

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO.: O-6-2017-015**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2017 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$6,105,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,105,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the “Township”) as general improvements. For the said improvements stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the principal amount of \$6,105,000 from the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h) and 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”), no down payment is required as the Water and Sewer Utility is self-liquidating.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the \$6,105,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$6,105,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$6,105,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3. (a)** The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued, include but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>Debt Authorization</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Various water improvements and equipment, including but not limited to improvements to the SCADA system, storage tanks, the interconnection with Spotswood, and irrigation improvements;	\$850,000	\$850,000	15 years
(ii) The acquisition and installation of residential water meter change outs;	\$100,000	\$100,000	10 years
(iii) Improvements to various wells, including but not limited to Well Numbers 17, 19 and 8A;	\$995,000	\$995,000	15 years
(iv) Improvements to Well Number 25;	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	15 years
(v) Improvements to various pump stations;	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000	15 years
(vi) Various office improvements and improvements to security and to the SCADA system;	\$300,000	\$300,000	10 years

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(vii) Various upgrades to sewer manholes and PRV upgrades; and	\$100,000	\$100,000	10 years
(viii) Vehicle replacements.	\$435,000	\$435,000	5 years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$6,105,000</u>	<u>\$6,105,000</u>	13.87 years

(b) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto and all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and available for public inspection and hereby approved.

(c) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$6,105,000.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$6,105,000.

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Township as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The capital budget of the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance, and to the extent of any inconsistency herewith, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the Office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.87 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Water and Sewer Utility of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$6,105,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$685,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. § 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

**SECTION 8.** Unless paid from other sources, the full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Unless paid from other sources, the obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §1.150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Township for costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized herein or another issue of debt obligations of the Township other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Township for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$6,105,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

**SECTION 10.** The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption, and approved by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

<b>RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – June 7, 2017</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilwoman Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Leibowitz</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President Schneider</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Dalina</b>			<b>X</b>			

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on June 7, 2017. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

<b>RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING &amp; FINAL ADOPTION– July 5, 2017</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_