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

OCTOBER 7, 2024

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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Proclamations: *Hindu Heritage Month – October*

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- R-10-2024-246** RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT.
- R-10-2024-246a** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.
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9. **Public Comments.** (Limited to Agenda items only - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

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

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

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AGENDA

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MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **October 2, 2024**.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

September 4, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

ABSENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina

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- R-10-2024-232** **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-6-2024-159 “AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT TO FINCREDIT, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOP MONROE PROPERTY TAX REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-10-2024-233** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT #1 FOR THE TRANSFER OF A BMY HARSCO VEHICLE TO BE USED FOR HIGH WATER RESCUE.**
- R-10-2024-234** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC TAX SALE NOTICES.**
- R-10-2024-235** **RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2024-058 AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2025 FORD EXPLORERS FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. (\$117,498.84)**
- R-10-2024-236** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) NEW 2024 FORD F-250 PICKUP UTILITY BODY TRUCKS FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D) (\$167,432.00)**
- R-10-2024-237** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2024 FORD F-550 UTILITY BODY MECHANIC’S TRUCK FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D). (\$173,479.00)**
- R-10-2024-238** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CONTRACT 545 “WATER METER COMMUNICATIONS MODULES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)**

- R-10-2024-239** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GASBOY SYSTEM FROM WHITEMARSH CORPORATION UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT. (\$69,461.92)
- R-10-2024-240** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2024 FORD F-250 FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$146,089.18)
- R-10-2024-241** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CATERPILLAR INC. ASPHALT COMPACTION MODEL CB2.7 FROM FOLEY, INC.USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$65,311.28)
- R-10-2024-242** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MINI TRACK LOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS FROM BOBCAT OF CENTRAL JERSEY USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$58,483.66)
- R-10-2024-243** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN GREENCHIP, INC. AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES.
- R-10-2024-244** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICES TO OM SRI SAI BALAJI TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. (Cranbury Rd/Rhode Hall Rd)
- R-10-2024-245** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 DODGE DURANGO AWD FROM NIELSEN OF MORRISTOWN UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT. (\$54,773.53)
- R-10-2024-246** RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT.
- R-10-2024-246a** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.
- R-10-2024-247** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (\$81,000)
- R-10-2024-248** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (\$185,871.96)

Councilman Dipierro requested for Resolutions R-10-2024-224 and R-10-2024-233 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 regarding R-10-2024-238 why the bids were rejected and if we were going back out to bid; Director Stroin answered that the bids received exceeded the estimated cost of the project and after further review it was determined that the 20% performance bond requirement is not necessary. He went on to explain that the project will be rebid with the same specs and no performance bond requirements are needed.

Mr. Gunkelman asked what a Gasboy system is; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Gasboy system replaces our regular and diesel gas system which is 30 years old, and this new system will be tied into redundancy in case the power goes out.

Mr. Gunkelman asked for an explanation on R-10-2024-241 to which Administrator Weinberg answered that this asphalt compactor replaces a 1997 Bowmag which is used for small patch jobs throughout the Township.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked what the ratio is between lieutenants and police officers; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have 6 lieutenants to approximately 66 police officers.

Mrs. Panos extended congratulations to Lori Olah for her promotion to CFO. She went on to say that the audit leaves a lot to be improved and hopes to see that the recommendations made are followed through.

Mrs. Panos commented that we are spending over \$250,000 on vehicles and none are electric or hybrid which she is disheartened to see.

Mrs. Panos commented that the Township is always awarding to Center State and inquired as to why we do not use competitive contracting to which both Administrator Weinberg and Attorney Rainone answered that professional services are not considered “competitive contracts” as are construction projects that are bid and competitive.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:55pm.

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 Councilman Markel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:55pm.

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 Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **10/2/24** 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 Councilman Markel, the MINUTES of the following meetings as written and presented:

September 4, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting		
ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Michael A. Markel	Aye
	Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
	Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

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

O-8-2024-016 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”.** (NJDEP mandated update) Tabled at the 9/4/24 meeting.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Section 108-5.27 of the code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Stormwater Management” is hereby amended to include the following: (new text is in red and underlined)

Section I. Scope and Purpose:

C. Applicability

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to the following major developments:
 - a. Non-residential major developments; and
 - b. Aspects of residential major developments that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21.
2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Township of Monroe.
3. An application required by ordinance pursuant to C.1 above that has been submitted prior to October 7, 2024, shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect on October 6, 2024.
4. An application required by ordinance for approval pursuant to C.1 above that has been submitted on or after March 2, 2021, but prior to October 7, 2024, shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect on October 6, 2024.
5. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a major development for any public roadway or railroad project conducted by a public transportation entity that has determined a preferred alternative or reached an equivalent milestone before July 17, 2023, shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect prior to July 17, 2023.

Section II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on the corresponding definitions in the Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2.

“Public Roadway or Railroad” means a pathway for use by motor vehicles or trains that is intended for public use and is constructed by, or on behalf of, a public transportation entity. A public roadway or railroad does not include a roadway or railroad constructed as part of a private development, regardless of whether the roadway or railroad is ultimately to be dedicated to and/or maintained by a governmental entity.

“Public Transportation Entity” means a Federal, State county, or municipal government, an independent State authority, or a statutorily authorized public-private program pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 90 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-52 et seq.), that performs a public roadway or railroad project that includes new construction, expansion, reconstruction, or improvement of a public roadway or railroad.

Section IV. Stormwater Management Requirements for Major Development

E. Tables 1 through 3 below summarize the ability of stormwater best management practices identified and described in the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual to satisfy the green infrastructure, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quality and stormwater runoff quantity standards specified in Section IV.O, P, Q and R. When designed in accordance with the most current version of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, the stormwater management measures found at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.2 (f) Tables 5-1, 5-2 and 5-3 and listed below in Tables 1, 2 and 3 are presumed to be capable of providing stormwater controls for the design and performance standards as outlined in the tables below. Upon amendments of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices to reflect additions or deletions of BMPs meeting these standards, or changes in the presumed performance of BMPs designed in accordance with the New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual, the Department shall publish in the New Jersey Registers a notice of administrative change revising the applicable table. The most current version of the BMP Manual can be found on the Department's website at: https://njstormwater.org/bmp_manual2.htm.

<https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/bmp-manual/>.

P. Groundwater Recharge Standards

1. This subsection contains the minimum design and performance standards for groundwater recharge.
2. The design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge calculations at Section V, either:
 - i. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the site and its stormwater management measures maintain 100 percent of the average annual pre-construction groundwater recharge volume for the site; or
 - ii. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increase of stormwater runoff volume from pre-construction to post-construction for the [projected 2-year storm, as defined and determined pursuant to Section V.D of this ordinance](#), is infiltrated.
3. This groundwater recharge requirement does not apply to projects within the "urban redevelopment area," or to projects subject to 4 below.
4. The following types of stormwater shall not be recharged:
 - i. Stormwater from areas of high pollutant loading. High pollutant loading areas are areas in industrial and commercial developments where solvents and/or petroleum products are loaded/unloaded, stored, or applied, areas where pesticides are loaded/unloaded or stored; areas where hazardous materials are expected to be present in greater than "reportable quantities" as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 302.4; areas where recharge would be inconsistent with Department approved remedial action work plan [approved pursuant to the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites rules, N.J.A.C. 7:26C](#), or [Department landfill closure plan and areas; and areas](#) with high risks for spills of toxic materials, such as gas stations and vehicle maintenance facilities; and
 - ii. Industrial stormwater exposed to "source material." "Source material" means any material(s) or machinery, located at an industrial facility, that is directly or indirectly related to process, manufacturing or other industrial activities, which could be a source of pollutants in any industrial stormwater discharge to groundwater. Source materials include, but are not limited to, raw materials; intermediate products; final products; waste materials; by-products; industrial machinery and fuels, and lubricants, solvents, and detergents that are related to process, manufacturing, or other industrial activities that are exposed to stormwater.

R. Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards

2. In order to control stormwater runoff quantity impacts, the design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff calculations at Section V, complete one of the following:
 - i. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the [current and projected 2-, 10-, and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in Section V.C and D, respectively, of this ordinance](#), do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events;

- ii. Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase, as compared to the pre-construction condition, in the peak runoff rates of stormwater leaving the site for the current and projected 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in Section V.C and D, respectively, of this ordinance, and that the increased volume or change in timing of stormwater runoff will not increase flood damage at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage area;
- iii. Design stormwater management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the current and projected 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in Section V.C and D, respectively, of this ordinance, are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed; or

Section V. Calculation of Stormwater Runoff and Groundwater Recharge:

A. Stormwater runoff shall be calculated in accordance with the following:

1. The design engineer shall calculate runoff using ~~one~~ of the following methods:

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph, as described in Chapters 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 Part 630, Hydrology National Engineering Handbook, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. This methodology is additionally described in Technical Release 55 - Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds (TR-55), dated June 1986, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1044171.pdf
<https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=21422>
or at United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Jersey State Office, 220 Davison Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873; or

- ~~i. The Rational Method for peak flow and the Modified Rational Method for hydrograph computations. The rational and modified rational methods are described in "Appendix A 9 Modified Rational Method" in the Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey, January 2014. This document is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee or any of the Soil Conservation Districts listed at N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)3. The location, address, and telephone number for each Soil Conservation District is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee, PO Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The document is also available at:~~

~~<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/pdf/2014NJSoilErosionControlStandardsComplete.pdf>~~

2. For the purpose of calculating runoff coefficients curve numbers and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the pre-construction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term "~~runoff coefficient~~ curve number" applies to ~~both~~ the NRCS methodology above at Section V.A.1.i ~~and the Rational and Modified Rational Methods at Section V.A.1.ii~~. A ~~runoff coefficient~~ curve number or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of application. If more than one land cover ~~have~~ has existed on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential shall be used for the computations. In addition, there is the presumption that the site is in good hydrologic condition (if the land use type is pasture, lawn, or park), with good cover (if the land use type is woods), or with good hydrologic condition and conservation treatment (if the land use type is cultivation).

C. The precipitation depths of the current two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events shall be determined by multiplying the values determined in accordance with items 1 and 2 below:

1. The applicant shall utilize the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service’s Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates: NJ, in accordance with the location(s) of the drainage area(s) of the site. The data is available at:

https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/pfds_map_cont.html?bkmrk=nj; and

2. The applicant shall utilize Table 5: Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors below, which sets forth the applicable multiplier for the drainage area(s) of the site, in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternately, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 5: Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors

<u>County</u>	<u>Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors</u>		
	<u>2-year Design Storm</u>	<u>10-year Design Storm</u>	<u>100-year Design Storm</u>
<u>Middlesex</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>1.03</u>

D. Table 6: Future Precipitation Change Factors provided below sets forth the change factors to be used in determining the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events for use in this chapter, which are organized alphabetically by county. The precipitation depth of the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events of a site shall be determined by multiplying the precipitation depth of the two-, 10- and 100-year storm events determined from the National Weather Service’s Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates pursuant to ©1 above, by the change factor in the table below, in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development and/or its drainage area lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternately, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 6: Future Precipitation Change Factors

<u>County</u>	<u>Future Precipitation Change Factors</u>		
	<u>2-year Design Storm</u>	<u>10-year Design Storm</u>	<u>100-year Design Storm</u>
<u>Middlesex</u>	<u>1.19</u>	<u>1.21</u>	<u>1.33</u>

Section VI. Sources for Technical Guidance:

A. Technical guidance for stormwater management measures can be found in the documents listed below, which are available to download from the Department’s website at:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater/bmp_manual2.htm
<https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/bmp-manual/>.

1. Guidelines for stormwater management measures are contained in the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, as amended and supplemented. Information is provided on stormwater management measures such as, but not limited to, those listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

2. Additional maintenance guidance is available on the Department’s website at:

https://www.njstormwater.org/maintenance_guidance.htm
<https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/maintenance-guidance/>.

B. Submissions required for review by the Department should be mailed to:

~~The Division of Water Quality, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection,
Mail Code 401-02B, PO Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.~~

The Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration, New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection, Mail Code 501-02A, PO Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey
08625-0420.

Section VIII. Safety Standards for Stormwater Management Basins:

C. Requirements for Trash Racks, Overflow Grates and Escape Provisions

2. An overflow grate is designed to prevent obstruction of the overflow structure. If an outlet structure has an overflow grate, such grate shall meet the following requirements:

- i. The overflow grate shall be secured to the outlet structure but removable for emergencies and maintenance.
- ii. The overflow grate spacing shall be no ~~less~~ **greater** than two inches across the smallest dimension
- iii. The overflow grate shall be constructed and installed to be rigid, durable, and corrosion resistant, and shall be designed to withstand a perpendicular live loading of 300 pounds per square foot.

Section IX. Requirements for a Site Development Stormwater Plan:

A. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

3. The applicant shall submit a minimum of ~~three~~ **four** copies of the materials listed in the checklist for site development stormwater plans in accordance with Section IX.C of this ordinance.

Section XV. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-8-2024-016** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification as to what these changes cover; Engineer Rasimowicz gave a brief overview of the changes being made and stated this was mainly for stormwater management designs of new construction and any major subdivision would have to meet these requirements and uses current precipitation data as opposed to the old numbers that the State uses, intended to provide better overall stormwater management.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-8-2024-016** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-10-2024-024 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE” AND CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 79-90.1 ENTITLED “SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS”. (Increase from 6 to 7 Lieutenants and updating required qualifications for Captain and Lieutenant)

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, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-10-2024-217 – R-10-2024-248 except R-10-2024-224 and R-10-2024-233 which will be considered separately)

R-10-2024-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 147.20, LOT 16.

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014, Saverio Saffioti & Rosemary Ronan (“Saffioti & Ronan”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Saffioti & Ronan from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on October 9, 2015, in Mortgage Book 06741 on Pages 0448-0460; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire ten (10) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing Lien held by Saffioti & Ronan is hereby satisfied and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “B”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-218 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2024 LINKS DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (not to exceed \$185,000).

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the **2024 Links Drive Road 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 one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (**\$185,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2400064, 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 *2024 Links Drive Road Improvements Project* in an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (**\$185,000.00**).
- (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.

**R-10-2024-219 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF HUMANE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
(Officer Nicholas LaFata).**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43 and Chapter 3, Article VI of the Code of the Township of Monroe, has appointed Officer Nicholas LaFata as Humane Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, the appointment as Humane Enforcement Officer shall run concurrently with his current position as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Humane Enforcement Officer requires the advice and consent of the Township Council;

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 appointment of Officer Nicholas LaFata as Humane Enforcement Officer for the Township of Monroe.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid

**R-10-2024-220 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL
ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (2024 Drive Sober or Get Pulled
Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown - \$7,000).**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2024 in the sum of \$7,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“2024 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER
STATEWIDE LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN”**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-221 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (Richard A. Robinson –
Alternate I).**

WHEREAS, the Township Council, at a meeting held on June 2, 2021, adopted Ordinance No. O-5-2021-011 establishing an Economic Development Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members and two alternates and such representation shall be filled by appointments of the Mayor and Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council would like to appoint Richard A. Robinson, as Alternate I Board Member effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be as follows:

<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Richard A. Robinson, Alternate I	Immediate 2 yrs.	12/31/2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above council membership of the Economic Development Advisory Board has been duly moved, seconded, and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on October 7, 2024.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-222 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 Four Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$496,752.38) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

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

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-223 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE 2024 SENIOR CENTER PICKLE BALL COURTS
PROJECT
(not to exceed \$103,000).**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the *2024 Senior Center Pickle Ball Courts 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 one hundred and three thousand dollars (\$103,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2400065, 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 *2024 Senior Center Pickle Ball Courts Project* in an amount not to exceed one hundred and three thousand dollars (\$103,000.00).
- (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.

R-10-2024-225 RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW EXPIRATION OF THE DEDUCTIBILITY CAP OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES (SALT).

WHEREAS, our tax obligation is an issue that concerns all residents in every municipality in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts of 2017 imposed a \$10,000 cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions; and

WHEREAS, this cap is set to expire after the 2025 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for SALT has been a fundamental feature of the tax code for more than 100 years, with the first federal income tax form in 1913 allowing taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time, and even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

WHEREAS, this important provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction is one of the few provisions in the federal tax code that recognizes the burden placed on states like New Jersey, which provide significantly more in federal tax revenue than they receive back in federal services and grants; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey families relied upon the full federal SALT deduction to ensure tax fairness, and capping the SALT deduction has placed an unfair burden on New Jersey homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction cap presents a barrier to affordable homeownership in New Jersey, impacting the ability of new, young families to prosper in the future and seniors to remain in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Congress should allow the expiration of the SALT deduction cap and provide more equitable taxation once again to residents of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator George Helmy, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Linda R. Greenstein, Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo, Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-226 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (Community Energy Planning Grant - \$10,000).

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2024 in the sum of \$10,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Community Energy Planning Grant;

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

“COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-227 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORI OLAH AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE (Four-year term expiring December 31, 2027).

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 requires that in every municipality there shall be a chief financial officer appointed by the governing body, who shall be responsible for the proper financial administration of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, by copy of letter dated October 1, 2024, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Mayor has recommended to Council the appointment of Lori Olah, who is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the recommendations made to Council, Lori Olah has been found to meet the qualifications of New Jersey Statute and the Township Code; 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 appoints Lori Olah as Chief Municipal Finance Officer for the Township of Monroe for a four (4) year term, retroactive to January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-228 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FROM ACTION UNIFORMS CO. UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT (per unit pricing – not to exceed \$25,000).

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase uniforms for the EMS Department, under the NJ State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00751 pricing from *Action Uniforms Co.*, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Quotation received, attached hereto, shows the unit pricing; and

WHEREAS, the total purchase price from Action Uniforms Co. shall not exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400066, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with *Action Uniforms Co. 1500 S. New Road Pleasantville, N.J. 08232* for the purchase of uniforms for the Monroe Township EMS Department at a total contract price not to exceed **\$25,000.00**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-229 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND ACCESS
CONTROL UPGRADES TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL
CORP. USING THE BERGEN COUNTY (NJCPA) STATE
APPROVED COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM #CK04
(\$95,548.48).**

WHEREAS, Monroe Township Recreation Department has the need for the purchase and installation of security cameras and access control upgrades to the Community Center located at 120 Monmouth Road; and

WHEREAS, the state approved NJCPA has awarded Contract #BC-BID-24-38 – “Computer Equipment and Peripherals” to SHI International Corp.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has been a member of the NJCPA since April of 2022; and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp. has submitted a proposal based on contract pricing for required work dated May 7, 2024 in the amount of \$95,548.48, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) 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-2400067 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) Authorizes the Township to enter into a contract for the required purchase and installation of security cameras and access control upgrades with SHI International Corp. based on the proposal provided, using the state approved Bergen County (NJCPA) Cooperative Purchasing Program #CK04, Subcontract #24-38; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said services provided by SHI International Corp.; and

(3) The contract is awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program is considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

(4) The award is subject to SHI International Corp. providing a valid certificate of insurance naming the Township of Monroe additionally insured for this project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-230 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADES
USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF
NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
PROGRAM
FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER
(Total Cost \$117,223.82).**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Senior Center has the need for various audio-visual upgrades;
and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for “Integrated Cloud Based Building Access/Video, Critical Emergency Communications and Mobile Application Solutions” under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-3, from *Open Systems Integrators, Inc., 211 Yardville Hamilton Square Rd., Hamilton, NJ 08621* for the purchase as follows:

- (2) 164” diagonals and (1) 189” diagonal screen – replacing (3) existing projection screens
- 4K/8,000 lumen projectors – replacing (3) existing 5,000 lumen projectors
- Upgrade to the legacy series 2 Creston Processor
- (4) Shure Combination Handheld/Bodyback microphone systems, antenna splitter and power unit – replacing (3) discontinued AKG microphones
- Relocation of the equipment rack, including cabling to a new location nearby
- Installation of (2) speakers at “kitchen” and “center” sides

TOTAL COST \$117,223.82; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for these various audio-visual upgrades exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400068 a copy of which is attached 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) Authorizes the Monroe Township Senior Center to purchase said various audio-visual upgrades using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 23/24-3; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said
Various audio-visual upgrades delivered by Open Systems Integrators, Inc., respectively;
and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-231 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
SAFETY AND STABILIZATION GUARANTEE POSTED FOR
CT07 SHARED COMMERCIAL, LLC AND DT07 SHARED
COMMERCIAL, LLC – BA-5204-21 (200 Joan Warren Way).**

WHEREAS, CT07 Shared Commercial, LLC has posted a Safety and Stabilization Guarantee for the CT07 Shared Commercial project on Block 4.01 and Lot 15.01, BA-5204-21; and

WHEREAS, in conformance with the provisions of the NJ State Municipal Land Use Law relative to project Safety and Stabilization Guarantees (N.J.S.A 40:55D-53), it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the Township Council release this project’s **Safety and Stabilization Guarantee; and**

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer notes that there are no maintenance guarantee requirements as stated in the recommendation letter dated September 18, 2024, attached hereto; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Safety and Stabilization Guarantee posted for the CT07 Shared Commercial project on Block 4.01, Lot 15.01 – BA-5204-21, be released; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Engineer recommends that such action be conditioned upon resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the inspection escrow account for the project to remain open, pending reconciliation of final invoicing.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-232 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-6-2024-159
“AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT
TO FINCREDIT, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOP
MONROE PROPERTY TAX REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-6-2024-159 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at the June 5, 2024 regular meeting authorized the Township of Monroe to award a competitive contract to Fincredit, Inc. for the administration of the Shop Monroe Property Tax Rewards Program attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Committee evaluating the proposal submitted by Fincredit had recommended that the Township select the following financial Option #1, but after further consideration the Committee has decided that it would be in the best interest of the Township to instead select financial Option #2, a copy of the fee structure is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2400051, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”; 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 three (3) year contract with an optional extension period of two (2) additional one-year terms at the Township’s sole option to Fincredit, Inc. in accordance with their proposal (fee structure #2).

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services supplied by Fincredit, Inc. in accordance with their proposal.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-234 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC TAX
SALE NOTICES.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Monroe wishes to charge \$20.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that a fee of \$20.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2024 electronic tax sale.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-235 RESOLUTION CANCELING RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2024-058
AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2025
FORD EXPLORERS FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF
PARAMUS USING THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
CONSTRUCTION AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.
(\$117,498.84)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-2-2024-058 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at the February 5, 2024 council meeting authorized the purchase of (2) two 2024 Ford Explorers for the Construction Department and (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$113,706.84 from Nielson Ford, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department was notified the vehicles were out of stock and Nielson Ford was not taking any new orders, causing the purchase, certificate no. C-2400029 and Resolution No. R-2-2024-058 be cancelled.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Construction Department still has the need for two (2) 2025 Ford Explorer and the Recreation Department still has the need for one (1) 2025 Ford Explorer; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program NJCPA has awarded a contract for the vehicles under its bid # 24-43, Co-op # 11-BeCCP from *All American Ford of Paramus 375 Route 17 Paramus, N.J. 07652* for the purchase as follows:

3 - 2025 Ford Explorer 4 dr 4x4 Active (K8D) -	\$39,166.28 x 3
TOTAL COST	\$117,498.84; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for these vehicles exceeds the Township's bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2400069, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

- (3) Authorizes Resolution No. R-2-2024-058 and Certificate No. C-2400029 be cancelled; and
- (4) Authorizes the Construction and Recreation Department to purchase said vehicles from All American Ford of Paramus using the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 11-BeCCP; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-236 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) NEW
2024 FORD F-250 PICKUP UTILITY BODY TRUCKS FROM
ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
(ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D)
(\$167,432.00)**

WHEREAS, the MTUD has the need for two (2) 2024 Ford F-250 Utility Body Trucks; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the vehicles under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-11, from *All American Ford of Paramus 375 Rt. 17 South, Paramus NJ 07652* for the purchase as follows:

- (1) 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 regular cab Utility Body trucks with plow and lights, etc. (\$83,591.00)
- (1) 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 super cab Utility Body trucks with plow and lights, etc. (\$83,841.60) ; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposals and found them to be correct, as per the Co-Op contract, a copy of the review is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No.M-240025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

- (5) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said vehicles from All American Ford using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 23/24-11; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-237 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2024 FORD F-550 UTILITY BODY MECHANIC’S TRUCK FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS USING THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D) (\$173,479.00)

WHEREAS, the MTUD has the need for one (1) 2024 Ford F-550 Utility Body Mechanic’s Truck; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Bergen County Co-Op NJCPA (CK04) has awarded a contract for this vehicle under its contract number BC-BID-24-43, from *All American Ford of Paramus 375 Rt. 17 South, Paramus NJ 07652* for the purchase as follows:

- (1) 2024 Ford F-550 super cab Utility Body Mechanic’s truck with crane and lights, etc. at a cost of (\$173,479.00)
; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposals and found them to be correct, as per the Co-Op contract, a copy of the review is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No.M-240026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

- (1) Authorizes the Utility Department to purchase said vehicle from All American Ford using the Bergen County NJCPA Co-Op (CK04) contract number BC-BID-24-43; and

- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Bergen County NJCPA Co-Op (CK04) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-238 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CONTRACT 545 “WATER METER COMMUNICATIONS MODULES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM, one (1) sealed bid was received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 545, “Water Meter Communications Modules”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Raybern Utility Solutions LLC has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the bid and has determined that the bid submission amount of from Raybern of \$142.00 per unit for the primary item bid (line 1: Water Meter Communication Modules), totaling an estimated \$227,200.00 annually is substantially higher than the estimated costs for the and therefore, by copy of a letter dated September 27, 2024, has recommended that the bid submitted by Raybern Utility Solutions LLC be rejected based on N.J.S.A 40A:11-13.2(a.) “Rejection of bids, reasons, “The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for goods or services”, and the Township rebid, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

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

- (1) The bid submission of Raybern Utility Solutions LLC be rejected for exceeding the cost estimate for the goods bid; and
- (2) The Township Purchasing Manager is authorized to rebid the contract.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-239 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GASBOY SYSTEM FROM WHITEMARSH CORPORATION UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT. (\$69,461.92)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase a new Gasboy System located at the EMS facility fueling station, under the NJ State Contract No. #42262 pricing from *Whitemarsh Corporation*, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

WHEREAS, per letter dated September 26, 2024, attached hereto, states that the system will improve the above ground fuel storage tanks replacing a fuel head, new pumps and proper connections, as well as replacing tank valves and accessories to connect the standby generator at the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Quotation received, attached hereto, shows the unit pricing; and

WHEREAS, the total purchase price from Whitemarsh Corporation shall not exceed sixty nine thousand four hundred sixty one dollars and ninety two cents; (\$69,461.92); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400070, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with *Whitemarsh Corporation, 80 Baekeland Avenue, Middlesex, N.J. 08846* for the purchase of a new Gasboy System located at the EMS facility fueling station at a total contract price not to exceed **\$69,461.92**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-240 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2)
2024 FORD F-250 FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS
USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF
NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS.
(\$146,089.18)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need for two (2) 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 Crew Cab Trucks with options, toolbox, back rack and emergency lighting to enhance the streets and roads division; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for such vehicles under its contract number ESCNJ 23/24-11, from *All American Ford of Paramus, 375 Route 17, Paramus, NJ 07652* for the purchase as follows:

2 - 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab Trucks (without equipment)	-	
\$130,687.40		
	TOTAL COST	\$130,687.40; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for this vehicle exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Purchase Order No. C-2400071 a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase an *emergency lighting package* to outfit these new vehicles under Whelan, New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00761 with the installation to be performed by *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*, an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) contract number ESCNJ 23/24-11 , for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth:

2 - 2024 F-250 Emergency Lighting Package (equipment only)	-	\$13,527.70
	TOTAL COST	\$13,527.70; and

WHEREAS, the detailed accessories for the vehicle is attached hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400072**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a toolbox and back rack to outfit these new vehicles under *Creston Hydraulics, Inc., 53 Flock Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619*, pricing per quotation, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth:

2 - Back Racks ‘17SD & UWS 72” Aluminum Single Lid Matte Black Toolboxes	-	\$1,874.08
	TOTAL COST	\$1,874.08; and

WHEREAS, the detailed accessories for the vehicle is attached hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400073**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C";

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

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to purchase said vehicles from All American Ford of Paramus using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 23/24-11; and
- (2) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to have the new vehicles outfitted with an emergency lighting package by East Coast Emergency Lighting; and
- (3) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to have the new vehicles outfitted with back racks and toolboxes by Creston Hydraulics, Inc.; and
- (4) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by All American Ford of Paramus, respectively; and
- (5) The contracts awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-241 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A
2024 CATERPILLAR INC. ASPHALT COMPACTION MODEL
CB2.7 FROM FOLEY, INC. USING THE EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
(\$65,311.28)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need for a 2024 Caterpillar Inc. Asphalt Compaction Model CB2.7; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for grounds equipment under its contract number ESCNJ 22/23-12, from *Foley, Inc. 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854* for the purchase as follows:

2024 Caterpillar Inc. Asphalt Compaction Model CB2.7	-	\$65,311.28
	TOTAL COST	\$65,311.28; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for this equipment exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400074, 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) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to purchase said equipment from Foley, Inc. using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 22/23-12; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said equipment delivered by Foley, Inc., respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-242 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A
MINI TRACK LOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS FROM
BOBCAT OF CENTRAL JERSEY USING THE EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
(\$58,483.66)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need for a Mini Track Loader with attachments; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for grounds equipment under its contract number ESCNJ 22/23-12, from *Bobcat of Central Jersey, 45 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812* for the purchase as follows:

Mini Track Loader with attachments	-	\$58,483.66
	TOTAL COST	\$58,483.66; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for this equipment exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400075, 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) Authorizes the Department of Public Works to purchase said equipment from Foley, Inc. using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 22/23-12; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said equipment delivered by Bobcat of Central Jersey., respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-243 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION AND
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN GREENCHIP, INC.
AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE
RECYCLING SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, hereinafter “Township”, have entered into an Agreement with Greenchip, Inc. for the proper recycling of consumer electronics per Resolution No. R-12-2023-272 adopted at its meeting held December 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2011, recycling of certain consumer electronics is mandatory in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with applicable Law, there are *no charges* for the services that Greenchip Inc. will provide to the Township; and

WHEREAS, Greenchip, Inc. has adjusted their pricing structure to pay \$0.015 per pound for TVs and monitors; and

WHEREAS, Greenchip, Inc. will issue a check to the Township within 10 days of pickup for payable weights on eligible material as set forth in the attached agreement; and

WHEREAS, the new pricing structure shall be effective September 12, 2024 *nunc pro tunc* and this agreement shall be extended one year expiring December 31, 2025; and

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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Greenchip, Inc., 540 Kingsland Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222 for a contract period effective September 12, 2024 *nunc pro tunc* and expiring December 31, 2025, subject to the Township Attorney's final review and/or revisions of the agreement proposed by Greenchip, Inc.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-244 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICES TO OM SRI SAI BALAJI TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. (Cranbury Rd/Rhode Hall Rd)

WHEREAS, Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Cultural Center, Inc., ("Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple") is the owner of the premises located at Block 82, Lot 2, in the Township of Monroe (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple has applied to the Township of Monroe Planning Board and received approvals for development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. R-2-2017-034, the Township of Monroe entered into a Sewer Connection Agreement ("Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, allowing the Township of South Brunswick to provide temporary sewer services to Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located along the border of the Township of South Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple has requested that it be permitted to continue to connect to the Township of South Brunswick's sewer services on a permanent basis, as the cost to connect to the Township of Monroe's sewer system is prohibitive and requires numerous costly infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township of South Brunswick is capable of providing the Property with sanitary sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of South Brunswick has agreed to permit Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple to continue to connect directly to its sanitary sewer system subject to amending the interlocal services agreement between South Brunswick and Monroe, which amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement and amendment thereto have been reviewed by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the Agreement is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the amendment to the Sewer Connection Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-245 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 DODGE DURANGO AWD FROM NIELSEN OF MORRISTOWN UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP EMS DEPARTMENT. (\$54,773.53)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township EMS Department has the need for one (1) 2023 Dodge Durango AWD vehicle; and

WHEREAS, under the NJ State Contract No. #23-FLEET-34933 the Monroe Township EMS Department wishes to purchase this vehicle from *Nielson of Morristown, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960*, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

1 - 2023 Dodge Durango AWD (without equipment)	-	\$40,076.05
TOTAL COST		\$40,076.05; and

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

WHEREAS, the total amount for this vehicle exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400076, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *lighting and equipment* to outfit this new vehicle through Whelan, New Jersey State Contract No. #17-FLEET-00761 with the installation to be performed by *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Mecco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*, for the Monroe Township EMS Department as hereinbelow set forth:

Lighting & Equipment w/ Installation - **\$8,729.25**

TOTAL COST \$8,729.25; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400077**, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase an *XL 185 Single Band Radio* to outfit this new vehicle under NJ State Contract No. #83932 from *Tactical Public Safety, LLC, 1036 Industrial Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091* for the Monroe Township EMS Department as hereinbelow set forth:

XL 185 Single Band Radio - **\$5,968.23**

TOTAL COST \$5,968.23; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2400078**, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, the detailed accessories for this vehicle are attached hereto and made a part of; 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) Authorizes the EMS Department to purchase said vehicle from Nielsen of Morristown using the NJ State Contract No. #23-FLEET-34933; and
- (2) Authorizes the EMS Department to have the new EMS Vehicle outfitted with lighting and equipment by East Coast Emergency Lighting; and
- (3) Authorizes the EMS Department to have the new EMS Vehicle outfitted with an XL 185 Single Band Radio by Tactical Public Safety, LLC; and
- (4) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Nielsen of Morristown, respectively; and
- (5) The contracts are awarded through New Jersey State Contract Nos. #23-FLEET-34933, #17-FLEET-00761 and #83932 are considered fair and open contracts in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-10-2024-246 RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for Year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by Resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the Group Affidavit Form of the governing body, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body not later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the Affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required Affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-246a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE 2023
AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has received a report of audit for the year ending December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services requires that the Chief Financial Officer submits a Corrective Action Plan for all recommendations in the audit within 60 days of receipts of the report of Audit; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with the requirements promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, has developed a plan to address the recommendations listed by the auditor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2023 Annual Audit is hereby approved.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-247 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS
AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (\$81,000)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire books and materials from Baker & Taylor, Inc., P.O. Box 7777, Philadelphia, Pa. 19175, for the Monroe Township Library; and

WHEREAS, Baker & Taylor, Inc. possesses the ability to provide said goods and services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q) any contract the amount which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be approved by Resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the total purchase amount is \$81,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2400079, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the purchase of books and materials for the Monroe Township Library in the amount of \$81,000.00.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-248 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE
MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES
UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING PROGRAM (\$185,871.96)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase and install computer equipment for the Monroe Township Police Department vehicles by authorized vendors under contract with the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, per letter dated October 3, 2024 and attached hereto, this purchase would encompass the Police Department to host the Info-Cop server, 31 Info-Cop licenses, along with the purchase and installation of 27 Panasonic Toughbooks; and

WHEREAS, this would allow the Police Department to stop leasing equipment from the South Brunswick Police Department, saving over \$80,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, under the NJ State Contract Nos. #BC-BID-23-17, #20-TELE-0150 and #89980 has awarded a contract was awarded to *Gold Type Business Machines, 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073*, for said Info-Cop server, 31 Info-Cop licenses, purchase and installation of 27 Panasonic Toughbooks, in the amount of \$185,871.96, a copy of their proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2400080 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

- (1) Authorizes the Monroe Township Police Department to purchase said Info-Cop server, 31 Info-Cop licenses and the purchase and installation of 27 Panasonic Toughbooks from Gold Type Business Machines using NJ State Contract Nos. #BC-BID-23-17, #20-TELE-0150 and #89980; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said Info-Cop server, 31 Info-Cop licenses and installation of 27 Panasonic Toughbooks from Gold Type Business Machines, respectively; and
- (3) The contracts awarded through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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 Resolutions filed.

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

**R-10-2024-224 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR THE LACINA
HOMES – BLOCK 102, LOT 11 – PB-1182-16. (119 Helmetta Road)**

WHEREAS, Lacina Homes posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of 34,467.79 for Block 102, Lot 11 project (PB-1182-16); and

WHEREAS, a request for a reduction in the Performance Guarantee has been received; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated September 17, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as follows:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$ 31,021.01	\$ 3,446.78
Reduce to	\$ 9,959.49	\$ 1,106.61 ; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for the PB-1182-16 project be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-10-2024-233 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP
CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH FIRE DISTRICT #1 FOR THE TRANSFER OF A BMY
HARSCO VEHICLE TO BE USED FOR HIGH WATER RESCUE.**

WHEREAS, The Township of Monroe (“Township”) owns a 1990 BMY HARSCO which was not sold at the previous auction and is not useful to the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Fire District #1 has requested that the Township transfer ownership of the vehicle to it for the purpose of high-water rescue which will benefit the citizens and property owners of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to honor the request to transfer ownership of the 1990 BMY HARSCO, Model No. M92982, VIN No. 2900711 to Fire District #1 for nominal consideration, pursuant to a shared service agreement; and

WHEREAS, Fire District #1 will take the vehicles in AS IS condition; and

WHEREAS, Fire District #1 agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Township, its employees, managers, elected officials, and agents harmless from any and all liability on account of any loss, damage, injury to person or property or loss of life and from all liens, claims, and demands of any kind or nature relating to or arising out of the transfer, transport and use of the vehicles and for any and all costs, fees, expenses, including counsel fees, incurred as a result of any such loss or claim; and

WHEREAS, the transfer is valued at \$1.00 (One Dollar) as good and valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon execution of the shared service agreement, Fire District #1 shall have the right to take possession of the 1990 BMY HARSCO and to remove the vehicle from Township premises to its own premises at its own risk and cost; and

WHEREAS, upon taking possession of the vehicle, Fire district #1 shall bear all risk of loss regarding its possession, transport and use.

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 Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute the shared service agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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 Resolutions filed.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg highlighted a few items including the awarding of a professional services contract with Center State for the 2024 Links Drive Roadway Improvements Project which is supported by a \$552,000 State grant.

A design contract was also awarded to Center State for the 2024 Senior Center Pickle Ball Courts Project which is also supported by a \$64,000 DCA Local Recreation grant.

Tonight, Council authorized the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Recreation Center and will be rolling that out across other Township facilities down the line.

Our Recreation Department will be holding its annual Octoberfest festivities on October 20th and on October 29th at Etsch Farms our Recreation Department will be hosting a fall family fun night starting at 4:00pm.

The municipal building will be hosting trick or treating on Halloween from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Our hearts go out to all those affected by Hurricane Helene and we are praying for those in line of Hurricane Milton.

Shared that Seymour Nussenbaum, a 101-year-old Monroe resident, World War II veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient has passed away.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that JCP&L is finishing their work at the intersection of Old Bridge-Englishtown Road and paving is ongoing.

The traffic signal at the intersection of Applegarth Road and Joan Warren Way is up and awaiting JCP&L to provide power to that signal.

The demolition of Garvey's is ready to begin upon JCP&L providing proof of their shutoffs to our Construction Department.

The 2024 Roadway Improvements Project is completed, totaling 18 roadways and the Library parking lot being repaved; striping will commence to finish out the project.

Council's Reports –

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Commented on green energy stating that our Township will always look for electric or hybrid vehicles when needing to purchase and will continue to push for co-ops to have electric and/or hybrid vehicles available.
- Donations for those affected by Hurricane Helene can be made to the American Red Cross.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Extended congratulations to Lori on her appointment as CFO.
- Gave a shout out to our DPW for always doing an exceptional job at maintaining properties.
- Shared that a Diwali celebration will be held at the Senior Center on October 27th beginning at 4:00pm.
- Highlighted Breast Cancer Awareness Month, sharing that she attended a metastatic breast cancer event and reminded all that October 18th is National Mammography Day, stressing the importance of getting annual mammograms.

Councilman Markel –

- Extended congratulations to Lori on being appointed CFO.
- Attended the Green Fair, which was a wonderful event that was ran exceptionally well.
- Attended the Taste of Monroe event held at the Senior Center and extended thanks to the restaurants for donating.
- Recognized the Friends of the Library for their dedication.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Reminded everyone of the importance of supporting our local businesses.
- Congratulated Lori on her appointment as CFO.
- Questioned if streetlighting bills are paid per pole or usage; Administrator Weinberg commented that he believes it is per pole but will verify. Councilman Dipierro stated that JCP&L does not do a great job at addressing streetlight outages in a timely manner and recommended that our police or a Township official canvas the Township to note which poles are out so JCP&L can be made aware and held accountable for fixing them or risk not getting paid for them since they are inoperable.
- Attended the Vintage Baseball Game at the Dey Farm and suggested to do more with the property such as creating a stone/gravel parking lot.
- Attended the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission’s graduation ceremony where there were 35 graduates who received their GED. He went on to share that Chris Wilson was the guest speaker, who shared that he served 17 years for murder and was given a second chance at life while at that facility. Councilman Dipierro stated that it was nice to see inside of the prison and see those serving time there in a different light.
- Suggested that in budgeting for 2025 we should include an increase for paving to at least \$2 million so more of our roadways can get paved.
- Regarding the work being done by JSM on Mounts Mills Road, we need to talk with legal and the Planning Department to see what was spent on paving as that intersection is a nightmare.
- Complimented Gal’s Landscaping –for the great job in landscaping the Township properties.
- Attended “Beatlemania” at the Senior Center, along with over 500 attendees, adding that it was a spectacular show.
- Attended the Green Fair which was well organized and very well attended.
- Thanked our Police Department for putting the first solar speed limit sign on Ellingham Avenue. Noted that we have ongoing speeding issues on Dey Grove Road, Avenue K, Monmouth Road and Schoolhouse Road.
- Regarding the nursing homes and group homes within the Township, some residents from those facilities walk at night and sometimes on roadways with no sidewalks or walkways making it very dangerous for both them and drivers. He went on to suggest that we consider providing vests to those facilities to share with their residents in helping keep them safe and visible while walking.
- Extended condolences to our Planning Board Secretary, Laura Zalewski, for the loss of her mother, as well as to our Cultural Arts Coordinator, Maria Naumik, for the loss of her husband. He suggested that the Township do something to memorialize an employee’s loss such as planting a memorial tree, etc.
- Commented that we have a lot of motorcyclists and quad riders throughout the Township and suggested using a part of the open space property located near the turnpike to create an area for them to ride safely in.

Council President Cohen –

- In response to Councilman Dipierro’s suggestion of purchasing and providing vests for local nursing homes and group homes for those who walk at night, especially in areas with no sidewalks or walkways, that her community purchased vests, but no one would wear them. She instead suggested that we campaign to make people aware of the importance in wearing them especially when it is dark and in areas of no sidewalks or walkways.
- Extended congratulations to Lori for her appointment as CFO.

Mayor’s Report – No report – Absent.

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

Public Comments –

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos stated not to release the bond money back to JSM. Extended thanks to the Clerk’s Office for their hard work leading up to the election.

Complimented the Library and all their services, stating that she recently took her granddaughter there and they spent hours enjoying all they had to offer.

Aimee Benner, 33 Bentley Rd. – Mrs. Benner voiced her concerns over the ongoing flooding and septic issues her street has been having. She stated that the residents on Bentley Road have not heard any updates as to when the water and sewer connections will happen. Attorney Rainone responded that the water and sewer design is tied to the development of 900 homes over on Route 33 and that has not been done yet.

Mrs. Benner also commented that she would love to see a “Slow Down in Our Town” initiative done as there are

Danny Batco, 29 Bentley Rd. – Mr. Batco expressed his concerns with speeding that has been occurring on Bentley Road, as well as paving not done in the 25 years he has lived on the street. He went on to say that there are no speed limit signs posted that calls made to the Township have gone unreturned and the flooding issues have gone unaddressed and stated that it is time for the Township to take action and go after the developer for reimbursement. He stated that he pays his taxes every quarter yet sees nothing in return and feels as though the residents of Bentley Road are treated like “red headed stepchildren”. Administrator Weinberg suggested that a conversation with the Chief of Police take place for enforcement, as well as putting a speed trailer. He went on to say that the residents were offered to make Bentley Road a cul-de-sac but they did not want as well as being offered sidewalks, but they did not want either. Regarding the water and sewer issue, the Planning Board has ensured that the developer would put in place. He went on to say that he understands their frustration but reiterated that when JSM North comes to fruition the water and sewer will happen. He also stated that Bentley Road is part of the moving list of roads to be paved.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:41pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on November 6, 2024.