

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**

FEBRUARY 5, 2018

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
Councilman Charles Dipierro
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 January 2, 2018 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 5, 2018;
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. **Administer Oath of Office - 6 Police Officers**

- Officer Taylor Deickman #125
- Officer Matthew Mangarella #126
- Officer Patrick McCann #127
- Officer Sean Meagher #128
- Officer Douglas Perrone #129
- Officer Marc Tyson II #130

6. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date 01/24/2018.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- **December 27, 2017 Special and Agenda Meeting**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

- **January 3, 2018 Re-Organization Meeting**
- **January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

**O-2-2018-001 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CABLE TELEVISION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

**O-2-2018-002 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INCOME LIMITS, RESALE
PRICES AND RENT LEVELS FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

**O-2-2018-003 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF
GOVERNMENT", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50
ENTITLED "DIVISION OF POLICE".**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-2-2018-004 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 44.1 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XVA: SPEED LIMITS”. (Spotswood-Englishtown Rd., and Englishtown Rd.)**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-2-2018-005 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY ON BLOCK 13, LOT 5.03 AND ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 13, LOT 5.02.**
(Shri Ram Chandra Mission – Wycoff/Halsey Reed Road)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

O-2-2018-006 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF ROADWAY DEDICATION ON BLOCK 20 LOTS 25.02 AND 25.03 (NEW LOTS 25.04, 25.05 AND 25.06).**
(Gregory Jolley – Federal Road)

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

9. REAPPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS:

Vincent LaFata	Regular Member	4 yr. term	1/1/18 – 12/31/21
Dhaval Patel	Regular Member	4 yr. term	1/1/18 – 12/31/21
Jennifer Hluchy	Alternate 2	2 yr. term	1/1/18 – 12/31/19
Louis Masters	Alternate 3	2 yr. term	1/1/18 – 12/31/19

R-2-2018-054 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

10. **REAPPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION MEMBER:**

Wayne Horbatt First Alternate 1 yr. term 1/1/18 – 12/31/18

R-2-2018-055 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRST ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

11. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION:**

R-2-2018-061 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO FIRST CHOICE VENDING FOR VENDING MACHINES WITHIN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.
(2-year contract – commission based)

R-2-2018-063 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

R-2-2018-056 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) KUBOTA EXCAVATOR USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION ON NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$99,178.75)

R-2-2018-057 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASCERTAINMENT PHASE IN CONNECTION WITH RENEWAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE'S CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST.

R-2-2018-058 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC. / A-OK AUTO BA-5051-11. (806 Route 33)

R-2-2018-059 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.

R-2-2018-060 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2017.

R-2-2018-062 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

- R-2-2018-064 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX LIEN NO. 16-00098 (BLOCK 103, LOT 45) TO LUCILLE DIPASQUALE.**
- R-2-2018-065 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX LIEN NO. 17-00026 (BLOCK 41, LOT 20) TO LUCILLE DIPASQUALE.**
- R-2-2018-066 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**
- R-2-2018-067 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD.**
- R-2-2018-068 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PURCHASES MADE THROUGH STATE CONTRACT OR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WHICH FALL UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD.**
- R-2-2018-069 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS.**
- R-2-2018-070 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALAN WEINBERG AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND SETTING THE BID THRESHOLD.**
- R-2-2018-071 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.**
- R-2-2018-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER MARK RASIMOWICZ. (\$27,000)**
- R-2-2018-073 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR JSM AT MONROE, LLC. TEMPORARY STOCKPILE (PB-1167-15). (Mounts Mills Road)**
- R-2-2018-074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR PRIMROSE ACRES EAST (PB-820-02). (Hannah Court)**
- R-2-2018-075 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC./A-OK AUTO (BA-5047-11). (816 Route 33)**
- R-2-2018-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR FOUR SEASONS AT MONROE – NORTH VILLAGE (PB-1089-10). (Prospect Plains Road)**
- R-2-2018-077 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (5) VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$204,521.79)**

R-2-2018-078 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

R-2-2018-079 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES TO JEROME CONVERY ESQ., RELATED TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE TOWNSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH A DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT ACTION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP'S COAH COMPLIANCE. (\$916.89)

R-2-2018-080 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2018 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

13. Mayor's Report.

14. Administrator's Report.

15. Engineer's Report.

16. Council's Reports.

17. Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

18. Adjournment. Time: _____

MOTION: _____

SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 – AGENDA MEETING

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AGENDA MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2018

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

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

Council President Dalina requested a moment of silence in memory of former Councilman Hank Miller who recently passed away.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Baskin, Councilman Charles Dipierro, 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 Tanya Pannucci.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Miriam Cohen.

There were approximately one hundred (100) 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. 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.

Chief Lloyd introduced the new officers to be sworn in and stated that they all have excelled in their written, physical and background tests. All have attended and completed the Police Academy from July 2017 through December 2017.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid administered the Oath of Office to Officer Taylor Deickman #125, Officer Matthew Mangarella #126, Officer Patrick McCann #127, Officer Sean Meagher #128, Officer Douglas Perrone #129 and Officer Marc Tyson II #130.

Mayor Tamburro welcomed all of the officers to the Township and extended his congratulations to all.

Councilman Dipierro extended his congratulations and welcomed all of the new officers. He stated that he is proud to be a lifetime resident of Monroe Township and serve as councilman.

Council Vice-President Schneider commented that she had spent fifteen years working for the Department of Corrections and is honored to have the new officers safe guarding the Township. She welcomed them all and reminded them to stay safe.

Councilman Baskin extended congratulations to all of the new officers and stated he is very impressed with the diversity and skill set of them all.

Council President Dalina welcomed all of the new officers and complimented the high standard of skill set they all embody. He thanked their family and friends as well and advised them to take care of each other. Lastly, he wished them all good luck in their new found positions.

A five minute recess was taken for pictures. The meeting reconvened at 7:33pm.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **01/24/2018** were approved for payment as presented, with the exception of the Township Attorney litigation claims on page two in which Councilman Dipierro abstained from.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **MINUTES** of the **December 27, 2017 Special & Agenda Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **January 3, 2018 Re-Organization Meeting and the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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-2-2018-001 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2018-001

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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-2-2018-002 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INCOME LIMITS, RESALE PRICES AND RENT LEVELS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2018-002

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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-2-2018-003** **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE”.**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2018-003

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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-2-2018-004** **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 44.1 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XVA: SPEED LIMITS”. (Spotswood-Englishtown Rd., and Englishtown Rd.)**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2018-004

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage: **O-2-2018-005** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY ON BLOCK 13, LOT 5.03 AND ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 13, LOT 5.02.**

(Shri Ram Chandra Mission – Wycoff/Halsey Reed Road)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-2-2018-005

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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-2-2018-006** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED OF ROADWAY DEDICATION ON BLOCK 20 LOTS 25.02 AND 25.03 (NEW LOTS 25.04, 25.05 AND 25.06).**

(Gregory Jolley – Federal Road)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption

R-2-2018-055 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRST ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, at the January 4, 2016 council meeting, **MARK RASIMOWICZ** was approved as a **Member** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to fill a five (5) year term, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at the January 4, 2017 council meeting, **ROBERT HUDAK** was approved as a **Member** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to fill the unexpired five (5) year term of John Riggs, effective January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the First Alternate Representative term has expired; and

WHEREAS, Council's recommendation is to reappoint **WAYNE HORBATT** as **First Alternate Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of one (1) year effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that **WAYNE HORBATT** is hereby appointed **First Alternate Representative** to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** for a one (1) year term, effective Immediately and expiring December 31, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION:

Councilman Dipierro asked if it was verified that the cable franchise agreement allows for other franchises to be a part of the Township; Administrator Weinberg answered that it does allow for other franchises to be a part of the Township. He further explained that we have our local franchise agreement with Comcast and then a statewide agreement with Verizon. Councilman Dipierro added that he feels it is great for our residents to have a choice.

Councilman Dipierro also noted that he will have to **abstain from R-2-2018-069**. Therefore, it was removed from the consent agenda.

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

R-2-2018-061 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO FIRST CHOICE VENDING FOR VENDING MACHINES WITHIN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.
(2-year contract – commission based)

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the Vending Machine services within the Municipal Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated January 2, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto, recommends the contract be awarded to **First Choice Vending**, located at 1486 Schenectady Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Business Administrator regarding said bid; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a two (2) year contract, said contract expiring December 31, 2019, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend the contract for one (1) additional one (1) year terms with the consent of the bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **First Choice Vending**; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-063 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 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 Seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$7,178.99) 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.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
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 Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-2-2018-056 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1)
KUBOTA EXCAVATOR USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
COMMISSION ON NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$99,178.75)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for one (1) excavator;
and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the M.T.U.D. required excavator under its contract no MRESC 15/16-08 titled "Grounds Equipment" to Cherry Valley Tractor Sales; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Valley Tractor Sales has provided a proposal for the required excavator, including options, at a total price of \$99,178.75, through a competitive bidding process, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, copies of the ESCNJ award documentation and Cherry Valley Tractor Sales required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-180009 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 Kubota Excavator from Cherry Valley Tractor Sales using the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said excavator delivered by Cherry Valley Tractor Sales; and

(3) The contracts awarded through this 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-2-2018-057 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASCERTAINMENT PHASE
IN CONNECTION WITH RENEWAL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE'S CABLE FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.1(a)(1), a municipality or operator can file notice of the opening of the Ascertainment Phase 36 months prior to the expiration of a cable franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Ascertainment Phase is an optional two-year fact-finding period where the municipality examines the past performance of the cable operator and determines the cable-related needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, while the Ascertainment Phase is optional, it is necessary if the Township wants to substantially modify the terms of the franchise agreement or to deny the franchise renewal outright; and

WHEREAS, the record that the Township develops during the Ascertainment Phase will help the Township effectively complete negotiations with Comcast; and

WHEREAS, Comcast's franchise agreement with the Township of Monroe expires on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township may begin the Ascertainment Phase of the Franchise Renewal process by filing notice with the Office of Cable Television within the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "OCTV") and Comcast no sooner than thirty six (36) months, March 13, 2017 or later than thirty (30) months September 13, 2017 before the expiration of the Franchise Agreement;

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2017, special counsel for the Township notified the OCTV and Comcast of the Township's desire to provide input with regard to the proposed renewal of the Comcast franchise;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby confirms its intent to complete the Ascertainment Phase in connection with the Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast no later than March 13, 2019,; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to file this Resolution with the OCTV and Comcast.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-058 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE
PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC. / A-OK AUTO BA-5051-11.
(806 Route 33)**

WHEREAS, Monroe Property Investments LLC. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$818,178.94 for Monroe Property Investments LLC/A-OK Auto project (BA-5051-11); and

WHEREAS, in correspondence Monroe Property Investments LLC. has requested a reduction in Performance Guarantees posted; 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 Guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated January 16, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$736,361.04	\$81,817.89
Reduce to	\$430,614.59	\$47,846.07

; 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 Monroe Property Investments LLC/A-OK Auto be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for second 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-2-2018-059 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING BOARD.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 11, 2018, has reappointed **Randy Beverly, Richard Lans and Hemant Patel** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for terms of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 11, 2018, has reappointed **Stephen Dalina**, for a two (2) year term to serve on **Affordable Housing Board** as **Chairperson/Council Representative**, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for such appointments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the appointments of **Randy Beverly, Richard Lans and Hemant Patel** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for two (2) year terms, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019, and **Stephen Dalina**, for a two year term to serve on **Affordable Housing Board** as **Chairperson/Council Representative**, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-060 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR
2017.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11, et. seq. (the "Act"), has established a recycling fund, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.37, from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has established an application process implementing the tonnage grant provision of the Act; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution authorizing the Township of Monroe to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the Township's commitment to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Council to the requirements contained in the application for a tonnage grant under this Act; and

WHEREAS, such a Resolution shall designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township of Monroe hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Recycling and Planning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wayne Horbatt, Director of Recycling, Department of Public Works, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, Monroe Twp., New Jersey 08831, shall be and is hereby designated as the individual to ensure that said Application is properly filed.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2018-062 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 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 Twenty-one Thousand seven hundred dollars and no cents (\$21,700.00).

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-2-2018-064 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX LIEN NO. 16-00098 (BLOCK 103, LOT 45) TO LUCILLE DIPASQUALE.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe acquired Township Tax Lien No. 16-00098, covering Block 103, Lot 45 at a certain tax sale conducted by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Lucille DiPasquale has offered to purchase Certificate No. 16-00098 for the sum of \$22,601.50, including interest through February 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, which sum represents the full amount due thereon, together with all subsequent liens charged against said real estate, together with interest through the date of sale; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that the sale of the Certificate to Lucille DiPasquale at the foregoing price is in the best interest of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has fulfilled the statutory requirement of notifying the owner of record at the address appearing on the tax duplicate; and

WHEREAS, notice has been mailed to Denise Cole, 53 Sedgewick Street Monroe Twp., NJ 08831, the record owner of the property, at least five (5) days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice has been published in the official newspaper of the Township within five (5) days prior to the assignment of the Certificate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to assign said Certificate to Lucille DiPasquale for the sum of \$22,601.50.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2018-065 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAX LIEN NO. 17-00026 (BLOCK 41, LOT 20) TO LUCILLE DIPASQUALE.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe acquired Township Tax Lien No. 17-00026, covering Block 41, Lot 20 at a certain tax sale conducted by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Lucille DiPasquale has offered to purchase Certificate No. 17-00026 for the sum of \$7,375.47, including interest through February 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, which sum represents the full amount due thereon, together with all subsequent liens charged against said real estate, together with interest through the date of sale; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that the sale of the Certificate to Lucille DiPasquale at the foregoing price is in the best interest of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has fulfilled the statutory requirement of notifying the owner of record at the address appearing on the tax duplicate; and

WHEREAS, notice has been mailed to Isaac Fialkoff, 42 Esmond Road Melville, N.Y., the record owner of the property, at least five (5) days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice has been published in the official newspaper of the Township within five (5) days prior to the assignment of the Certificate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to assign said Certificate to Lucille DiPasquale for the sum of \$7,375.47.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-066 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND
FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 22, 2018 has made the following appointments to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**:

Leonard Baskin	Council Representative	2 year term	1/1/2018 – 12/31/19
Robert Hudak	Planning Director	1 year term	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018
Sidna Mitchell	Member	3 year term	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020
Joseph Sapia	Member	1 year term	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the appointment of **Leonard Baskin** as Council Representative to serve a two (2) term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019, **Robert Hudak** as Planning Director to serve a one (1) term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018, **Sidna Mitchell** as Member to serve a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2020 and **Joseph Sapia** as Member to serve a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018 on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-067 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS
BOARD.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 22, 2018 has appointed **LOUIS BUONOCORE, SALVATORE PROFACI and ROBERT HUDAK** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the appointment of **LOUIS BUONOCORE, SALVATORE PROFACI and ROBERT HUDAK** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-068 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING
AGENT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PURCHASES MADE
THROUGH STATE CONTRACT OR COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING WHICH FALL UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the governing body may delegate the power to award purchases, contracts and/or agreements through State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Monroe is a member; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of streamlining Township operations and improving efficiency, it is the desire of the Council to authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to approve purchases, contracts and agreements through State Contract and/or Purchasing Cooperatives, that fall below the bid limit, subject to provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to approve purchases, contracts and/or agreements through State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Monroe is a member without further action from Council, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure. Purchase approvals made by the Qualified Purchasing Agent by virtue of the adoption of this Resolution shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-070 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALAN WEINBERG AS QUALIFIED
PURCHASING AGENT AND SETTING THE BID THRESHOLD.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(b), contracting units that have appointed a Qualified Purchasing Agent are authorized to take advantage of a higher bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, giving municipalities the ability to increase their bid threshold to \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 23, 2018, has requested the advice and consent of the Township Council to appoint **Alan Weinberg**, as Qualified Purchasing Agent, commencing January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Alan Weinberg possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of appointing Alan Weinberg as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for Monroe Township, hereby authorizing him to exercise the duties of purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority,

responsibility and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Township of Monroe as well as granting him authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Resolution No. R-10-2015-262 the bid threshold for the Township of Monroe shall be \$40,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that they hereby consent to the appointment of Alan Weinberg as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Township of Monroe and the bid threshold shall be set at \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-071 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 25, 2018, has reappointed **Debbie Smith, Kathleen Morolda and Alessandro Graziano** to serve on the **Cultural Arts Commission** for terms of three (3) years, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 25, 2018, has reappointed **Miriam Cohen**, for a two year term to serve on **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION** as **Council Representative**, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for such appointments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the appointments of **Debbie Smith, Kathleen Morolda and Alessandro Graziano** to serve on the **Cultural Arts Commission** for three (3) year terms, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2020, and **Miriam Cohen**, for a two year term to serve on **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION** as **Council Representative**, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2019.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER MARK RASIMOWICZ. (\$27,000)**

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2016, Resolution No. R-1-2016-042 was adopted by the Monroe Township Council in accordance with Chapter 3 section 75 of the Monroe Township Code, entitled "Department of Engineering," naming Mark Rasimowicz as the Director of the Department of Engineering and the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined to enter into a contract with Township Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, P.E., for a twelve-month period commencing January 1, 2018, *nunc pro tunc*, in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Township Code, the amount of the contract shall not exceed \$27,000.00 for the twelve-month period commencing January 1, 2018, *nunc pro tunc*, expiring December 31, 2018; 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-1800022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Mark Rasimowicz, P.E., 14 Cottonwood Court Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831, in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," commencing January 1, 2018, *nunc pro tunc*.

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Mark Rasimowicz, P.E. in accordance with the executed contract.

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Mark Rasimowicz, P.E. shall include mandatory affirmative action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate affirmative action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) Resolution No. R-1-2016-042 is hereby amended to the extent it is inconsistent with this Resolution.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-073 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR JSM AT MONROE,
LLC. TEMPORARY STOCKPILE (PB-1167-15). (Mounts Mills Road)**

WHEREAS, JSM AT MONROE, LLC., has posted Performance Guarantees for the Temporary Stockpile (PB-1167-15); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated January 24, 2018, 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 Temporary Stockpile (PB-1167-15), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 24, 2018, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$23,303.67**. 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 in lieu of this, the Township Engineer's office recommends the developer post one thousand (\$1,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering inspection escrow account, which is more reasonable.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2018-074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR PRIMROSE ACRES EAST (PB-820-02). (Hannah Court)

WHEREAS, LAFAYETTE KNOLLS INC., has posted Performance Guarantees for the Primrose Acres East project (PB-820-02); 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 January 24, 2018, 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 Primrose Acres East project (PB-820-02), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter dated January 24, 2018, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$121,280.63**. 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 in lieu of this, the Township Engineer’s office recommends the developer post one thousand (\$1,000.00) at this time, into the existing engineering inspection escrow account, which is more reasonable.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2018-075 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LLC./A-OK AUTO (BA-5047-11). (816 Route 33)

WHEREAS, Monroe Property Investments, LLC. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$996,053.69 for Project BA-5047-11; and

WHEREAS, a request for a second reduction in Performance Guarantees has been received; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the second reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated January 17, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$561,138.74	\$62,348.75
Reduce to	\$465,053.04	\$51,672.56

; 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 Monroe Property Investments, LLC Project BA-5047-11 be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for second 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-2-2018-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR FOUR SEASONS
AT MONROE – NORTH VILLAGE (PB-1089-10).
(Prospect Plains Road)**

WHEREAS, K. Hovnanian at Monroe NJ, LLC. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$9,777,475.87 for Four Seasons at Monroe – North Village project (PB-1089-10); and

WHEREAS, a request for a second reduction in Performance Guarantees has been received; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the second reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated January 23, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$5,821,178.25	\$646,797.58
Reduce to	\$3,924,597.86	\$436,066.43

; 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 Four Seasons at Monroe – North Village be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for second 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-2-2018-077 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (5)
VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$204,521.79)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase five (5) police vehicles under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing Agreement No. 47-CPCPS, from *Beyer Ford, LLC*, an authorized vendor under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

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

WHEREAS, *Beyer Ford, LLC, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962* has been appointed as an authorized dealer for Vehicles under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing Program; and

WHEREAS, the details are as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Two-Tone Black/White	\$24,214.00
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Ghost, Solid Black	\$24,114.00
2	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Two-Tone Black/White	\$52,212.00
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black	<u>\$26,006.00</u>
TOTAL COST:		\$126,546.00;

and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-1800017** a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *emergency lights* to outfit five (5) of the new vehicles from *East Coast Emergency Lighting* under **NJ State Contract No. A81338**, for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Two-Tone Black/White	\$9,286.82
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Ghost, Solid Black	\$7,439.43
2	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Two-Tone Black/White	\$14,258.02
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black	<u>\$5,497.90</u>
TOTAL COST:		\$36,482.17; and

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

WHEREAS, *East Coast Emergency Lighting* is an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

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

WHEREAS, *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535* has been awarded New Jersey State Contract, No. **A81338** in connection with the above referenced vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-1800018** copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *equipment* to outfit three (3) of the new vehicles from *Municipal Equipment Enterprises* under **NJ State Contract No. A81332 & A81335**, for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

2	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Two-Tone Black/White	\$6,041.08
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black	<u>\$3,020.54</u>

TOTAL COST: \$9,061.62; and

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

WHEREAS, *Municipal Equipment Enterprises* is an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

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

WHEREAS, *Municipal Equipment Enterprises, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234* has been awarded New Jersey State Contract, No. A81332 & A81335 in connection with the above referenced vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-1800019 copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *mobile radios and all associated parts* to outfit three (3) of the new vehicles from *Motorola Solutions, Inc.* under **NJ State Contract No. A83909**, for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

2	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Two-Tone Black/White	\$11,853.00
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black	<u>\$5,926.50</u>
TOTAL COST:		\$17,779.50; and

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

WHEREAS, *Motorola Solutions, Inc.* is an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

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

WHEREAS, *Motorola Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 1335, Burlington, NJ 08016* has been awarded New Jersey State Contract, No. A83909 in connection with the above referenced vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-1800020 copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "D";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *stalker radio units and associated parts* to outfit the five (5) new vehicles from *Applied Concepts, Inc.*, as per quote No. 2012061, for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Two-Tone Black/White	\$2,930.50
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Ghost, Solid Black	\$2,930.50
2	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Two-Tone Black/White	\$5,861.00
1	2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black	<u>\$2,930.50</u>
TOTAL COST:		\$14,652.50; and

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

WHEREAS, *Applied Concepts, Inc.* is an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-NJCP; and

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

WHEREAS, *Applied Concepts, Inc., 855 E. Collins Blvd., Richardson, TX 75081* as per quote No. **2012061** in connection with the above referenced vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-1800021** copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "E";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with ***Beyer Ford, LLC, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962*** for the purchase of *one (1) 2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Tow-Tone Black/White, one (1) 2018 Ford Interceptor, Sedan, Ghost, Solid Black, two (2) 2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Marked, Tow-Tone Black/White and (1) 2018 Ford Interceptor, Utility, Ghost, Solid Black* at a total contract price in the amount of **\$126,546.00**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *emergency lights* to outfit five (5) new Police vehicles at a total contract price of **\$36,482.17**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Municipal Equipment Enterprises, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *equipment* to outfit three (3) of the new Police Vehicles at a total contract price of **\$9,061.62**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Motorola Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 1335, Burlington, NJ 08016*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *mobile radios and all associated parts* to outfit three (3) of the new Police Vehicles at a total contract price of **\$17,779.50**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Applied Concepts, Inc., 855 E. Collins Blvd., Richardson, TX 75081*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *stalker radio units and associated parts* to outfit the five (5) new Police Vehicles at a total contract price of **\$14,652.50**;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2018-078 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and New Jersey American Water Company ("Parties") each have existing and potential future interconnected facilities and apparatus located in the Township for the provision of potable water to their respective customers ("Interconnections"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Emergency Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") in order to provide for a source of emergency water supply in the event of a discontinuation of service experienced by either Party; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has recommended that the Township enter into an Emergency Interconnection Agreement on the terms and conditions as set forth in Exhibit "A", annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that executing an Emergency Interconnection Agreement is in the public interest and provides for protection of the public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Emergency Interconnection Agreement in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," subject to the approval of the Township Engineer and Township Attorney.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

2018 OPERATING EXPENSES

CURRENT FUND

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</u>
PUBLIC ADVOCATE:	
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
INSURANCE	
Workers Compensation	\$ 20,000.00
Liability	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
CURRENT FUND TOTAL	\$ 34,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2018 Calendar Year Budget; and
3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption.

**R-2-2018-069 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 23, 2018, has appointed **HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ.** and **BENJAMIN H. ZILBERGELD, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Monroe requires the advice and consent of the Township Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby grants its advice and consents to the appointment of **HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ.** and **BENJAMIN H. ZILBERGELD, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2018.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Stephen Dalina	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Tamburro shared a few fond memories of former Councilman Hank Miller, noting that Mr. Miller established the Township's Planning Board, as well as, having worked for the Utility Authority and serving on the Affordable Housing Board. He was a very knowledgeable educator and a wonderful servant to the Township and will be missed.

Reported on the traffic light project on Mounts Mills Road and Spotswood-Englishtown Road; Engineer Rasimowicz added that this is a developer driven project and there are several utilities, including JCP&L, PSE&G and Comcast that have extensive relocations of their equipment which they are currently working on. In the interim, there will be a flashing light signal that will start tomorrow February 6th, as well as, additional signage. Mayor Tamburro added that he is confident with this new flashing signal in place that it will help until the actual traffic light can be installed.

Reported that a task force is being established in response to reports of the Training School closing. There will be three legislative leaders, a representative from the Governor's Office, representatives from Middlesex County, representatives from the Board of Education, as well as, representatives from the Township. He explained that this task force is being created to ensure that the land will not be an incentive for anyone to come in and build housing on it. He added that there is farmland preservation on the land and in a R3A zone. This task force will also ensure that the Township's interests remain protected.

Notified by the National Council for Home Safety that the Township has been named as the 8th safest town in the State. Our police department does a great job at patrolling and keeping us all safe. The programs available from the recreation department keep our children off the street and attributes to the safety of the Township.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg reported that on this agenda R-2-2018-060 authorizes the Township to submit an application for the Recycling Tonnage Grant and it should be noted that we have received a \$171,000 grant for recycling at the end of last year for our extraordinary efforts which is the 6th largest grant in the State.

Reported on the interconnection agreement with New Jersey American Water explaining that our 30-year contract with them has ended so we are now exclusively using ground water which is wonderful and will be connecting to New Jersey American Water's lines for emergencies.

We were approved by the Water and Infrastructure Bank which will give us a great interest rate, saving close to \$3 million dollars on an upcoming large water project that we will be moving forward on.

Commented that it is a great idea in putting together a task force in response to protecting the Township's interest in the Training School property.

Thanked Engineer Rasimowicz for his due diligence in getting the flashing signal on Mounts Mills Road which will help.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz updated everyone regarding the closure of Perrineville Road due to the bridge replacement project. The road will be closed south of Mills Road with a minimal traffic impact. He will continue to monitor the project and noted that all of the businesses in that area are still accessible from Route 33.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Announced that on March 5th the Cultural Arts Commission will be presenting a Chamber Music Series at the Library beginning at 1pm.
- The Senior Center will be hosting AARP to assist with those who need help preparing their taxes. An appointment is necessary.
- The Senior Center will also be hosting the Empty Bowl Project which will benefit those less fortunate. A donation of \$5 to benefit local food pantries will be collected.
- Attended a power and light tour hosted by JCP&L with Councilman Dipierro. It was very impressive to see how everything is monitored and their response time.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Reported that it was very exciting to see what JCP&L does to keep our power on. He advised that you can now report outages directly to JCP&L on Facebook. He recommended that the Township send an updated list of the Township buildings, generators and areas that JCP&L service.
- Commented that in regards to the closing of the Training School the Township had signed a 99 year lease, paying \$1 for 90 acres of that land that was once utilized by our own police department, so that is something that can be used as a bargaining tool if the State gives us a hard time.
- Inquired if the Utility Department has any idea when the sewer work on Spotswood-Englishtown Road will start, as the residents in that area and the Regency will have concerns with the traffic impact and inconvenience it will have on traveling in that area; Mike Barnes responded that he does not have a specific date as they had tried to get it done last summer but that fell through. He added that they are shooting to have it done this summer, however PSE&G will be out there beforehand working in the same right of way so our engineer has set up a meeting between the County, Township and PSE&G to discuss to see if we can work together to have our project and theirs done at the same time, adding that it is important we do not lose our right of way. Councilman Dipierro asked if the main was going to be a force main or both a gravity and force main; Mike Barnes responded that it will be once force main. Councilman Dipierro commented that it is a shame in his opinion and feels something should have been done by that developer and in the agreement so that a force main was not the only option. He stated that we need to keep a close eye on the approvals coming in to ensure that our taxpayers are not inconvenienced to which Mike Barnes responded that he agrees but this was done prior to him being involved. Councilman Dipierro lastly stated that he wants to make sure it is safe and is disappointed that buildings went up without the infrastructure in place first.
- Reminded everyone that the Special Election for the School Board Referendum will be on March 13th and advised that it is important to ask questions and make an informed decision prior to voting as it is important to move forward in the right direction.
- Thanked Engineer Rasimowicz for his quick response in addressing a few complaints he had received from residents.

Councilman Baskin –

- Discussed that if the referendum is voted down the district could develop an alternative plan which in turn would cost more to the taxpayers. Advised that is something to consider when voting.
- Monroe Township was just certified as a silver municipality by Sustainable New Jersey. Stated that at a future council meeting a presentation of that plaque will be given.
- Attended a very important youth organization commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi on Saturday. The program was run by Andy Paluri and Hemant Patel, with the youth presenting essays they had written. Vinisha Patel, Hemant's daughter, sang the Star-Spangled Banner beautifully. It was a wonderful program.
- Spoke a few words about former Councilman Hank Miller who he served with on the Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee; shared that Mr. Miller always came up with different insights which were very helpful to the committee and he will be missed.
- Shared that our EMS added a 2017 Ford 450 to their fleet, which replaced an outdated model that had over 350,000 miles. In total there are 13 ambulances in our fleet with this one having four wheel drive, a 360 degree camera view and an electronic stretcher.
- Reminded everyone that the Rabies Clinic will be held on March 3rd from 9am -2 pm at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Cohen – Absent.

Council President Dalina –

- Reported that the Recreation Spring Youth Programs are in full swing.
- Quick Check donated \$1,450 to the Wolverines.
- The 4th Annual Maker's Fest will be held on March 10th at the library.
- The Fire District elections will be held on Saturday, February 17th from 2pm to 9pm. All three districts will be holding their fire elections.

Public:

Tom Bartley, 599 Spotswood-Englishtown Rd. – Mr. Bartley commented that he has found out that PSE&G will be able to service all homes located on Spotswood -Englishtown Road which will be great.

Asked about the interconnection agreement with Spotswood regarding potable water and if it has gone forward; Mike Barnes answered that we have given them a proposal and we are moving forward with that.

Mr. Bartley asked if there were still issues with the water pressure at the Regency; Mike Barnes stated that he is unaware of any issue as everything has checked out within their system.

Christine Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe stated that she was coming before the Council because she is concerned with the growth in the Township. She asked if the Council could tell the voters what the cost of the land would be; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Mayor and Council is trying to be helpful and keep an open dialogue with the landowners. He further explained that the Township currently owns the land through eminent domain and the appraisal has been deposited in the court's account until a determination is made. We are in a position not to overpay as the conversations have been positive and the owner has been extremely decent to work with. He added that there has been no final price determined and stated that he is unsure if we will know the exact amount before the referendum. Mrs. Skurbe commented that the voters should know all of the information prior to voting and added that in response to acquiring the land by eminent domain, the Board of Education's President stated on Facebook that they voted for acquiring the land but not taking it and they have had no say in the negotiations. Administrator Weinberg answered back stating that the Township was not in a position and would not throw money out to acquire this land, as to protect the taxpayers, as the Mayor and Council and the Board of Education would not want that. The owner was fully aware that eminent domain would happen and the land would be acquired by doing so. Council President Dalina added that eminent domain sounds scary and has had a negative connotation connected to it but it is not a negative thing as it has become the arbitrator in this process.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab added that Mr. Gorhan Rajan, Chairman(inaudible) should also be recognized for his efforts in putting together the commemoration ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi.

Asked that the Cable Television Franchise Committee acknowledge that we are for net neutrality and that whatever company that comes into the Township should be aware that we are in support of that.

Shared that the Indian community of the Township has put together a task force entitled M.I.C.A., Monroe Indians for Civic Action, to support recreational marijuana from being allowed within the Township. Mr. Parab asked what the Mayor and Council's position on the issue of marijuana being legal within the Township is; Council President Dalina commented that the Township at this time has no plans on doing anything. Mayor Tamburro commented that the Township is more concerned with the growing and selling of it, adding that thankfully we do not have many retail establishments available and stating that we will first have to wait to see what the State does before we take any action. Mr. Parab urged the Mayor and Council to take position similar to what other towns have done in response to the new legislation.

Hy Grossman, 15 Doral Dr. – Mr. Grossman congratulated the new officers who were sworn in this evening and he thanked one officer in particular, Patrick McCann, who provided excellent service in his time of need.

Commented that the Training School has a \$162 million-dollar bond issue thanks to Governor Christie and the taxpayers will be paying for that.

Concerned with the area west of Mounts Mills approaching 613 that has an obstruction of view at the corner where the stop sign is to the right; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that he will look into this.

Congratulated the Philadelphia Eagles for their Super Bowl win.

Patrick Valvano, 192 Diamond Springs Dr. – Mr. Valvano stated that he emailed a letter to the Mayor and Council President, as well as, Senator Greenstein regarding the legalization of marijuana and mentioned an article in the Star Ledger proclaiming a former New Jersey lawmaker and the State Police state to “Just Say No” to allowing marijuana within the Township. He does not want marijuana in Monroe.

Roger Hannity (inaudible), 22 Harrigan Ave. – Asked about owning the land at the Golf Center and how that works as far as it being leased and who is responsible for paying the taxes on that property.

Administrator Weinberg explained that we wanted to acquire the land and currently our Township Attorney is in on the negotiations to finalize.

Commented that for those who are concerned with marijuana, there is a medical dispensary approximately five minutes away from Monroe Township, therefore if you have not noticed a difference yet then you should not panic.

Asif Rajabali, 1 Walker Ct. – Commented that he was in support and passionate about not allowing marijuana in the Township.

Chris Parker, 175 Disbrow Hill Rd. – Mr. Parker stated that Disbrow Hill Road is in great disrepair and because of its condition it has become a traffic hazard. Engineer Rasimowicz commented that the developer will be reconstructing the road and items on the punch list given to them.

Stated that in regards to R-2-2018-066, the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Commission has failed to meet in over 9 months and asked if they will be meeting regularly as they should be meeting every 3 months; Council President Dalina stated that this will be addressed so regular meetings are being held. Councilman Baskin added that he is the liaison to the Commission and hopes they will be meeting.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked what was changing regarding O-2-2018-003; Council President Dalina stated that it was only detailing the structure of the Police Department.

Asked if there was a breakdown as to how the recycling grant was given; Administrator Weinberg answered that he could get a break out for him, adding that it costs \$700,000 a year for bi-weekly recycling pickup.

Mr. Gunkelman commented that a property on Spotswood-Englishtown Road bordering Mounts Mills Road is in violation for milling operations and parking trucks on the property which is not permitted. He asked what the state of that litigation is as it seems that the owner has disregarded all notices of violations received; Engineer Rasimowicz and Administrator Weinberg answered that the property is known as the Stone Museum and the judgement given last November was a

fine of \$250 per day beginning from last March. Tickets continue to be issued and enforced and the clock is still ticking with a \$250 fine per day being given.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio commented on the task force being put together in regards to the Training School, asking if the property will continue to be used as a prison; Mayor Tamburro responded that once the property is vacated it should be considered removed as a prison and if it does end up being utilized as one then the citizens should be alerted if it stays a prison. He commented that he would love to see the Township purchase and pursue as Open Space for schools and passive recreation.

Reported that at the last Planning Board meeting approved on a preliminary basis some additional property on Spotswood-Englishtown Road and to her concern has been previously contaminated by illegal fuel. The citizens should be made aware when things like this happen. Mrs. Arminio asked how are we protected if the aquifers are contaminated as our ground water is precious to us. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that this is being monitored by the EPA and DEP; Mike Barnes also gave clarification that the water quality is the most pristine in town. Mrs. Arminio commented that she hopes the Township would protect us.

Mrs. Arminio asked if there was a difference between COAH and Fair Housing as written in R-2-2018-079; Administrator Weinberg answered that since COAH has been disbanded it has been referred to as a variety of names, one of which is Fair Housing. Mrs. Arminio suggested that it be written as COAH/Fair Housing on the resolutions and ordinances so the public knows it is one in the same.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:50pm.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilwoman Miriam Cohen	Absent
Councilman Charles Dipierro	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: March 5, 2018.