

THE FOLLOWING IS A **PRELIMINARY AGENDA** AND THERE MAY BE CHANGES MADE TO THE AGENDA BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

DECEMBER 4, 2017

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. (7:00 p.m.)

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
Councilman Michael Leibowitz
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider
Council President Stephen Dalina

4. Council President Dalina to request the following **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting that adequate notice has been provided by the following:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 30, 2016 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 6, 2017;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

5. **PROCLAMATION:**

Drive Sober or Get Pulled over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown
December 8, 2017 – January 1, 2018

6. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date 11/22/2017.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- **October 30, 2017** **Special and Agenda Meeting**
- **November 8, 2017** **Regular Meeting**
- **November 27, 2017** **Agenda Meeting**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

8. **ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING:**

O-11-2017-026 **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM ENVER AHMED FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 17, LOT 3.05.**
(Colt's Run Development)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

9. **ORDINANCE(S) for INTRODUCTION:**

O-12-2017-027 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "FEES".**
(Clerk's Office – Various license fees & Uniform Fire Code fees)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-028 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR SEWER AND WATER APPURTENANT FACILITIES ON BLOCK 36, LOT 14.**
(Project: Monroe Park a/k/a Celebrations at Monroe – Mounts Mills Rd.)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-029 **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BLOCK 6, LOT 37 INC. ON BLOCK 6, LOT 37.** (Project: Gateway – Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-030 **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BLANKET DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE VERDE GROUP, LLC. ON BLOCK 4, LOTS 10 AND 11.01; BLOCK 5, LOT 12.01; AND BLOCK 6, LOT 37.**

(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-031 **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEEDS OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BRIARHOLM, INC. ON BLOCK 4.01, LOTS 10.01, 12.03 AND 12.04.**

(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-032 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".**

(Amendment to bus stop location on Applegarth Road)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-033 **ORDINANCE FIXING THE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-034 **ORDINANCE FIXING THE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-12-2017-035 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015-2018 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

**O-12-2017-036 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED
“ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

10. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION:**

**R-12-2017-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE
OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR
STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4A (PB-1079-10).**

**R-12-2017-303 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE
OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR
STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4B (PB-1093-10).**

**R-12-2017-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE
OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR
STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4C (PB-1107-11).**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

11. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under the CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-12-2017-305 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING
AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES
FOR REGENCY @ MONROE – W&S 684.7 B-C-D
PB#1061-08 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**

**R-12-2017-306 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING
AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES
FOR CHABAD HOUSE OF MONROE – W&S 1005 POSTED
WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY
DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**

**R-12-2017-307 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
HEALTHCARE INSURANCE WITH AETNA FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**

**R-12-2017-308 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY,
INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2018.**

**R-12-2017-309 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT
TO NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY
ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**

- R-12-2017-310** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLUMIG KENNELS FOR THE HOUSING AND FEEDING OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-311** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS MATTERS OF EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.** (2017 Tax Appeals – \$60,000, COAH Compliance - \$5,000, Workers Compensation Claims –\$5,000, Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation –\$5,000).
- R-12-2017-312** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN THE AREA OF SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.**
(Anticipated closure: December 12 & 13th – Daytime)
- R-12-2017-313** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF INVESTORS BANK v. MICHELE BARFIELD, ET ALS. AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION.** (\$5,000.00)
- R-12-2017-314** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLICATION.** (\$350.00)
- R-12-2017-315** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 169.19, LOT 17.**
- R-12-2017-316** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX REFUNDS AND/OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS.**
- R-12-2017-317** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UNDER THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.** (Cost: \$32.00 per deer carcass)
- R-12-2017-318** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF APPLICATION FEES PERMITTED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ST. ANIANUS COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH.**
(4 fee waivers totaling \$1,225.00)
- R-12-2017-319** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8C, 8D, 8E (PB-1100-11).**
- R-12-2017-320** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8F, 8G, 8J (PB-1100-11).**
- R-12-2017-321** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8H & 8I (PB-1100-11).**

- R-12-2017-322** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7B (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-323** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7C (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-324** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7D (PB-1061-08).**
- R-12-2017-325** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR PRINCESS COURT (PB-1044-07).**
- R-12-2017-326** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK, MATRIX REALTY, INC. AND U.S. HOME CORPORATION D/B/A LENNAR FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF CRANBURY-SOUTH RIVER ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROUTE 535, AND DOCKS CORNER ROAD.**
- R-12-2017-327** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, PC TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF LIBERTARIANS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT v. TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (\$6,500.00)**
- R-12-2017-328** **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-329** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F-450 CAB & CHASSIS WITH SNOW PLOW USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (\$35,482.00)**
- R-12-2017-330** **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). (Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Awarded \$3,478.86)**
- R-12-2017-331** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH K & A EXCAVATING CO., INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FOR 2018.**
- R-12-2017-332** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.**

R-12-2017-333 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

**R-12-2017-334 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.
R-12-2017-335 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

R-12-2017-336 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

R-12-2017-337 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). (Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Awarded \$5,500.00)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

12. Public portion for added Resolution **R-12-2017-338** and **R-12-2017-339** only.

13. **R-12-2017-338 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS. (2018-2020)**

R-12-2017-339 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

14. Mayor's Report.

15. Administrator's Report.

16. Engineer's Report.

17. Council's Reports.

18. Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

19. Adjournment. Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Council of the Township of Monroe met in the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for a Regular Meeting.

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Stephen Dalina with a Salute to the Flag.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, Councilman Michael Leibowitz, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Stephen Dalina.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Joel Shain, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

There was approximately twenty (20) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council President Dalina requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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4. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
5. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

The following **PROCLAMATIONS** of Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro were read into the record:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown
December 8, 2017 – January 1, 2018

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **11/22/2017** were approved for payment as presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **October 30, 2017 Special & Agenda Meeting, November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting and November 27, 2017 Agenda Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Abstain
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage: **O-11-2017-026 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM ENVER AHMED FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 17, LOT 3.05.**
(Colt's Run Development)

ORDINANCE as follows: (O-11-2017-026)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Planning Board approved Application No. PB-1095-11, by Applegarth Developers, LLC (the "Applicant"), for final major subdivision approval on property located within the Township of Monroe (Section 1) on April 28, 2011, memorialized in Resolution adopted May 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Planning Board approved Application No. PB-1109-11, by Applegarth Developers, LLC for final major subdivision approval on property located within the Township of Monroe (Section 2) on March 22, 2012, memorialized in Resolution adopted April 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, both Resolutions require, as a condition of approval, that the Applicant obtain permission from the owner of Block 17, Lot 3.05 (the "Property Owner"), to install a sidewalk along the frontage of said property; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner agreed to allow the installation of a sidewalk along the frontage of said lot, and the Applicant has installed the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner further agreed to dedicate the land over which said sidewalk has been installed as a right of way to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has, after consultation with its legal and engineering professionals, determined that it is in the public interest to accept the right of way dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the metes and bounds description and sketch attached to the Deed and has found same to be in conformity with the aforementioned Planning Board approvals and has recommended acceptance of the Deed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the Deed and has found it to be legally sufficient;

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

Section 1. The Mayor, Township Clerk and Township Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps and execute all documents which are reasonably necessary to accept the Deed conveying the right of way from the Property Owner to the Township.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED as aforesaid.

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption: **O-11-2017-026 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FROM ENVER AHMED FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 17, LOT 3.05.**

(Colt's Run Development)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-11-2017-026

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-027 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "FEES".**

(Clerk's Office – Various license fees & Uniform Fire Code fees)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-027

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-028 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR SEWER AND WATER APPURTENANT FACILITIES ON BLOCK 36, LOT 14.**

(Project: Monroe Park a/k/a Celebrations at Monroe – Mounts Mills Rd.)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-028

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-029 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BLOCK 6, LOT 37 INC. ON BLOCK 6, LOT 37.**

(Project: Gateway – Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-029

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:
O-12-2017-030 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BLANKET DEED OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE VERDE GROUP, LLC. ON BLOCK 4, LOTS 10 AND 11.01; BLOCK 5, LOT 12.01; AND BLOCK 6, LOT 37.

(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-030

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:
O-12-2017-031 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEEDS OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS FROM BRIARHOLM, INC. ON BLOCK 4.01, LOTS 10.01, 12.03 AND 12.04.

(Project: Gateway - Applegarth Rd/Rt. 33)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-031

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-032 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".**

(Amendment to bus stop location on Applegarth Road)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-032

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-033 ORDINANCE FIXING THE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-033

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Leibowitz, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-034 ORDINANCE FIXING THE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2018.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-034

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-035 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015-2018 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARIES AND WAGES.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-035

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-12-2017-036 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-12-2017-036

RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION:

Councilman Baskin recused himself and left the room.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption.

R-12-2017-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4A (PB-1079-10).

WHEREAS, Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4A project (PB-1079-10); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 3, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4A project (PB-1079-10), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 3, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$127,445.18**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-303

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4B (PB-1093-10).

WHEREAS, **Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC**, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4B project (PB-1093-10); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 3, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4B project (PB-1093-10), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 3, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$133,436.17**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit". In lieu of this, the Township Engineer's Office recommends the developer post five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering escrow account, which is more than reasonable. Performance guarantees should not be released until the escrow account is brought up to date, as noted.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-304

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1, SECTION 4C (PB-1107-11).

WHEREAS, **Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC**, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4C project (PB-1107-11); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 3, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Stonebridge, Phase 1, Section 4C project (PB-1107-11), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 3, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$112,838.89**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Abstain
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under the CONSENT AGENDA:

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA**

R-12-2017-305 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR REGENCY @ MONROE – W&S 684.7 B-C-D PB#1061-08 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).

WHEREAS, Toll Bros., Inc. posted a Performance Guarantee with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for W&S 684.7 B-C-D; and

WHEREAS Toll Bros. Inc. has requested the release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee for water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55Dd-53 et seq., the M.T.U.D. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated September 26, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and as shown herein below:

Reduced Performance Bond #019033568 for water in the amount of \$23,703.90 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$11,851.95 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,633.70 to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #019033567 for sewer in the amount of \$33,048.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$16,524.00 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,672.00 to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #0554738 for water in the amount of \$25,790.40 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$12,895.20 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,865.60 to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #0546029 for sewer in the amount of \$29,160.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$14,580.00 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,240.00 to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #0554739 for water in the amount of \$22,971.60 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$11,485.80 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,552.40 to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #0546030 for sewer in the amount of \$24,300.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$12,150.00 (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,700.00 to be returned in full to the developer.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations of the M.T.U.D. Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for Regency – Sections 7b, 7c & 7d be released upon establishment of maintenance guarantees as reflected above and in the M.T.U.D. letter annexed hereto. Release of the Performance Guarantee and acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee and the payment of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-306

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR CHABAD HOUSE OF MONROE – W&S 1005 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).

WHEREAS, Chabad House of Monroe. posted a Performance Guarantee with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for W&S 1005; and

WHEREAS Rabbi Yehuda Spritzer has requested the release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee for water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55Dd-53 et seq., the M.T.U.D. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated October 19, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and as shown herein below:

Letter of Credit #1016 in the amount of \$58,680.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$7,921.80 (15% of original bond).

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations of the M.T.U.D. Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for Chabad House of Monroe be released upon establishment of maintenance guarantees as reflected above and in the M.T.U.D. letter annexed hereto. Release of the Performance Guarantee and acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee and the payment of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-307

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
HEALTHCARE INSURANCE WITH AETNA FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2018.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 that Monroe Township and the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) may procure a professional service without the necessity of advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Aetna Insurance, 55 Lane Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 has prepared a proposal and schedule of rates and services which shall be the basis for payment for Healthcare Insurance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law Regulations N.J.A.C. 5:34-1 et seq. the Township desires to retain Aetna Insurance as the Healthcare provider, this Contract will be for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said services provided by Aetna Insurance would be subject to contracting requirements for Extraordinary Unspecified Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq. only if they exceed the threshold amount established by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget per attached unit pricing, as evidenced by Certification No. C-1700059, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit ”A”; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has further determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township Utility budget, per attached unit pricing, as evidenced by Certification No. M-170035, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit ”B”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Aetna Insurance for Healthcare services for Calendar year 2018.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-308

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY,
INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2018.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 that Monroe Township and the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) may procure a professional service without the necessity of advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., 1639 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054 has prepared a proposal and schedule of rates and services which shall be the basis for payment for Dental Insurance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law Regulations N.J.A.C. 5:34-1 et seq. the Township desires to retain Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. as the Dental provider, this Contract will be for a period of one year effective January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said services provided by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. would be subject to contracting requirements for Extraordinary Unspecified Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq. only if they exceed the threshold amount established by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget in the amount of \$307,000.00, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-1700060, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has further determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township Utility budget in the amount of \$52,000.00, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-170034, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. for Dental Insurance for Calendar Year 2018.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-309

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire services related to the Medical Care of stray animals found within the Township of Monroe for Calendar Year 2018, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator and QPA have determined and certified in writing that the Contract will be open-ended and based on unit pricing as outlined in the Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, effective January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 has submitted a Contract indicating they will provide the referenced services; and

WHEREAS, NorthStar VETS has completed and submitted a certification pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-1700061, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

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 to enter into a contract with NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 in accordance with the contract attached hereto as Exhibit "A", effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NorthStar VETS, as outlined within the Contract during the 2018 contractual year;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the NorthStar VETS contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-310

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLUMIG KENNELS FOR THE HOUSING AND FEEDING OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire services related to the housing and feeding of stray animals found within the Township of Monroe for Calendar Year 2018, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the Contract is open-ended and based upon per unit pricing, as outlined in the Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Blumig Kennels, 645 Old Stage Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 has submitted a Contract indicating they will provide the referenced services as outlined within the Contract; and

WHEREAS, Blumig Kennels has completed and submitted a certification pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-1700062, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B;

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to enter into a Contract with Blumig Kennels, 645 Old Stage Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 in accordance with the contract attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Blumig Kennels in the amounts as outlined within the Contract; during the 2018 contractual year;

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

(4) This Contract is awarded with the stipulation that the Blumig Kennel Contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and Blumig Kennels shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-311

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE VARIOUS MATTERS OF EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (2017 Tax Appeals – \$60,000, COAH Compliance - \$5,000, Workers Compensation Claims –\$5,000, Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation –\$5,000).

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, has the need for legal representation in connection with the matter of 2017 Tax Appeals, COAH Compliance, 2017 Workers Compensation Claims, and Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation; and

WHEREAS, Shain Schaffer, P.C. possesses the expertise necessary to represent the Township in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Monroe has requested that Shain Schaffer, P.C. defend the interests of the Township and these matters be treated as extraordinary litigation; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgement of the status of “extraordinary litigation” requires the advice and consent of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by Resolution No. R-1-2017-210, R-4-2015-099, R-1-2017-011 and R-1-2017-063 acknowledged the status of “extraordinary litigation” and provided its advice and consent to the legal services of Shain Schaffer, P.C. pending further authorization of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Shain Schaffer, P.C. has incurred legal fees in excess of the budgeted amounts and has requested authorization for the following:

2017 Tax Appeals – additional **\$60,000**
COAH Compliance – additional **\$5,000**
Workers Compensation Claims – additional **\$5,000**
Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation – additional **\$5,000**

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the request and believes that an additional authorization in the amount of **\$75,000.00** for the above four (4) referenced litigations is reasonable at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No C-1700001, C-150027, C-1700002 and C-1700018 copies of which are annexed 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, that it has rendered its advice and hereby authorizes Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello, P.C. be paid for legal services rendered in connection with the matters of 2017 Tax Appeals, COAH Compliance, 2017 Workers Compensation Claims, and Township of Monroe vs. Local 255, USWU, IUJAT litigation in the amount of **\$75,000.00**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-312

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN THE AREA OF SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.
(Anticipated closure: December 12 & 13th – Daytime)

WHEREAS, JSM at Monroe, LLC, by copy of letter received November 10, 2017, seeks the temporary closure of Mounts Mills Road in the area of Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Old Bridge-Englishtown Road for the installation of utilities within the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, the temporary closure of Mounts Mill Road necessitates the detour of traffic, as shown on the Detour Plan prepared by the Weingarten Law Firm, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 21, 2017, recommends Council approval of the temporary road closure and detour route; and

WHEREAS, the Detour Plan, as presented by the Weingarten Law firm, LLC, has been reviewed by the Monroe Township Police Department and by copy of letter dated November 15, 2017, have approved the Detour Plan as submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Mounts Mills Road in the area of Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Old Bridge-Englishtown Road shall be temporarily closed and traffic shall be detoured as per the attached Detour Plan.

R-12-2017-313

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, P.C. TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF INVESTORS BANK v. MICHELE BARFIELD, ET ALS. AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (\$5,000.00)

WHEREAS, Investors Bank, has filed a foreclosure action entitled Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al under docket number F-022924-17 to foreclose property located at 1027 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe Township, being Block 1, Lot 10.02 C1027 of the Monroe Township Tax Map (the "Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township holds an Affordable Housing lien on the Subject Property as evidenced by the Affordable Housing Mortgage dated March 20, 2008, and recorded with the Clerk of Middlesex County on April 24, 2008, in Book 12946, Page 351, to secure \$102,000; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Monroe has requested that Shain, Schaffer, P.C. handle the matter of Investors Bank v Michele Barfield, et als., Docket No. F-022924-17, as extraordinary litigation, *nunc pro tunc* to the date of filing of the bankruptcy petitions; and

WHEREAS, the advice and consent of the Township Council is required to handle these matters as extraordinary litigation; and

WHEREAS, Shain, Schaffer, P.C. will render legal services at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 with respect to the matter of Investors Bank v Michele Barfield, et als., pending further authorization from the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 to handle these matters as extraordinary litigation as evidenced by the Treasurer's Certification No. C-1700063, a copy of which is annexed 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, that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to Shain, Schaffer, P.C. handling the matter of Investors Bank v Michele Barfield, et als., as extraordinary litigation for which legal services may be provided in an amount up to \$5,000.00, pending further authorization from the Council, *nunc pro tunc* to the date of the filing of the foreclosure petition.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-314

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AWARDED TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLICATION. (\$350.00)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-9-2014-224, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on September 3, 2014, a contract was awarded to Jaffe Communications, Inc., 45 Academy Street, Suite 501, Newark, NJ 07102; and

WHEREAS, said contract was in the original amount not to exceed \$12,453.50 per issue for services in connection with the Monroe Township Publication; and

WHEREAS, said contract was extended pursuant to Resolution No. R-7-2016-229, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on July 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jaffe Communications, Inc. has requested a modification in the amount of **\$350.00** for additional copies ordered of the Summer 2017 Issue of the Monroe News, invoiced on August 28, 2017, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

R-12-2017-320

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8F, 8G, 8J (PB-1100-11).

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, LP posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,578,234.59 for **Regency at Monroe – Section 8F, 8G and 8J** (PB-1100-11) project; and

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, LP was given a second reduction of the Performance Guarantees at the August 1, 2016 Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, in correspondence Toll NJ II, LP has requested a second reduction in Performance Guarantees posted for Regency at Monroe – Section 8F, 8G and 8J; 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 27, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$737,502.34	\$81,944.70
Reduce to	\$355,102.78	\$39,455.86

; 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 **Regency at Monroe – Section 8F, 8G and 8J** 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-12-2017-321

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8H & 8I (PB-1100-11).

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, LP posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,519,731.79 for **Regency at Monroe – Sections 8H and 8I** (PB-1100-11) project; and

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, LP was given a second reduction of the Performance Guarantees at the August 1, 2016 Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, in correspondence Toll NJ II, LP has requested a third reduction in Performance Guarantees posted for Regency at Monroe – Section 8H and 8I; 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 27, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$478,131.73	\$53,125.75
Reduce to	\$341,939.65	\$37,993.29

; 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 **Regency at Monroe, Sections 8H and 8I** (PB-1100-11) 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-12-2017-322

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7B (PB-1061-08).

WHEREAS, **Toll NJ II, L.P.**, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7B project (PB-1061-08); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 8, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7B project (PB-1061-08), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 8, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$80,999.25**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-323

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7C (PB-1061-08).

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7C project (PB-1061-08); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 8, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7C project (PB-1061-08), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 8, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$135,498.49**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit". In lieu of this, the Township Engineer's Office recommends the developer post five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering escrow account, which is more than reasonable. Performance guarantees should not be released until the escrow account is brought up to date, as noted.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-324

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY, PHASE 7, SECTION 7D (PB-1061-08).

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7D project (PB-1061-08); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 8, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Regency, Phase 7, Section 7D project (PB-1061-08), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 8, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$73,429.92**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit". In lieu of this, the Township Engineer's Office recommends the developer post five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering escrow account, which is more than reasonable. Performance guarantees should not be released until the escrow account is brought up to date, as noted.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-325

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR PRINCESS COURT (PB-1044-07).

WHEREAS, **Dynasty Associates, LLC.**, has posted Performance Guarantees for the Princess Court project (PB-1044-07); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated October 24, 2017, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Princess Court project (PB-1044-07), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated October 24, 2017, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$67,666.37**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-326

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK, MATRIX REALTY, INC. AND U.S. HOME CORPORATION D/B/A LENNAR FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF CRANBURY-SOUTH RIVER ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROUTE 535, AND DOCKS CORNER ROAD.

WHEREAS, in connection with their respective development projects, Matrix Realty, Inc. and U.S. Home Corporation, d/b/a/ Lennar, are desirous of installing improvements to and traffic signalization at the intersection of Cranbury-South River Road, also identified as County Route 535, and Docks Corner Road (the "Intersection"), in the Townships of Monroe and South Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township, the County of Middlesex and South Brunswick Township each recognize the desirability of the improvements and traffic signalization at the Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the above-named parties (the “Parties”), in discharge of their respective duties, are desirous of jointly facilitating the improvements and installation of traffic signalization at the Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to enter into a Traffic Signalization Agreement (the “Agreement”) to facilitate the improvements and installation of traffic signalization at the Intersection on mutually acceptable terms and conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Traffic Signalization Agreement in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit “A,” subject to the approval of the Township Engineer and Township Attorney.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-327

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAIN SCHAFFER, PC TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF LIBERTARIANS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT v. TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AS EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION. (\$6,500.00)

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Monroe has requested that Shain Schaffer, PC defend the Township’s interest in a claim filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, Docket No. MID-L-5665-17, entitled Libertarians for Transparent Government, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation v. Township of Monroe, et al., as extraordinary litigation; and

WHEREAS, Shain Schaffer, PC possesses the expertise necessary to handle this litigation for the Township; and

WHEREAS, this case is extraordinary in complexity and scope; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgment of the status of “extraordinary litigation” requires the advice and consent of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Monroe has requested that Shain Schaffer, PC handle the matter of Libertarians for Transparent Government, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation v. Township of Monroe, et al., as extraordinary litigation, *nunc pro tunc*; and

WHEREAS, the advice and consent of the Township Council is required to handle this matter as extraordinary litigation *nunc pro tunc*; and

WHEREAS, Shain Schaffer PC will render legal services at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 with respect to the matter Libertarians for Transparent Government, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation v. Township of Monroe, et al., pending further authorization from the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget in the amount of **\$6,500.00**, to handle this matter as extraordinary litigation as evidenced by the Treasurer’s Certification No. C-1700065, a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit “A;”** and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to Shain Schaffer PC handling the matter of Libertarians for Transparent Government, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation v. Township of Monroe, et al., as extraordinary litigation, for which legal services may be provided in an amount up to \$6,500.00, pending further authorization from the Council.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid, *nunc pro tunc*.

R-12-2017-328

**RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH
TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR
MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC MAINTENANCE AND
REPAIR SERVICES FOR 2018.**

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2015, two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent inquired as to the willingness of TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. to extend the contract one year to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter dated November 20, 2017 indicates the willingness of TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. to extend the contract to December 31, 2018, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original bid specification and contract, unit pricing as shown on the attached schedule of rates; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-160063, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. M-150038, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the contract for HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services is being extended one year to December 31, 2018 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 of the Local Public Contracts Law;

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 one year extension of contract with TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. under the same terms, conditions and based on unit pricing and estimated quantities as contained within their original bid specification and as shown on the attached schedule of rates for HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for the above referenced vendor in accordance with the original terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original 2016 contract entered into between the parties;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-329

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1)
FORD F-450 CAB & CHASSIS WITH SNOW PLOW USING THE
NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY
DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (\$35,482.00)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for one (1) Cab & Chassis with Snow Plow; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Purchase and Property via its Cooperative Purchasing Program (NJCP1) has awarded Contract Index No. T2102 for Class 4 Trucks to Beyer Ford, LLC (Contract No. A88214), through a competitive bidding process, as equipped, in amounts indicated as follows:

One (1) 4wd Ford F-450 Cab & Chassis with Plow	\$35,482.00
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;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, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-170030 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 Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said vehicles from Beyer Ford, LLC using the State Contract Term Nos. T-2102; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Beyer Ford, LLC, respectively.; and

(3) The contracts are 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.

**R-12-2017-330 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). (Bullet Proof Vest Partnership –
Awarded \$3,478.86)**

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 2017 in the sum of \$3,478.86, which is now available as a revenue from the Bullet Proof Vest Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$3,478.86 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“2017 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2017-331 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT
WITH K & A EXCAVATING CO., INC. FOR MONROE
TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FOR 2018.**

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2015, three (3) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding Outside Snow & Ice Removal; and

WHEREAS, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent inquired as to the willingness of **K & A Excavating Co. Inc., 198 Major Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852** to extend the contract for one year to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter dated November 20, 2017 indicates the willingness of K & A Excavating Co. Inc. to extend the contract to December 31, 2018, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original bid specification and contract, unit pricing as shown on the attached schedule of rates; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-160058**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Outside Snow & Ice Removal is being extended one year to December 31, 2018 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 of the Local Public Contracts Law;

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 one year extension of contract with K & A Excavating Co. Inc., Inc. under the same terms, conditions and based on unit pricing and estimated quantities as contained within their original bid specification and as shown on the attached schedule of rates for Outside Snow & Ice Removal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for the above referenced vendor in accordance with the original terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original 2016 contract entered into between the parties;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-332 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes and approves submission of a Grant Application and execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Costco Drive Roadway Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic Grant Application, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, identified as **LFIF-2018-Costco Drive Roadway Improvements-00072 for Monroe Township** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-333 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND, FOR SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic Grant Application, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, identified as **LFIF-2018-South Middlesex Industrial Park Roadway Improvements-00073 for Monroe Township** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-334 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, there are certain 2017 budget appropriations of the Township of Monroe which may be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township's affairs; and

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

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer from such accounts that have unexpended balances to those accounts which have deficiencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the transfers itemized below are hereby authorized among the following 2017 accounts:

<u>CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER AMOUNT</u>
POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary & Wage	<u>\$50,255.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFER FROM:	\$50,255.00
<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Salary & Wage	\$ 255.00
PUBLIC ADVOCATE Other Expense	\$ 6,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary & Wage	\$30,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE Other Expense	\$10,000.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER Other Expense	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	\$50,255.00

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2017-335 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN
PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Eleven Thousand One hundred dollars and no cents (\$11,100.00),

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54: 5-33 said premiums must be returned to the purchasers upon redemption:

WHEREAS, The Tax Lien Certificates as outlined on Schedule A have been redeemed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a check from the Township's Trust Account in the amount listed on Schedule A and forward same to the Tax Collector for distribution to the purchasers.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-336 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Thirty-seven thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars and thirty-three cents (\$37,791.33) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto;

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer be and 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:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2017-337 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). (Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Awarded \$5,500.00)**

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 2017 in the sum of \$5,500.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Holiday Crackdown Year End Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“2017 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER
YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN”**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Council President Dalina explained that the public portion is now open for added Resolutions **R-12-2017-338** and **R-12-2017-339** only.

Karen Polidoro, 3 Kelly Court – Mrs. Polidoro stated that she was coming before the Council not only as a resident but also as the Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission to discuss R-12-2017-339, the Sustainable Land Use Pledge. She added that it is very important to the Township and many of the Boards and Commissions, as well as, the Mayor and Department of Public Works who have worked hard in achieving bronze level. She further explained that this is a pledge and one of three action items that need to be pursued in order to achieve silver level certification. Monroe Township would be the 3rd community in Middlesex County to achieve silver level certification. Renee Hader has worked tirelessly to achieve this status and because she could not be here tonight, Mrs. Polidoro was speaking on her behalf.

Mayor Tamburro added that this recommendation was sent to the Planning Board of which they adopted unanimously at their last meeting.

Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K – Mrs. DiPasquale commented that as a member of the Green Team and Chairwoman of the Shade Tree Commission she is very thankful to all who cooperated in making this happen. We started this project on February 9, 2017 and worked tirelessly to achieve this level. She added that everyone in the Township should be proud of this status and shared that she has three goals that she would like to achieve next: receive grant funding, investigate a path to gold stars and involving our school district.

Councilman Baskin asked who provided the grant monies; Mrs. DiPasquale answered that the sponsors of Sustainable New Jersey.

Council President Dalina extended thanks to everyone service as this is surely a testament to all of the efforts put forth.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Commented that he would like the Mayor to write about this in the Township newspaper to share with all of the residents.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption:

R-12-2017-338 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS. (2018-2020)

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex and the Township of Monroe wish to enter into Cooperation Agreements for federal fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020 to provide a means of conduction certain community development activities utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership funds, and ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township of Monroe to enter into an agreement with the County of Middlesex for these Cooperation Agreements.

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

1. That the governing body is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds, HOME Investment Partnership funds and ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution. Said Agreement shall be in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney.
3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately.
4. That a copy of this Agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection in the Township Clerk’s Office during normal business hours.
5. That a certified copy of the resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement, shall be forward to the County of Middlesex Board of Chosen Freeholders, and to Paul Buckley, Division Head, County of Middlesex Public Housing Agency, Division of Housing, Community Development and Social Services.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2017-339 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE.

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Given New Jersey’s strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Monroe Township resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Monroe Township a sustainable community. It is our intent to include many of these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly as needed.

Regional Cooperation - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities when applicable concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications.

Natural Resource Protection - We pledge to continue to take action to protect the natural resources of the State in recognition of their environmental, recreational and agricultural value by avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources while seeking opportunities to enhance them. Further, we pledge to re-examine the Monroe Township Environmental Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses - We pledge to continue to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region.

Housing Options - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to continue to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – Reported that Thursday night was the kick-off for the cheerleaders going to Orlando, Florida to compete. The Monroe Wolverine Cheerleaders Division Pee-Wee Black won first place and our Junior Varsity won second place. This is a true testament to the dedication of these young ladies, as well as, their parents and the whole recreation program.

Mayor Tamburro also reported that in reference to several resolutions on tonight's agenda releasing performance bonds, the Township is well aware of the Emerald Ash Borer that has created havoc with all of our ash trees in town. Rutgers studies have shown that all of our ash trees that have been infected will be dead within five years. Our arborist did an inventory outside of the gated communities and there are approximately 1,200 trees that will be affected. We turned to the developer's attorneys regarding the problem and we were able to get them to guarantee to us that they would cover the cost to replace these trees. He added that we feel very good the developer's stood up to protect their communities.

Reported that with winter coming, the Township's Senior Center and Recreation Center have generators and are open to anyone who may be in need.

Energy bills reflecting the energy aggregation pricing will kick in the first of this month and will save our resident's a lot of money. He advised everyone to check their bills.

The Clerk's Office will be hosting a Free Rabies Clinic on March 3rd at the Recreation Center from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Lastly, Mayor Tamburro reported that a major project is underway for well #25 for our Utility Department. The Township encouraged our Utility Department to apply for a grant through New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and we have received notice that we have been approved. Extended thanks to Mike Barnes and John Katerba for putting in the necessary work to get this done. This project will give us over two million additional gallons.

Administrator's Report – wanted to build on the Mayor's mention of being approved for the grant from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and stated that this is a huge achievement. Long term bonds are usually anywhere from 3%-4% but under this Trust it is subsidized and the current rate is .75%, which can save us close to \$3 million dollars.

Mentioned that we will also be applying for grants through the Local Freight Impact Fund. Thanks to our engineer we will be applying for two projects under this grant.

Renewed the healthcare for our current employees at a 3% increase with our current provider. The dental plan decreased by 3%.

Administrator Weinberg also reported that we are working towards an agreement with the United Service Workers which will be on our next meeting. He explained that it has been a tough year for many employees that are a part of the union as the State has moved forward on a plan for Municipal, County and State employees to do an increased cost sharing which goes up over a four-tier process. Employees will be contributing approximately \$1.3 million dollars. Their increase on the salary side sometimes is not as much as their increase on the cost sharing side and we are trying to find an appropriate balance between the taxpayers and our employees.

Reminded everyone that the new provider for the Energy Aggregation Program is South Jersey Energy and the program started December 1st. There have been other providers sending out solicitation notices so he urged everyone that has questions to contact Harold Klein.

Engineer's Report – reported that we wrapped up the paving program for 2017. 11th Avenue, Redwood Court and Sequoia Court have all been completed and the County has wrapped up paving on South Half Acre Road.

The LED lighting at the library is about two weeks away from being wrapped up. We are waiting on light fixtures to come in. The car charging station is now up and running.

The soccer complex will be completed by the end of the month weather permitting. The turf field is installed and looks great.

The traffic signal at the intersection of Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Mounts Mills Road is being installed which is a developer funded project.

The contract for the Cedar Brook Pond Pump Station has been awarded. The contract is under review and will be executed once that is completed.

The guiderail needed for the stretch of road on Union Valley Road and Perrineville Road has been discussed with the County engineer. They are taking a look at it and will report on the movement as it progresses.

Currently working with the County on a speed limit reduction for Spotswood-Englishtown Road between Mounts Mills Road and Buckelew Avenue.

Lastly, we submitted to NJDOT a right turn prohibition off of Route 33 westbound onto Bentley Rd. Once it is reviewed they will report back to us as to whether it is approved and then we can pass an ordinance with that restriction.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cohen –

- Pleased to see the Sustainable Land Use Pledge on the agenda. Regarding the silver certification, everyone worked so hard for this achievement. More participation in the Green Team is needed and meetings are held at the library on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. The fact that we have generators is very important as they are looking for communities that are hearty.
- Residents can help by removing their vehicles and any large items off the streets during snow plowing. It takes approximately 24 hours to effectively remove the snow once it is finished falling.
- DPW will be picking up holiday trees through February 1st. They have advised that you must remove any ornaments and tinsel off the trees first and leave them curbside to be picked up.

- The NJ Festival Orchestra and Three Tenors will be performing at the Marasco Center on December 9th; tickets are still available.

Councilman Baskin –

- Reported that the Friends of the Monroe Township Community Garden will be holding a public information meeting on December 13th at 7:00pm. A local bank will be donating a substantial grant for the building of a greenhouse. Extended thanks to Gary Busman for making this happen.
- Attended the Monroe Township Chorus performance of Academy Award winning songs. It was a very entertaining event and singing a long was a lot of fun.

Councilman Leibowitz –

- Wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.
- Attended the two Veteran's Day ceremonies which were very somber events.
- The Historic Commission has a display at the library that you may want to visit.
- Commented that the last eight years have been great and although being from the opposite party we all worked together. He added that he hopes to see the same next year.

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Attended the Community Cares Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center where over 150 people attended. Everyone received a free photo from the photo booth, as well as, a goodie bag. The Boy Scout Troop did the color guard and the Monroe Township Chorus sang and the meal was excellent. Extended thanks to all of the volunteers.
- Thanked Sheila for the Chorus' hard work in performing the Academy Award winning songs.
- The PBA is holding their 4th Annual Toy Drive and are accepting gifts until December 7th.
- Plan to continue to fight for fair school funding. Hopefully the new governor will get us our fair share.
- Wished Councilman Leibowitz well, stating that it has been a pleasure serving with him and he has been very fair and a team player.

Council President Dalina –

- Friends of the Library are having a holiday store on December 8th from 9:30am-5:00pm, December 9th and December 10th from 1:00pm-5:00pm.
- Fire District's 1 and 2 will be sending a representative from the North Pole on December 9th. When you hear the bells whistling go outside and say hi to Santa.
- December 27th is Grandparent's Day where lunch and a movie will be provided. If interested in attending you can reach out to the Recreation Department to register.

Public:

Maurice Mimms – Introduced himself as the safety manager for Geodis Logistics, LLC located at 1 Costco Drive. He handed out pictures of trucks that block the entrance causing employees from not being able to enter the facility parking area. The trucks park on the left and right side down Costco Drive. Mentioned that the Township has posted "No Parking" signs but trucks still park there and the drivers pull over and fall asleep. He stated that this has been very challenging and wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council.

Council President Dalina commented that a memo did go out from Lieutenant Lisa Robinson instructing all police officers during their shift to make sure the signs are being adhered to. Mayor Tamburro added that this has been discussed with the attorneys for Costco and they assured us that it would be taken care of which it obviously has not been. He did speak to the Police Chief and tickets will be given out to violators and he will have our people reach out to Costco to address this issue.

Mark Klein, 7 Crenshaw – Commented that the reports given by the Administrator and Engineer were excellent and he thanked them for sharing.

Reported that in regards to the fight for fair school funding, Freehold Borough has 1,700 students and receives about \$9.7 million in State Aid and just recently received a grant to expand their schools. Monroe Township has about 6,700 students and only receives approximately \$3 million. We need to build new schools as well with the cost estimated at \$68 million we are only set to receive \$5 million which is absolutely disgusting.

Commented that the Regency is going through a transition right now. There are problems with the HVAC in the clubhouse, as well as, road repairs needed. He feels that they should not have their performance bonds released for new phases until the problems with other phases are addressed.

Wished Councilman Leibowitz well and thanked him for his service to the Township.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and prays that next year things will continue to be as good.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Thanked Councilman Leibowitz for his 8 years of service.

Commented in regards to the bond releases that it is important to understand the plight of the Ash Tree. He added that it is prudent for the Council to explain to the communities the bond release process.

Reminded everyone that on December 13th, the Friends of the Monroe Township Community Garden will be holding a public information meeting at 7:00pm at the Senior Center. He stated that Costco has been very helpful to the Community Garden as they have provided a 15X18 shed and K Hovnanian has donated \$1,000.00. In regards to the greenhouse, we can reach out to the school district to see if they would like to partner with us in producing vegetables or flowers. We have applied for a grant from Northfield Bank and they will be presenting a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 at that meeting. Stated that we should be in a good position to begin construction on this project next year and thanked the Mayor and everyone who assisted us.

George Gunkleman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkleman commented in regard to the Energy Aggregation Program, pointing out that in the past unless you opted out you are automatically enrolled in the program. He is unsure why we are telling residents to check to see their provider. Mayor Tamburro responded that a friend of his thought the supplier was PSE&G so that is why residents are being asked to check. He added that there is nothing to be done to participate in the program. Mr. Gunkleman asked what the makeup of their supply is; Mayor Tamburro answered that Gable Associates is the company that is representing us. Mr. Gunkleman commented that we picked a supplier without knowing what the makeup is, to which Harold Klein responded that he would reach out to get those answers. Mr. Gunkleman added that in the future when we are reviewing we should know this answer to make sure we are using the cleaner supplier. As consumers when making a decision we would like to know that. Council President Dalina commented that in the future we will consider this through our selection process.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that within the first 100 days our new governor wants to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes. He stated that this should be debated and we should look up the medical effects. He stated that he completely objects to legalizing this and requests not to legalize this within Monroe Township but feels that this should be decriminalized.

Council President Dalina mentioned that our longtime Zoning Officer, Leonard Zivin, has passed away. Extended condolences to his family.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Leibowitz and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:19pm.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Aye
Councilman Michael Leibowitz	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Patricia Reid
PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Stephen Dalina
STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: January 8, 2018.