings purchase of a cab and chassis soon to help keep our ambulance fleet up to speed.

Acquired 34 acres of property located on Schoolhouse Road that backs up to Thompson Park which is

another parcel of land that cannot be built on for affordable housing.

Township Attorney Rainone gave an update on affordable housing stating that we have adopted our fair share numbers at the last meeting and we are now enrolled in the new affordable housing program that has essentially replaced COAH. Any objections had to be filed by February 28<sup>th</sup>, in which there were two, one being from the N.J. Builder's Association which seems to be a broad attack on the program and how it operates and the other from Fair Share Housing which we will continue to work with as the DCA based the number given to us on general data and was not at all site specific. He went on to say that this will continue to play out over the next 30 days.

Mayor Dalina added that Monroe takes its Fair Share Housing obligation seriously and the N.J. Builder's Association action is disingenuous, and we will stand by our process as we do not need a "for profit" association to dictate what we should be doing as our obligation. He went on to say that we will continue to stand by what we do and what we want to do.

Council President Cohen added that she agrees with Mayor Dalina and stands behind our attempt to always do the right thing.

**Engineer's Report** – Reported that the Police building is moving along well; the roof, windows and interior electrical have all been completed.

The James Monroe Park Improvements Project is getting started with permits being obtained and drawings being done so once the warm weather is here, they can get started.

The Prospect Plains Road and Applegarth Road Intersection Improvement Project is awaiting final approval from the State per the County as this is a County project.

#### **Council's Reports –**

##### **Councilwoman Siegel –**

- Attended the crescent lighting, organized by "Muslims for Peace" which was a nice opportunity for everyone to come together and learn a little more about Ramadan.
- Our Library hosted a lecture for Black History Month given by Rutgers Assistant Professor Dr. Nicole Burrows who spoke about the historical timeline of African and Caribbean studies in British Guiana beginning in the 1900's.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Seniors at Play" will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center beginning at 2:00pm. If interested, tickets are available at the Library for \$10.
- Congratulations to the Bearded One BBQ as they won NJ.com's "Jersey Wing 2025 - Wing Off" competition.

##### **Councilman Markel –**

- Attended the crescent lighting ceremony along with Councilwoman Siegel which was complete with a double rainbow.
- Also attended the lecture at the Library hosted given by Rutgers Assistant Professor Dr. Nicole Burrows which was very interesting.
- Yesterday was Dr. Seuss' birthday and the kickoff to "Read Across America Week"; invited to read at Brookside School.
- On April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center there will be a Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony beginning at 2:00pm.

##### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Shared that a new business has opened up at 365 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, "Kidz n Kaboodles" and reminded everyone the importance of supporting our local businesses.
- Our varsity ice hockey won the GMC championships, and they just went on to defeat Middletown 5-4 to advance to the State championships. He suggested inviting them and their families to a Council meeting so they can be celebrated.
- The State passed a bill for volunteer first responders to receive a tax credit of up to \$500 for single filers and \$1,000 for joint filers.
- Regarding water main breaks, the weather is starting to warm up and then drop to subzero temperatures which causes many of these breaks to happen more often. He asked if there were any updates on recent breaks to which Director Stroin stated that it has been difficult with breaks lately but the mains and repairs have all been done with our own inventory and staff.
- Attended the Rabies Clinic on Saturday and extended a shoutout to our DPW, Animal Control, our Clerks Office and all who helped run this clinic as it was well organized and a great service to our community.
- State funding for the Board of Education looks to have increased by \$33,000 which is not a big increase and not at all what they expected with the additional costs of inflation and the costs of school staff and students.

- The County needs to be contacted regarding resurfacing the bridges on Rue Road and Federal Road.
- Inquired as to when the water tower on Route 522 will be painted and repaired; Director Stroin responded that it was originally thought that the tank would need to be raised but hydraulic studies show that is not necessary. He went on to say that we will prioritize painting both the inside and outside.
- Inquired if there will be a budget workshop to which Administrator Weinberg answered that the budget will be introduced on April 7<sup>th</sup> with the formal budget hearing on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Council Vice-President Van Dzura –**

- Attended the crescent lighting event which was very nice and highlighted the diversity of our Township.
- Attended the Police Swearing In ceremony, which was very nice, as well as seeing the support from the families and friends in attendance.
- Stated that we may not always agree with everyone, but we pride ourselves on working together and doing the right thing. He went on to say that the Ukraine-Russia War is in its third year, and it is painful to see what transpired at the White House between President Trump, Vice-President Vance and President Zelensky. He implored for everyone to stand up for what they believe in and not stay silent in their convictions.

**Council President Cohen –**

- Attended the Ramadan crescent lighting which was a very lovely ceremony. She went on to share that we were joined by our State Senator and several officials from Cranbury Township, along with a student who shared what she enjoys about Monroe Township high school and our Mayor who eloquently spoke about the joy of getting along and moving forward in our town.
- Thanked the OEM for their support during the February 16<sup>th</sup> windstorm and power outage.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina reported that he attended Fire District #3's swearing in ceremony, extending congratulations to all of the new fire fighters who were sworn in.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> the Police did a Scam Awareness seminar at the Library which was well attended. He stated that the video is also posted on YouTube.

Attended the crescent lighting which was brought about locally by the "Muslims for Peace" organization. He went on to say that over 200 people attended, and it was a beautiful ceremony complete with a rainbow.

Reported that we have made some progress with JCP&L with the ongoing fight to have our streetlights repaired. He stated that they have announced that a 20% increase in electric bills will begin this Summer and he will be sending a letter to both the BPU and JCP&L because this is outrageous. He went on to note that a solar landscape mailing did go out and we will continue to work on our energy aggregation program all in an effort to help reduce the electricity costs.

Reported on the improvements to be made at James Monroe Park which will interrupt the concession stand, playground and lighting this season but will result in a beautiful and updated ADA compliant park for all to enjoy once it is complete.

Shared that on March 7<sup>th</sup> the Office on Aging will be holding a "Senior Fraud Prevention" seminar at the Senior Center from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Reported that we have joined with the NJ Community of Affairs to hold a NJ State Medal Ceremony. Any interested veterans looking to get a medal for their service should reach out to the Mayor's Office for more information.

Extended congratulations to the Bearded One BBQ as they won NJ.com's "Jersey Wing 2025 - Wing Off" competition.

**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 –**

**Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. –** Mr. Busman asked for a status update on the veteran's housing; Administrator Weinberg answered that he had a call today with Conifer and there are currently 9 veterans residing at Valor Pointe with 14 more applications being processed. He went on to say that 37 units will be 100% veteran occupied with the other 43 being a veteran preference. Administrator Weinberg also added that Conifer did say they have been working with various agencies to get applications in and fill the units and will be having an Open House on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am for anyone who is interested in filling out an application and the Township will continue their outreach to various organizations, Monroe News, E-blast, social media, Recreation Center, Senior Center, etc.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab inquired how the public can go about speaking against the Builder’s Association regarding affordable housing.

Mr. Parab asked how we can lobby against JCP&L and their 20% increase which is very bad and we need to do what we can to stop them. He went on to say that Rossmoor continually has lights out and the public calls JCP&L to repair but we can do more to chase them to do the work.

Regarding Federal government cuts, Mr. Parab opinionized that these cuts will negatively impact all of us and questioned what the realistic costs savings would be. He went on to say that we need to speak up and voice our concerns.

Mr. Parab stated that we need an affordable grocery store in town as an alternative to Stop & Shop.

Lastly, Mr. Parab commented on the statistics of the burglaries happening throughout the Township adding that he believes the Police Department will continue to do their best to combat this issue.

**Susan Cohen, 5 Cricket Ct.** – Mrs. Cohen stated that she sent a letter to the Mayor on January 29<sup>th</sup> and to Council on January 30<sup>th</sup> but did not receive a response in regard to removing the mandate of having a nurse on staff within the Stonebridge community. Mrs. Cohen proceeded to read the letter she sent into the record in hopes she receives a response this evening.

**Fred Rucci, 123 Cobblestone Blvd. (Stonebridge Board Member)** – Mr. Rucci stated that the nurses mandate costs the Stonebridge community approximately \$442,000 a year and expressed his concerns with having this requirement, adding that he would like to see Council delete this requirement and have it removed.

**Barbara Levine, 38 Timber Hill Dr.** – Mrs. Levine stated that she had spoken at length last month in regard to the nurse’s mandate in the Stonebridge community and would like the Mayor and Council to consider removing that ordinance as previously requested.

**Debra Schneider, 23 Harwood Rd.** – Mrs. Schneider commented that she found Council Vice-President Van Dzura’s remarks are both distasteful and disgusting and not for this venue.

Mrs. Schneider commented regarding the letter received about projected increases from JCP&L which will cause her to continue to cutback since she is on a senior income and simply cannot afford it.

**Father Michael Sorial, 112 Dey Grove Rd.** – Father Sorial stated that it his spiritual duty to bring attention to the danger of the intersection of Federal Road and North Bergen Mills Road. He stated that the Township did acknowledge his concerns and put in larger stop signs but unfortunately that has not mitigated the speeding on Federal Road. He went on to request that a 4-way stop sign be implemented instead and if not doable then asked what other clear options there are as many of his congregants, neighbors and community members have shared their concern with him in traveling this roadway.

**Adam Elias, 93 Old Church Rd.** – Mr. Elias asked for more information regarding the 1,200 parcels that were noted as undevelopable in regard to the affordable housing obligation; Attorney Rainone elaborated stating that the DCA website has more information on these specific parcels listed in the report. Mr. Elias asked if the owners were notified that they are on that report; Attorney Rainone stated no because it was not that type of study, it simply is a listing of properties that are undevelopable in regard to affordable housing.

**Paul Onish, 10 Aquaduct Rd.** – Mr. Onish commented that the roadways of Wyckoff and Brickyard Roads had a water system put in but the roadways have not been resurfaced.

Reported that a guardrail was hit by a tree on Federal Road and is in need of repair. Mr. Onish also stated that there are tree limbs hanging on Federal Road which pose a danger to the drivers.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio thanked Mayor Dalina for his words regarding affordable housing as she too feels that builders should have pressure put on them as they are only concerned about their bottom line.

Regarding R-3-2025-065, Mrs. Arminio asked if only two wells tested high for PFAS; Director Stroin stated that we test for wells as part of an unregulated contaminant rule, and this is proactive testing done by the best treatment facility there is to do this type of testing. Mrs. Arminio stated that aquifers can get

recharged with more contaminants due the amount of development happening within the Township and we should do everything that we can to protect the people and keep our natural resources safe.

Regarding R-3-2025-058 and R-3-2025-059 are these soft costs for Center State; Administrator Weinberg answered yes these are soft costs and the contract is for the construction management of the project to ensure the project is being managed properly.

**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 Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:22pm.

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 April 7, 2025.