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

APRIL 1, 2024

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

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

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AGENDA

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **MARCH 27, 2024**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

February 5, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

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7. RESOLUTIONS removed from consent agenda for CONSIDERATION (if needed).

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

8. **Administrator’s Report.**

9. **Engineer’s Report.**

10. **Council’s Reports.**

11. **Mayor’s Report.**

12. **Public Comments.** (5 Minutes per Speaker)

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13. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – April 1, 2024

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

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- R-4-2024-121** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8C, 8D & 8E – PB-1100-11.**
- R-4-2024-122** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8F, 8G & 8J – PB-1100-11.**
- R-4-2024-123** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8H & 8I – PB-1100-11.**
- R-4-2024-124** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 9 – PB-1157-14.**
- R-4-2024-125** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2024 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE.** (\$15,466.40)
- R-4-2024-126** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO P & A CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH MIDDLESEX AVENUE & FITZGERALD AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** (\$593,877.06)

R-4-2024-127

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PETER A. VIGNUOLO, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM OF CLARKIN & VIGNUOLO, P.C. AS ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$5,000)

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolution R-4-2024-115 to be considered separately.

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

Public Comments:

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked if Ordinance O-4-2024-007 was a shared cost; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a standard agreement with the land acquisition done by the Township and the County and Township splitting costs 50/50.

Mr. Gunkelman commented in regard to R-4-2024-113 that the cost seemed high and asked for an explanation as to why; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a state contract with the vehicles fully loaded with snowplows and accessories. He went on to say that prices have gone up and this replaces an older dump truck.

Regarding R-4-2024-108, Mr. Gunkelman asked if the Township would consider at some point entertaining a municipal garage to maintain vehicles as the school and DPW maintain their own vehicles for the most part and this may be viable to have our own. Administrator Weinberg responded that we do basic stuff and use specialized companies, when necessary, as ambulances are unique.

Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd. – Mr. Busman asked for the details of Resolution R-4-2024-117; Administrator Weinberg responded that this is for the preliminary design to stabilize the England/Baird house located at the Dey Farm. Mr. Busman commented that he is surprised at what professionals charge.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked for clarification as to how many electric chargers were going to be placed at each location, how fast are they going to charge and if the charge would be free in regard to Resolution R-4-2024-116; Administrator Weinberg responded that there will be two at each location and he will have a cost estimate to share at the May meeting. Mr. Parab commented that he hopes these chargers will be faster charging and inquired about charging the customers.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked what the total was for R-4-2024-117; who regulates, what are the costs and what type of chargers in regard to R-4-2024-116 and commented that “Attachment A” is missing from the website; Administrator Weinberg responded that in regard to R-4-2024-116 the rates are set by the hour, to which Engineer Rasimowicz added that out of the three levels of chargers these are type two chargers.

Gozala Bohra, 1 Miko Dr. – Mrs. Bohra thanked the Mayor and Council for moving forward with the electric charging stations.

Mrs. Bohra asked for clarification on R-4-2024-104 regarding the extension of the budget to May 6th; Administrator Weinberg explained that the Council can extend as necessary and clarified the process and reasons as to why that may happen.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked what type of Faulkner Act we are; Administrator Weinberg answered that the different types have merged together but we would fall under the optional municipal charter. Attorney Shah explained that the information can be found in the code by going onto General Code where our codebook is stored.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Markel, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:07pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:08pm.

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

Councilman Dipierro questioned the payment for baseball uniforms as he thought baseball association paid for them as they receive payment from the participants that includes uniforms when signing up. Administrator Weinberg stated that historically the baseball association has used uniforms for multiple years and for the first time we buy the uniforms we buy the uniforms ourselves. He stated that he will speak with Mary Lange regarding this. Councilman Dipierro stated that he wants to ensure that the taxpayers are not paying twice and asked if we receive any money from the baseball association; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have supported the recreation leagues, but we can look to see about providing less support in the budget if that is what is wanted. Councilman Dipierro asked if we receive an audit from the associations; Administrator Weinberg stated that the Recreation Advisory Board receives a copy of the audits from the various associations.

Councilman Dipierro questioned the payment made to the Hard Rock for the OEM conference. He stated that while we receive many grants, we also make many payments as well. He went on to say that we have paid for OEM personnel to attend a conference at the Hard Rock which he received the details on from Administrator Weinberg which he thanked. Administrator Weinberg stated that approximately two years ago we received a \$10,000 federal/state grant to expand training for our OEM personnel to attend the State Emergency Transportation Conference down in Atlantic City which we have sent key personnel to attend which is what this grant specifically authorizes the use for.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/27/24** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

February 5, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

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

O-4-2024-007 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT OLD BRIDGE-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD AND MOUNTS MILLS ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300,000 THERFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

O-4-2024-008 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "TREE PRESERVATION".
(Amendments to comply with NJDEP recommendations)

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-4-2024-102– R-4-2024-127)

R-4-2024-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUE TO ANAYA SPIRITS, LLC. (Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege – will be located in Gables Plaza - 211 Applegarth Rd)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Council for a Place-to - Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege No. 1213-32-005-006 heretofore held by Anaya Spirits, LLC., having no sited place of business as it is a pocket license to the sited premises located in Gables Plaza, 211 Applegarth Road, Suites 110 and 111; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the 2023-2024 licensing term; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege No. 1213-32-005-006 from pocket to place located in Gables Plaza, 211 Applegarth Road, Suites 110 and 111; and

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

“This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, held by Anaya Spirits, LLC is hereby transferred from pocket to place located in Gables Plaza, 211 Applegarth Road, Suites 110 and 111, effective April 1, 2024.”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-103

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 One hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen dollars and Seventy-Six cents (\$136,315.76) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

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 Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the applicable taxes and the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby directed to

draw a check from the General Account refunding the Tax overpayments described above to be distributed as set forth on the attached Schedule A:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-104 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE
INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE
TOWNSHIP 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAY 6, 2024.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 provides that the governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget in the case of a municipality not later than February 10th of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1 there exists a need to extend the date upon which to introduce and approve the Monroe Township 2024 annual budget to May 6, 2024 due to the need for receipt of revenue figures;

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 extension of the introduction and approval of the Monroe Township 2024 annual budget to May 6, 2024.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-105 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2024
RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT. (Applying for \$8000 for start up of Center for Hard
to Recycle Materials “CHRM”)**

WHEREAS, The County of Middlesex in continuing to recognize the importance of recycling and the role that the individual municipalities play in conjunction with the County towards achieving an exemplary recycling rate has proposed to provide grant monies to municipalities through the Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the REG Program is to provide funds to qualifying municipalities to be used for recycling compliance and enforcement to enhance a municipality’s recycling program; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Township of Monroe and its citizens to apply for this grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Public Works Director and Recycling Coordinator are hereby authorized to submit the attached application for consideration of a grant to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-106 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT LABS OF DE, INC. FOR CONTRACT
535, “SODIUM CHLORIDE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, one (1) sealed bids was received, and publicly opened and read, by the Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 535, “Sodium Chloride”, required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Manager by copy of a letter dated March 14, 2024 has recommended that a (2) two-year open-ended contract be awarded to the low bidder Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. with a (1) one-year extension with the agreement of the bidder based on estimated annual quantities of 385 tons, per year, at \$144.96 per ton bid (estimated annual total \$55,000.00), a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Purchasing Manager regarding said bid; 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-240009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

WHEREAS, Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a two (2) year contract with an optional (1) one-year extension, with Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc., in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. shall provide the required insurance certificate as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-107

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 56, LOT 55, QUALIFIER 394B.**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, Dorothy Dowling ("Dowling") entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Dowling from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on April 25, 2022, in Mortgage Book 18906 on Pages 174 - 187; and

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

WHEREAS, the Estate of Dorothy Dowling have reached out to the Affordable Housing Board stating that an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held October 11, 2023 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of 100% of the lien in the amount of \$82,415.00, as the lien has been in place for two years and three weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Estate of Dorothy Dowling have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing Lien held by Dowling are hereby satisfied and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreements, annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT
EXTENSION WITH BAYHEAD INVESTMENTS (dba VCI) FOR
AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE, PARTS & REPAIRS FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Unit Pricing).**

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022 per Resolution No. R-5-2022-141, **Bayhead Investments (dba VCI)** was awarded the Ambulance Maintenance, Parts and Repairs contract for Monroe Township with an option to extend for two additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023 per Resolution No. R-4-2023-116, the Township extended the contract for one additional year expiring April 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe would like to extend the current contract with **Bayhead Investments (dba VCI)** for an additional one-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office inquired as to the willingness of Bayhead Investments (dba VCI) to extend their current contract; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter received March 14, 2024 indicates the willingness of Bayhead Investments (dba VCI) to extend the current contract from April 4, 2024 thru April 3, 2025, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original bid specification and contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certificate No C-2200038, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance, Parts and Repairs is being extended one year to April 3, 2025 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 **Bayhead Investments (dba VCI)** under the same terms, conditions and pricing within their original bid specification submitted for Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance, Parts and Repairs; 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 2022 contract entered into between the parties.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR SECTION “A, B, D, E, F, I, J, L” OF CONTRACT 534, “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM, (4) four sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 534, “Water & Sewer System Appurtenances”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for A, B, D, E, F, I, J, L; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed all the bids, and by copy of a letter dated March 18, 2024, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. based on unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240011 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for sections A, B, D, E, F, I, J, L of Contract 534 in accordance with their submitted bid (as corrected);

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Ferguson Enterprises, LLC in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Ferguson Enterprises, LLC shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP FOR SECTIONS “C & M” OF CONTRACT 534, “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM, (4) four sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 534, “Water & Sewer System Appurtenances”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Core & Main LP has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for “C & M”; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed all the bids, and by copy of a letter dated March 18, 2024, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Core & Main LP based on unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240012 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Core & Main LP has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with Core & Main LP Sections “C & M” in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Core & Main LP in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Core & Main LP shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BRENT MATERIAL CO. FOR SECTIONS “G & K” OF CONTRACT 534, “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM, (4) four sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 534, “Water & Sewer System Appurtenances”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Brent Material Co. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for Sections “G & K”; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed all the bids, and by copy of a letter dated March 18, 2024, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Brent Material Co. based on unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240014 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Brent Material Co. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with Brent Material Co. Section “D/L” in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Brent Material Co. in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation That Brent Material Co. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-112 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RARITAN GROUP, INC. FOR SECTION “D/L” OF CONTRACT 534, “WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM, (4) four sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for Contract 534, “Water & Sewer System Appurtenances”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Group, Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for Section “D/L”; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed all the bids, and by copy of a letter dated March 18, 2024, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Raritan Group, Inc. based on unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-240013 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Group, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with Raritan Group, Inc. Section “D/L” in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Raritan Group, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Raritan Group, Inc. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-113 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO F550 NON-CDL DUMP TRUCKS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (Total Pricing including accessories and installation: \$268,669.40)

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

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works, has the need to purchase two (2) 2024 F550 non-CDL dump trucks under State Contract No. A88215, from ***Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034***, an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the details are as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Price</u>
2	2024 Ford F550 Cab & Chassis Crew Cab 4X4	\$56,167.00/ea
TOTAL COST:		\$112,334.00; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400039, a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase two (2) Trius 2024 F550 Chassis – body hydraulic system, salt spreader and installation to outfit the new F550 non-CDL dump trucks from ***Trius, Inc., 5049 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727***, an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program, NJ State Contract No. #65MCESCCPS Class 4-8 Trucks Bid #ESC NJ 23/24-04, for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth: **(\$135,319.90)**

2	2024 F550 Chassis: <i>Body hydraulic system, salt spreader and installation</i>	\$67,659.95/ea
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TOTAL COST: \$135,319.90; and

WHEREAS, the detail of the 2024 F550 Chassis – body hydraulic system, salt spreader and installation for the dump trucks are attached hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400040, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase two (2) Creston Boss snow plows with installation to outfit the new dump trucks from ***Creston Hydraulics, Inc., 53 Flock Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619***, pricing per quotation #00017515, for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth: **(\$14,953.00)**

2 **Creston Boss Snowplows and installation** **\$7,476.50**

TOTAL COST: \$14,953.00; and

WHEREAS, the details of the snow plows and installation for the dump trucks is attached and hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400041, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase two (2) Tactical TM9400 Mobile Radios with installation to outfit the new dump trucks from ***Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091*** pricing per quotation dated March 3, 2024, for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth: **(\$6,062.50.00)**

2 **Tactical TM9400 Mobile Radios** **\$3,031.25**

TOTAL COST: \$6,062.50; and

WHEREAS, the details of the mobile radios with installation for the dump trucks is attached and hereto and made a part of; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400042 copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "D";

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 ***Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034*** for the purchase of ***two (2) 2024 Ford F550 Cab & Chassis Crew Cab 4X4*** at a total contract price in the amount of **\$112,334.00; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Trius, Inc., 5049 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of ***two (2) Trius 2024 F550 Chassis – body hydraulic system, salt spreader with installation*** to outfit the new Department of Public Works vehicles at a total contract price of **\$135,319.90; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Creston Hydraulics, Inc., 53 Flock Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of ***two (2) Creston Boss Snow Plows and installation*** to outfit the new Department of Public Works vehicles at a total contract price of **\$14,953.00; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of a *mobile radio* to outfit the new Department of Public Works vehicles at a total contract price of **\$6,062.50; and**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-114

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A CONTRACT AWARDED TO GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS & SERVICES FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP 2024 LANDSCAPING SERVICES. (Additional \$16,205.00 for Detention/Basin Easement Mowing of Queens Court, Majestic Woods and Stratford, as well as Island Maintenance of Stratford)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2022-105, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 7, 2022, a contract was awarded to Greenleaf Landscape Systems & Services, 276 Pine Brook Road Eatontown, N.J. 07724; and

WHEREAS, said contract was extended through March 31, 2025 pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2024-089, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has requested the current contract be modified to include the Detention Mowing/Basin Easement Mowing of Queens Court, Majestic Woods and Stratford plus the Island Maintenance of Stratford, attached as “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, Greenleaf Landscape Systems & Services has provided an estimate for the additional work at a cost of \$1,800.55 per month from April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for a total cost not to exceed an additional \$16,205.00 to the current contract price, attached as “Exhibit B”; and

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

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. C-2200028, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the contract with Greenleaf Landscape Systems & Services, be modified in the amount of *Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Five Dollars (\$16,205.00)*.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-116

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER, LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER FROM BRYAN ELECTRIC USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. (\$169,816 up front costs - after grants/rebates the out-of-pocket costs being approx. \$65,994)

WHEREAS, Monroe Township has the need for the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations located at the Senior Center - 12 Halsey Reed Road, the Library – 4 Municipal Plaza and the Community Center – 120 Monmouth Road; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ) has awarded a contract for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations under its contract number ESCNJ 22/23-35, to *Bryan Electric, 1800 East State Street, Suite 150C, Hamilton, N.J. 08609*.

WHEREAS, a quote has been received from Bryan Electric with a total up front cost of **\$169,816** of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, with a portion of the project costs being reimbursed to the Township upon completion, with the anticipated out of pocket costs of the Township being **\$65,994**; 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, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2400043 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the purchase of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations located at the Senior Center - 12 Halsey Reed Road, the Library – 4 Municipal Plaza and the Community Center – 120 Monmouth Road by Bryan Electric using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract ESCNJ 22/23-35; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said purchase, installation, removal as shown in the attached quote performed by The Gillespie Group; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program and are considered fair and open contracts in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CONNELLY &
HICKEY HISTORIC ARCHITECTS, LLC. FOR
ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEY FARM HISTORIC SITE
LOCATED AT 401 FEDERAL ROAD.
(not to exceed \$18,300)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Historical Preservation Commission seeks professional architectural consulting services and to prepare an updated Historic Preservation Plan in connection with the *Dey Farm Historic Site located at 401 Federal Road, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831*; and

WHEREAS, Connelly & Hickey Historic Architects, LLC possess the technical expertise required to perform said professional consulting architectural services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed eighteen thousand three hundred dollars (**\$18,300.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2400044, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Connelly & Hickey Historic Architects, LLC, 1 South Union Avenue, P.O. Box 1746, Cranford, NJ 07016*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.

(2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Connelly & Hickey Historic Architects, LLC. for the professional architectural consulting services and to prepare an updated Historic Preservation Plan for the *Dey Farm*

Historic Site located at 401 Federal Road, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831 in an amount not to exceed eighteen thousand three hundred dollars (**\$18,300.00**).

- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Connelly & Hickey Historic Architects, LLC** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATED FUNDS FROM THE ESTATE OF JOHN
CHRISTIANO TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
MONROE SENIOR SERVICES CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF
APPROXIMATELY \$33,000.00.**

WHEREAS, recently deceased John Christiano has named the Township of Monroe Senior Services Center as a beneficiary in an amount of approximately \$33,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Resolution recognizes that funds in the amount of approximately \$33,000.00 donated from bonds held by the Estate of John Christiano (“the Estate”) would be used for the benefit of the Monroe Senior Services Center; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to memorialize this donation of funds from the Estate to the Township through signature of a letter of instruction, properly identified in **Attachment A** to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is seeking authority to accept the terms of the donation in **Attachment A**, and thereafter appropriate the funds devised from the bonds described in **Attachment A** for use by the Monroe Township Senior Services Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of April, 2024, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “Council”) that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to accept a donation totaling approximately \$33,000 for the benefit of the Monroe Senior Center for the purpose of services by, improvements for and keeping regular maintenance of the Monroe Senior Services Center.
2. The Council authorizes the Mayor of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to accept the donated amount of bond funds properly identified in Attachment A, at no cost to the Township of Monroe.
3. The council authorizes the Mayor of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to designate the amount of all donated funds from bonds in Attachment for use by and appropriate services for the benefit of the Monroe Senior Center.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8A – PB-1100-11.

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 8A Project PB-1100-11; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 8A Project PB-1100-11, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$126,970.04**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-120

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8B – PB-1100-11.

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 8B Project PB-1100-11; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 8B Project PB-1100-11, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$198,459.96**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-121 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF
A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT
MONROE, PHASE 8C, 8D & 8E – PB-1100-11.**

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 8C, 8D & 8E Project PB-1100-11; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 8C, 8D & 8E Project PB-1100-11, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$286,292.43**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2024-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF
A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT
MONROE, PHASE 8F, 8G & 8J – PB-1100-11.**

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 8F, 8G & 8J Project PB-1100-11; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 8F, 8G & 8J Project PB-1100-11, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$197,279.32**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-123

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 8H & 8I – PB-1100-11.

WHEREAS, **Toll NJ II, L.P.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 8H & 8I Project PB-1100-11; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 8H & 8I Project PB-1100-11, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$189,966.47**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-124

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR REGENCY AT MONROE, PHASE 9 – PB-1157-14.

WHEREAS, Toll NJ II, L.P. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Regency at Monroe, Phase 9 Project PB-1157-14; 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 at Monroe, Phase 9 Project PB-1157-14, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2024, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$238,146.19**. 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 recommends the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township is sufficient.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-125

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2024 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$15,466.40)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, the Township of Monroe has solicited proposals for Wet Basin Maintenance for 2024; and

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

Lake Management Sciences, Inc. Branchville, N.J. - \$15,466.40

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposals received and, by copy of letter dated March 25, 2024, recommends the award of contract to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc., P.O. Box 2395 Branchville, N.J. 07826**, in the amount of **\$15,466.40** and any additional services as needed; and

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

under the terms established in the above-cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to *Lake Management Sciences, Inc.*, for 2024 wet basin maintenance for a total contract price of **\$15,466.40**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2400045, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO P & A CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH MIDDLESEX AVENUE & FITZGERALD AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (\$593,877.06)

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, twelve (12) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the **South Middlesex Avenue & Fitzgerald Avenue Improvements Project**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated March 26, 2024, has recommended *P & A Construction P.O. Box 29 Colonia, N.J. 07076*, to be awarded the contract, based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$593,877.06**; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2400046, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to ***P & A Construction*** for the **South Middlesex Avenue & Fitzgerald Avenue Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$593,877.06**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with ***P & A Construction***; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay ***P & A Construction*** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***P & A Construction*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, thereafter, a completed AA-202, monthly project workforce report, must be submitted once a month for the duration of the contract to the Department of Labor and to the Monroe Township Public Agency Compliance Officer.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2024-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PETER A. VIGNUOLO, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM OF CLARKIN & VIGNUOLO, P.C. AS ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$5,000)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, has the need for legal representation in connection with Zoning Board litigation(s); and

WHEREAS, Peter A. Vignuolo, Esq. of Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, possesses the expertise necessary to represent the Township in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate shall be \$195.00/hour; not to exceed \$5,000 in regard to the handling of lawsuits filed against the Zoning Board of Adjustment; 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-C-2400047, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with Peter A. Vignuolo, Esq. of the firm Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., 86 Washington Avenue, Milltown, NJ 08850, commencing April 1, 2024;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Peter A. Vignuolo, Esq. of the firm Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(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 Peter A. Vignuolo, Esq. of Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., 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) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

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

R-4-2024-115 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A CONTRACT AWARDED TO GAL’S LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP 2024 LANDSCAPING SERVICES.
(Modification to include landscaping at M.T.U.D. not to exceed \$5,900.00)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2022-107, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 7, 2022, a contract was awarded to Gal’s Landscaping, Inc., P.O. Box 6501, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; and

WHEREAS, said contract was extended through March 31, 2025 pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2024-088, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has requested the current contract be modified to include landscaping at their main office, attached as “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, Gal’s Landscaping, Inc. has provided an estimate for the additional work at a cost not to exceed \$5,900.00, attached as “Exhibit B”; and

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

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. M -240010, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the contract with Gal’s Landscaping, Inc., be modified in the amount of *Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$5,900.00)*.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

Administrator’s Report – Administrator Weinberg reported that on April 16th at 6:00pm representatives of BFI Republic will be holding a meeting with residents over various concerns of smells in the air in that area.

Commended Center State Engineering on the eleven bids received for the South Middlesex Avenue and Fitzgerald Avenue Roadway Improvement Project. The bid came in below the engineer’s estimate which is great and also using mostly grant money.

Thanked Council for approving the purchase of the new DPW trucks, which will be replacing older model trucks, and should be ready for use by next Winter.

Engineer’s Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the traffic signal on Applegarth Road and Joan Warren Way will begin in the next few weeks per the County.

The Police Department expansion and renovation project has started with the site work in the back and the stormwater replacement in the back.

South Middlesex Avenue Roadway Improvement Project has been awarded to the low bidder, P & A Construction out of Colonia, NJ.

Council’s Reports –

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Thanked the Recreation Center, as well as the Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work and communication in making the Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Contest happen as it was moved indoors due to the rain. The feedback from those who attended were that of gratitude and appreciation.
- Shared that the Dey Farm open houses will kick off on Sunday, May 2nd from 1:00-4:00pm with a presentation from Jason Martin on honey bees and the Environmental Commission talking about rain barrels.
- The Youth Advisory Committee, composed of 25 high school students, has been hard at work on their Wellness Fair which will be held on May 11th at the Senior Center. They have partnered with the Middlesex County Division of Addiction and Mental Health Planning, as well as our EMS, Police and RWJ for a day filled with various presentations on opioid addiction and mental health.
- The Library will be hosting a hybrid event from the League of Women Voters on April 17th from 6:00-8:00pm that will give an overview of the structure of local government and how it works.

Councilman Dipierro–

- Attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Make-A-Wish; he went on to say Make-A-Wish President Tom Weatherall was interviewed on a local news station and extended his appreciation and gratefulness for all of the donations made in order to grant wishes. He stated to see residents make donations to various organizations and help one another is something to be recognized and important to acknowledge.
- Stated that the Administration has met with the Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. #1 for their 75th anniversary celebration being held at Thompson Park on August 10th. There will be food trucks, entertainment, fireworks and is an event we are all looking forward to as it brings the community together.
- Asked if “Well 25” was within budget; Administrator Weinberg explained that this is the newest well located at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood-Englishtown Road. Director Stroin responded that this was done within budget to which Councilman Dipierro thanked him and his staff for completing and keeping within budget as it is important for the taxpayers to know. Councilman Dipierro went on to thank Director Stroin and his team for fixing the leak on Schoolhouse Road as that is something that he had been asking about for months and to have it completed in house is amazing.
- Attended a Zoning Board meeting where multiple people had asked where the screens are to see what is being presented more clearly; he went on to say that he has asked multiple times to have that included in the budget and asked what the status was. Administrator Weinberg answered that he will follow up with the Tech Department as they will be installing the two screens which will go on either side of the dais and be used to show a variety of presentations, power points and YouTube, etc. Councilman Dipierro suggested moving the Zoning Board meetings to a bigger building, such as the Senior Center, since there were so many people in attendance that both upstairs and downstairs of the municipal building had to be setup to accommodate the influx.
- Asked for Engineer Rasimowicz, along with the County Engineer to take a look at the paving done on Federal Road to Route 33.
- Asked for an update on the NJDOT truck traffic plan done for Applegarth Road and Prospect Plains Road; Administrator Weinberg stated that the County is moving forward on that with signage being placed shortly, he went on to say that weight suggestions will be discussed with Council. Councilman Dipierro stated that weight limit testing is needed as trucks continue to barrel through Monroe.
- Asked how many detention basins there are; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have approximately 78 along with a detention basin trust fund which has \$1.4 million in it. Councilman Dipierro asked if any of that money can be used for improvements to help mitigate flooding issues as he feels that this is something the Council should consider in working closely with the County and State as roadways such as Route 33 should not be closed down due to ongoing flooding issues.
- Reminded all that the School Board Election will be held on April 16th from 7:00am – 8:00pm. Thanked the Clerk’s Office for their hard work in handling the elections and commented on the importance of getting out to vote.
- Stated that the lacrosse team has requested rebounding walls to be put in at the Avenue K Park; he requested that a meeting be held to discuss as he does not believe this will be an extraordinary expense and many residents have asked him for these walls.
- Inquired if there were any updates on the water and sewer situation over on Bentley Road; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is status quo as the Planning Board requested the developer to bring in water and sewer lines as part of their approval when ready but the timeframe is unknown.
- Stated that he has received an email from a resident that lives near Countryview regarding buses and it was forwarded for a response from Administration and that email has gone unanswered. He went on to say that he is unsure if the residents are being responded to and asked that a system be put into place where responses can be seen. Administrator Weinberg responded that he has not seen too many emails where Councilman Dipierro and himself were copied together but welcomed him to call him for a status if he would like one, as the issue comes up as to it being a sunshine law violation when everyone is copied on an email and then it is responded to. Council President Cohen

added that there was an email referred to at last month's meeting which was answered to by her to which Councilman Dipierro commented that he does not want to assume that responses are given so he is requesting for a copy of responses to residents to be given to him. Attorney Shah stated that the issue is whether it is a sunshine law violation because as we know many times residents are making a comment rather than a question and when it is collectively responded to then it can become an issue with the sunshine law being violated. She went on to say that checking in before a meeting can answer his questions as to whether responses to resident's inquiries have been responded to. Councilman Dipierro stated there are several BFI emails and asked if those were public information to which Attorney Shah responded that she cannot speak on the BFI litigation specifically because it is pending litigation but if there is a specific email he is questioning she would be happy to go over it with him.

Councilman Markel –

- Reminded all that it is Arab Heritage Month.
- Holocaust Remembrance Day will be held at the Senior Center on April 28th.
- There will be a program at the Library commemorating Juneteenth, with more details to follow as they become available.
- Stated that there is no room for Anti-Semitism or Anti-Islamism.
- Shared that the number of members continues to increase at the Senior Center with over 6,000 residents registering for events in February alone. He asked for those going to the Senior Center to carpool since parking is becoming limited due to the amount of people attending various events held there.
- Attended the ADA Committee quarterly meeting with no issues to report; shared that the Middlesex County Area-Wide Transportation (MCAT) services have "rider guidelines" pamphlets available.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Shared that the Recreation Advisory announced the kick-off to the Spring sports season and extended thanks to all the volunteer coaches for dedicating their time.
- Reminded all that there is School Election on April 16th and to go out to vote.
- April 27th the Library will be handing out free seedlings.
- On May 27th Jamesburg will be having their Memorial Day Parade and any groups from Monroe interested in marching are invited to reach out to participate.
- In regard to the electric charging stations, very excited to move into the future and although this is a State grant, we need to consider getting stations that charge the fastest.

Council President Cohen –

- Shared that along with Councilman Markel, attended the celebration of a resident of Rossmoor who turned 102 years old.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina shared that he met with World War II veteran Mr. Sy Lipper who turned 98 years young.

Attended a round table discussion with Attorney General Matt Platkin to discuss the uptick of home invasions throughout the State. He explained that these crimes are being mainly committed by juveniles because the sentencing is minimum and then they are right back on the streets.

Shared that resident Seymour Nussenbaum received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Nussenbaum was a part of the Ghost Army and is very proud to have received such an award.

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Congratulated Fire District #2 and Fire District #3 for the \$75,000 grant they received as this is the second year in a row receiving this.

Noted that the increase of flock cameras has been helpful.

Thankful for the \$33,000 donation to the Senior Center from the Estate of John Christiano.

Noted that receiving grants should not be minimized as it takes a keen administration to identify and act upon which helps us govern and helps control our budget.

Reminded all of a few events being held in the coming weeks: April 26th is the Mayor's Bike Ride, April 28th is the Holocaust Remembrance Day event at the Senior Center, April 30th is a screening of "The Last Full Measure" for veterans at the Stonebridge Clubhouse.

Shared that the week of April 8th through April 12th will be the Police Youth Academy.

Wished everyone a Safe and Happy Spring Season!

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

Public Comments –

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman commented that he attended the Board of Education's budget presentation where it was announced that the next regular meeting would be held on March 27th, he later found out that the meeting was held on March 21st, commenting that this has become all too typical as to how they operate. He added that at that meeting someone was appointed with no explanation which makes it very hard to be supportive. He went on to say that it seems as though their objective is for people not to attend their meetings.

Mr. Gunkelman asked if there was a County study on how to handle stormwater management, stating that some detention basins need to be looked into to see if we can make deeper and replace the silt as flooding is becoming all too frequent.

Commented that he is hopeful that there will be bigger screens at the Zoning Board meetings so the presentations being made can be seen.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that the entrance of his community located on Half Acre Road has flooding in front which the Township was made aware of and addressed expeditiously as there was a clog in the drain.

Reminded all to vote for the School Board election on April 16th and asked for everyone to vote yes as if it is voted down it will have an impact on 1,100 students who receive courtesy busing, as well as, Special Education teachers being cut.

Shared that he testified at the Senate Budget Hearing regarding State Aid and will sit with Senator Greenstein to go over the funding formula as it needs to be overhauled.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos thanked the Clerk’s Office for their work in handling the elections.

Commented that we are placing electric vehicle charging stations but have no electric vehicles and we cannot just talk the talk but we have to walk the walk.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked in reference to R-4-2024-125 if there is an average developer contribution to this detention basin trust; Administrator Weinberg answered that the formula can be found within the Code and there is approximately \$1.4 million in the trust.

Mrs. Arminio commented that there is a lot of flooding due to overbuilding and transferring water into our streets. She added that we want tax revenue but we need to be cognizant of the impact. Mrs. Arminio stated that she hopes the Planning and Zoning Boards protect the community as she has seen a pattern of applicants who get variances and waivers, but our mission should be to protect the community and residents.

Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on O-4-2024-007 specifically the soft costs; Administrator Weinberg stated that this is for the development of the entire property with the County paying for 100% of the construction costs, 50/50 split on the bidding costs and the Township covering the cost of the Police.

Gazala Bohra, 1 Miko Dr. – Mrs. Bohra thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak and introduced herself as the current Vice-President of the Board of Education. She went on to read a statement thanking the Township for the shared services agreement for the video services and explained the school budget.

Raghunath Chitturi, 23 Green Ash St. – Mr. Chitturi gave an overview of the school budget.

Beth Dipierro, 404 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Rd. – Mrs. Dipierro asked if there was a plan in place for dealing with the illegal immigrants to which Mayor Dalina addressed stating that the County has been having ongoing discussions with OEM.

Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe thanked the Mayor and Council for the shared services agreement for the video services.

Mrs. Skurbe gave an overview of the school budget and reminded all to vote at the April 16th School Election and also addressed an earlier comment made about the change of meeting date.

Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl. – Mr. Fabiano commented on the school budget and his displeasure with how the current Board of Education has been running.

Matt Gorham, 39 Helmetta Rd. – Mr. Gorham introduced himself as a 37-year educator who has recently retired and was appointed in October to the Board of Education. He explained that the school budget would increase taxes by only \$24 per year with a \$10 increase to seniors. He also stated that the arguing and rhetoric is ridiculous as these board members are volunteers and this should not happen.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:41pm.

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

Christine Robbins
CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen
MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on May 6, 2024.