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

APRIL 3, 2023

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Miriam Cohen
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel
Councilman Terence Van Dzura

4. Township Clerk Patricia Reid reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** 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:

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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.

5. **PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:**

Recognizing Claire Kelly for her 25 years with Monroe Township

*Proclamations: National Donate Life Month – April 2023
Presented to Mae & Russell Howard*

2023 U Drive, U Text, U Pay Distracted Driving Crackdown – April 1-30, 2023

6. **ORDINANCE(S) for SECOND READING** at the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting:

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8. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting: (R-4-2023-116 – R-4-2023-126)

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- R-4-2023-122** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY S & G PAVING, INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**
- R-4-2023-123** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR MATRIX 259 PROPSEPECT PLAINS LLC – W&S 1084DOM POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**

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- R-4-2023-125** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 DODGE CHARGER AND ACCESSORIES USING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$53,306.89).**
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9. **Public Comments.** (Limited to **Agenda items only** - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

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

10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**

Time: _____

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

APRIL 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

APRIL 3, 2023

AGENDA

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **MARCH 29, 2023.**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

September 7, 2022 - Executive Session

March 6, 2023 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

4. **ORDINANCE(S) for SECOND READING:**

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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
ADOPTION: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

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)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

Time: _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – April 3, 2023

The Council of the Township of Monroe met at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for the Combined Reorganization and Agenda/Regular Meeting.

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Miriam Cohen with a Salute to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held to commemorate the passing of Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel, Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura, and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Assistant Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, CFO George Lang, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately forty (40) members of the Public in attendance.

Council President Cohen read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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Council President Cohen introduced Senior Center Director, Nancy Harrigan, who thanked Claire Kelly for her 25 years of service, contributions and hard work and congratulated her on her retirement, wishing her the best of health and happiness.

Council Members wished Claire well in her retirement and Mayor Dalina presented her with a plaque.

Mayor Dalina read aloud and presented a proclamation for “National Donate Life Month” which promotes a greater understanding about the life saving benefits of organ and tissue donation, adding that this is an opportunity to join the New Jersey Sharing Network in their mission of saving lives. He then introduced Russell and Mae Howard to accept the proclamation and shared that their 13-year marriage is based not only on love and compassion but also a key ingredient being sharing.

Council President Cohen proclaimed April 1-30, 2023 as the 2023 U Drive, U Text, U Pay Distracted Driving Crackdown.

A two-minute recess for pictures was taken with the meeting resuming at 6:44pm.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023** Regular Council Meeting:

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Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-4-2023-118 and R-4-2023-122 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:

Joellen Arrabito, 22-O Rossmoor Dr. – Ms. Arrabito questioned the necessity for purchasing new vehicles, asking what the reason for purchase is, how many vehicles are being purchased, are any of the vehicles being shared and how many miles the vehicles have on them; Administrator Weinberg answered that the bus being purchased is replacing an old bus that has approximately 200,000 miles on it. The other vehicle being purchased is a Dodge Charger for the Police Department, who drive around all day which in turn racks mileage up quickly. He went on to explain that we purchase 4-5 vehicles to keep that fleet in reliable shape.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked in regard to the purchase of property for \$2.4 million to be used for Open Space, how many acres of land would we be purchasing; Attorney Rainone answered that this is Garvey’s property which is about 10 acres. Mr. Parab asked what the plan for the property was, to which Administrator Weinberg answered that we would demolish the building and make it Open Space with possible passive recreation. Mr. Parab commented that we are spending a lot of money for only 10 acres of land.

Adam Durando, 66 Avenue G – Mr. Durando commented that the Garvey’s property is commercial and generates approximately \$35,000 a year in taxes and asked how much the bonding is for; Administrator Weinberg answered that we would be bonding for \$2.3 million and depends on the interest rates that we secure after financing. Mr. Durando commented that he is all for open space but taking a commercial property that generates \$35,000 per year in income will put us into a debt which is not ideal. Mr. Durando also stated that he is unsure of how open space would be on a commercial property; Administrator Weinberg went on to explain that by purchasing this property to be used for open space it will prevent any additional affordable housing to be built there. He went on to further explain the obligations under each round of affordable housing, highlighting that Round 4 will be coming over the next few years and the court will listen to potential developers, with any parcel they have, looking to intervene in that case potentially.

Mr. Durando commented that he has driven around the municipal building and noticed that they are full of Explorers and stated that the base price for an Escape is \$11,000 less and they have better mileage. He asked if we are contractually obligated to purchase Explorers to which Administrator Weinberg answered no. Mr. Durando commented that we should be more fiscally responsible as a 7-passenger vehicle is not needed.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman commented regarding the Garvey property that he thought that it was voted upon for a certain percentage of our taxes to go towards the open space budget and asked how much is in the open space fund as he is unsure if the allocation is the same and asked what the estimated purchase price is; Administrator Weinberg commented that the Open Space Trust Fund is utilized to purchase open space and currently brings in \$1.2 million and use approximated \$800,000 towards the debt service. He further explained that this is a \$2.3 million purchase and with the bond ordinance we have to put 5% down cash and finance the other 95%. Mr. Gunkelman commented that he was confused as open space can only be used for open space and not affordable housing to which Attorney Rainone answered that by purchasing this property we prevent it from becoming affordable housing.

Lucille Panos. 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos extended her condolences for the passing of Councilwoman Schneider.

Mrs. Panos commented that with the purchase of Garvey’s we are losing revenue and asked if we can subdivide and if we are also purchasing the liquor license; Attorney Rainone responded that we are not purchasing the liquor license and the owner is free to sell it. Mrs. Panos commented that before we get into hock for \$2 million we should table this and consider subdividing.

Mrs. Panos asked for an explanation on R-4-2023-117 to which Administrator Weinberg answered that this was an affordable housing rehabilitation that the Township did which helps bring the property up to code. The funding for the rehabilitation program comes from developer fees and per law and the agreement signed after 10 years we release the lien.

Mrs. Panos asked what percentage of the original bond is kept in regard to R-4-2023-122; Administrator Weinberg answered that 15% of the original bond is kept as a maintenance bond and we hold it for 2 years.

Lastly, in regard to R-4-2023-124, Mrs. Panos stated that the government is pushing for electric vehicles and asked why we are not purchasing them; Administrator Weinberg commented that this was for a 20 passenger bus and he is not aware of the availability of 20 passenger electric busses. He added that finding electric vehicles are hard to find aside from getting regular vehicles as well with the lead times being up to 24 months to receive them. Mrs. Panos urged that we go electric and be a leader and not a follower and asked if she can get the amount of our annual gas bill at the next meeting.

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

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

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	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 7:07pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/29/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	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 **MINUTES** of the **September 7, 2022 Executive Session** and the **March 6, 2023 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

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

O-3-2023-011 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 122-30 ENTITLED “NO PARKING”.** (Buckelew Ave., Cranbury-Half Acre Rd., Cranbury Station Road, Hoffman Station Road, Union Valley-Half Acre Rd)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of § 122-06, “Parking prohibited at all times”.

SECTION 1. Section § 122-30, Schedule I entitled “**No Parking**” in accordance with the provisions of § 122-06, the following are hereby amended as follows: (additions in blue, deletions in red)

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Location</u>
Buckelew Avenue	South	From a point 330 feet from the easterly curblin<u>e</u> of Frederick Street to a point 195 feet easterly therefrom.
Buckelew Avenue (CR 522)	East	From Schoolhouse Road to the Driveway of Brookside School.
Buckelew Avenue (CR 522)	East	From Little Brook Lane to State Street
Zone 1		Zone 2
Buckelew Avenue (CR 522)	Both	From the Monroe Twp. – Jamesburg corporate border to the Monroe Twp. – Manalapan corporate border.
Cranbury- Half Acre Road	Both	Entire Length
Cranbury Station Road	Both	From the intersection of Applegarth Road (CR 619) to the Monroe Twp. – Cranbury Twp. corporate border.
Hoffman Station Road	Both	From intersection of Buckelew Avenue (CR 522) to 900’ west of the Intersection
Union Valley–Half Acre Road	Both	From the intersection of Prospect Plains Road (CR 614) to Applegarth Road (CR 619)

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2023-011** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2023-011** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-3-2023-011 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 122-30 ENTITLED “NO PARKING”. (Buckelew Ave., Cranbury-Half Acre Rd., Cranbury Station Road, Hoffman Station Road, Union Valley-Half Acre Rd)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

O-4-2023-012 ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR DETENTION BASIN - BLOCK 68, LOT 48.12. (Shayna Court off Grace Hill Rd.)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-4-2023-013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

O-4-2023-014 REMOVED

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-4-2023-015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR USE AS OPEN SPACE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,440,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,323,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-4-2023-016 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 75,
LOT 15 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONROE MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 405 SPOTSWOOD
GRAVEL HILL ROAD.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-4-2023-116– R-4-2023-126) with the exception of R-4-2023-118 and R-4-2023-122.

**R-4-2023-116 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; and

WHEREAS, the current contract renewal expires on April 3, 2023 and the Township has an option to extend for two additional one-year periods; 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 February 21, 2023 indicates the willingness of Bayhead Investments (dba VCI) to extend the current contract from April 4, 2023 thru April 3, 2024, 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, 2024 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-4-2023-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 155, LOT 38.**

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2012, Paul V. DiFrancesco (“DiFrancesco”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting DiFrancesco 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

March 12, 2013, in Mortgage Book 15166 on Page 0191; and

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2023-119 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-Two Thousand Nine-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,900.00),

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-4-2023-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2)
ELECTRONIC GATE OPERATIONS FROM SMITH ACCESS
CONTROL, LLC FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$17,370.66)**

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 a two (2) electronic gate operations to provide and enhance security of their yard, from *Smith Access Control, LLC, 2360 Lakewood Road, Suite 3-243, Toms River, NJ 08755*; and

WHEREAS, the details are as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
2	SL 150DC ½ HP w/ 5 year warranty Up to 3,000lb and 60’ gate	\$17,370.66

WHEREAS, the Township QPA by copy of letter dated March 17, 2023, recommends the award of contract to *Smith Access Control, LLC, 2360 Lakewood Road, Suite 3-243, Toms River, NJ 08755*, in the amount of **\$17,370.66**; 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 that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to *Smith Access Control, LLC* for two (2) electronic gate operations, SL 150DC ½ HP w/ 5 year warranty for a total contract price of **\$17,370.66**; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300048, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *Smith Access Control, LLC* in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Parts Authority, LLC* 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-4-2023-121 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TITLE OF
A SEIZED VEHICLE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO
JARED LIANG PURSUANT TO A FINAL JUDGMENT BY
CONSENT ENTERED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW
JERSEY, LAW DIVISION, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AT
DOCKET NO. MID-DC-011373-20.**

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020, the State of New Jersey initiated a civil *in rem* forfeiture action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, County of Middlesex, at Docket No. MID-DC-011383-20 (the “Civil *In Rem* Action”), to confirm forfeiture of a 2012 Acura TSX, bearing vehicle identification number JH4CU2F61CC019134 and New Jersey registration number N83KMA (the “2012 Acura”), from Shana Hilsman as property used to facilitate unlawful activity; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021, the court entered an Amended Default Judgment in the *In Rem* Action ordering that the 2012 Acura be forfeited to the Township through the County of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, the court entered a Final Judgment by Consent in the *In Rem* Action, which is attached hereto as Attachment A, whereby the court ordered that the Township transfer title of the 2012 Acura from the Township to Jared Laing, an individual with property rights in said vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to comply with the Final Judgment entered by the court in the *In Rem* Action by completing the transfer of title to the 2012 Acura from the Township to Jared Liang.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney, all documents necessary to transfer title of a forfeited 2012 Acura TSX, bearing vehicle identification number JH4CU2F61CC019134 and New Jersey registration number N83KMA, to Jared Liang, pursuant to a Final Judgment by Consent attached hereto as Attachment A and entered by the court in Docket No. MID-DC-011383-20, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, County of Middlesex.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2023-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF A
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR MATRIX 259
PROPSEPECT PLAINS LLC – W&S 1084DOM POSTED WITH
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT
(M.T.U.D.).**

WHEREAS, Performance Guaranteed have been posted with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Matrix 259 Prospect Plains LLC for W&S 1084DOM, #S327885; and

WHEREAS, Matrix 259 Prospect Plains LLC has requested a release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated March 23, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Reduced Performance Bond #S327885 in the amount of \$79,560.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$39,780.00 (15% of the original bond).

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantee posted for W&S 1084DOM be released as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval to release a Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the provision of replacement maintenance guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2023-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO ROHRER
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 OR 2024 FORD E-450
MINIBUS OR EQUIVALENT VEHICLE (\$118,500).**

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2023 one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township for a 2023 or 2024 Ford E-450 Minibus or Equivalent Vehicle with 20 ambulatory seats or 16 ambulatory seats with 2 wheelchair positions; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, by copy of letter dated March 28, 2023, has recommended **ROHRER– 314 Dickinson Street, Trenton, NJ 08638** be awarded the contract based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$118,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Purchasing Agent 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-2300049, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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 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 **ROHRER** for a 2023 or 2024 Ford E-450 Minibus or Equivalent Vehicle with 20 ambulatory seats or 16 ambulatory seats with 2 wheelchair positions at a total contract price of **\$118,500.00**; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **ROHRER** 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.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-4-2023-118 and R-4-2023-122))

**R-4-2023-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-
TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE
CURRENTLY ISSUED TO MONSTER BUCK BEVERAGE, LLC
(Pocket License).**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Council for a Person-to Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-33-013-017 heretofore held by Monster Buck Beverage, LLC, having no sited place of business as it is a pocket license; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license having been properly renewed for the 2022-2023 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 No. 1213-33-013-017 to Nitika Pandey; 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, is hereby transferred to Nitika Pandey, effective April 3, 2023.”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2023-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES POSTED BY S & G PAVING, INC. UPON THE
POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE COSTCO DRIVE ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, S & G Paving, Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Costco Drive Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, S & G Paving, Inc. has requested a 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 March 22, 2023, 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 Costco Drive Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter dated March 22, 2023, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$57,631.00**. 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.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg commented that Councilwoman Schneider had many great attributes but most important was deeply caring and compassionate. He stated that he will greatly miss her and take all of the lessons she has taught him throughout the rest of his career and his life and extended condolences to her family.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz commented that he was fortunate enough to work with Councilwoman Schneider on both the Zoning Board and the Council and extended condolences to her family.

Council's Reports –

Council President Cohen – Stated that Betty was her friend; she was the first person to introduce herself when she started on Council. She enjoyed attending community events and always made sure she had her name badge and would yell at her for not wearing hers. Council President Cohen went on to say that she has always admired Betty's quick wit and intelligence. She shared that Councilwoman Schneider served on the North Brunswick School Board for 19 years and loved and cared about all of us. She extended condolences to her Daughter, Ann Maire, her husband, John, Her Son, Jimmy and his wife Susan and her grandchildren who she loved dearly. She will be sorely missed by everyone.

Councilwoman Siegel – Extended her deepest condolences to Councilwoman Schneider's family. Shared that she met Betty many years ago on the Human Relations Commission, that she made an impression with her sons while on the Commission. She was always strong and feisty, and she is very lucky to have had her as a mentor. She added that Betty was always present at community events and fought for everyone's best interests and was always there for her while on Council. Councilwoman mentioned of their shared love for shoes and purses. Betty would remind her that her husband is a keeper, always asked how her children and her dog, Ziggy were, she was a great friend and mentor. Councilwoman Siegel stated that she will be sorely missed and may she rest in peace.

Councilman Dipierro – Commented that there are so many memories of Councilwoman Schneider, her leadership and loyalty will always be a core memory for him. Her colleagues will feel the pain of her loss immensely. He shared how he attended the Eagle Scout ceremonies with her, and she absolutely loved going to them. He extended condolences to her family and friends as she was such a fine example of a dedicated, loving and loyal public servant. Councilman Dipierro added that outside of politics we were a team and whoever sits in her spot next has big shoes to fill.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura – Shared that they campaigned together back in 2021 and he considered her the Ruth Bader Ginsberg of Monroe. Councilwoman Schneider was such a good person, never missed an event, sharp as a tack and an admirable public servant; she served on the North Brunswick School Board for 19 years and served here as Councilwoman for 9 years and was a true definition of a public servant.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina extended condolences to the family of Rey Reddington who was a true vision of service to the community who was steeped in Government tradition on both sides of the aisle. He asked for everyone to keep his family in their prayers.

Losing Betty is like losing a family member. She could be identified with one name like "Cher", she was "Betty. Betty was a dedicated public servant and a truly caring woman and if she "gave you the business" you deserved it. He stated that it is not easy being a public servant, but her caring heart had led the way for her. She was elected to the Council in 2014. She was a very smart person, when the time came, she went on to nominate him as Mayor. She never stopped and was the ambassador of Monroe. Mayor Dalina went on to share that Betty lost her house during Tropical Storm Henri but still never stopped and was a genuine representative of the people. He shared that many calls and messages have come in from people extending condolences including Mayor Slavicek from Helmetta who shared a special relationship with Betty. Lastly, Mayor Dalina commented that today has been a very sad day and asked to keep her in our hearts and minds as she rests in peace.

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 –

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio extended her condolences to the Mayor, Council, community and family of Councilwoman Schneider.

Regarding O-4-2023-015, Mrs. Arminio asked what the block and lot is; Administrator Weinberg answered Block 75, Lot 15. Mrs. Arminio asked if this is for passive open space to which Attorney Rainone answered because we are using open space funds it would only be used for open space or recreational use.

Mrs. Arminio stated that at the last meeting she asked how the lottery works for affordable housing; Attorney Rainone answered that the Administrative Agent is Piazza & Associates, and he will get the answer for her.

Mrs. Arminio asked in regard to O-3-2023-011 if Cranbury-Half Acre Road is located near Costco; Administrator Weinberg answered that if you are coming off of Union Valley-Half Acre Road it is in between Clearbrook and Encore to the Municipal border.

James Foye, 431 Hoffman Station Rd. – Mr. Foye extended condolences for the loss of Betty.

Mr. Foye stated that regarding the court case he was involved in which has been ongoing for about 2 years now, where his neighbor destroyed Township property which in effect caused his property to flood and become damaged, he was told as victims they would be fully involved in the case including the sentencing and it was found out that the court has finalized the case and his neighbor was not sentenced/made to pay anything. Attorney Rainone responded that you do not go to municipal court to get money; Assistant Administrator McGowan added that there was a settlement in municipal court which is not a venue for civil action. Mr. Foye commented that his pool was destroyed in this and asked what happens if this happens again; Attorney Rainone suggested making a request to receive a copy of the settlement agreement. Attorney Rainone responded for Mr. Foye to submit an OPRA request and the Clerk's office will provide the documents requested.

Frank Steinhauser, 19 Oliver St. - Mr. Steinhauser extended condolences for the loss of Betty as she was a very compassionate leader.

Mr. Steinhauser stated that last year he has inquired about the status of building a new facility for the Police Department and was curious as to where the Township was at with the process; Administrator Weinberg answered that we are in the design phase of expanding the Police Department and are looking at possible grant monies to help with costs, as well as, working on finalizing the costs.

Mr. Steinhauser commented that his wife is 100% handicapped and he wanted to know how he could go about asking for handicapped parking to be placed in front of his home as the Police Department said that the Township does not provide that because in most cases everyone has driveways. Mr. Steinhauser commented that he would like the Township to consider having availability for handicapped parking in front of homes if necessary; Administrator Weinberg and Attorney Rainone responded.

Mr. Steinhauser asked what was happening at the location of the old police station as he has noticed a lot of activity and pile up of debris which he questioned if people were dumping there and what the Township was doing to handle this; Administrator Weinberg answered that the property is currently State owned and will become DEP Green Acres once the deeds are in place and finalized; he went on to explain that in order to become Green Acres certified, we are required to clear the property which is what is going on. The old police station has been demolished and the old camp that is situated on the back of the property is being cleared as well.

Gina Fersella, 355 Buckelew Ave. – Mrs. Fersella commented that she has been the owner of Dance Stop, located on Buckelew Avenue, since 2007 and is neighbors with Roelene Manor. She stated that when they first opened there were no issues but now it has been getting progressively worse. She stated that the residents are not being taken care of, they are walking on the road and coming onto the Dance Stop property and walking into the studio asking patrons for money and food. She added that there are alcohol bottles, cigarette butts and adult diapers littering the area and they are scaring the children attending the dance studio as they are walking up to the vehicles. Administrator Weinberg responded that this is a residential health care facility and we are currently dealing with DCA to get them to pay attention. He added that a lot of this is due to the management situation and we were successful in getting the one on Spotswood - Gravel Hill Road (Meadowview) shut down because unfortunately a murder took place there. Mayor Dalina told Ms. Fersella to never hesitate to call the police and Administrator Weinberg advised Mrs. Fersella to give Assistant Administrator McGowan her contact information so they can follow up.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that this is a sad day as Councilwoman Schneider was always looking out for the community and had such devotion. He added that one thing she hated was hunger and she made sure that on Thanksgiving the seniors had a meal so they did not go without. She was passionate about Children not going to bed hungry. Mr. Parab extended his deepest condolences adding that Councilwoman Schneider will be missed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, 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 7:53pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on May 1, 2023.