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

APRIL 4, 2022

AGENDA

1. Agenda Meeting Called to Order (6:30 p.m.)

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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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ARBOR DAY – APRIL 29, 2022

6. **PRESENTATION:**

MONROE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES APPRECIATION

7. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting:

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

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

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1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by the Township Clerk: Time: _____

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **March 30, 2022**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

March 7, 2022 - Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting

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

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PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

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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: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – April 4, 2022

The Council of the Township of Monroe met at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, for a Combined 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.

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, 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, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Chief Michael Biennas and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately forty (40) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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Mayor Dalina acknowledged the Monroe Township Emergency Medical Services Department especially during the pandemic and presented shirts to Judy Olbrys, Rich Morris and the department in appreciation of all of their hard work and dedication.

Council President Cohen mentioned she was honored to be here to honor the EMS, being in the medical field she knows the work that needs to be put in and commends all of them.

Council Vice President echoes his thanks to Judy and the Department, comments “sometimes bad things happen and it makes you appreciate other things in life”.

Councilwoman Schneider speaks from experience having needed lift assistance several times for her husband and couldn't say enough on the professionalism, compassion and kindness of the department.

Councilwoman Siegel remarks being a daughter of 2 doctors, she is aware of the work and sacrifice it takes to do the job and do it well.

Councilman Dipierro remarks how is a lifelong resident and has witness what the department has become over the years with the work and dedication from Judy and her department.

A brief five-minute recess was taken for pictures, with the meeting resuming at 6:52pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George Gunkleman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification on Ordinance O-4-2022-010 which is acquiring land for the pump station; he asked if we know how BFI will reimburse with Monroe for these expenditures and are these items budgeted for already. He questioned if we have just decided as a Township to solve the BFI issue with taxpayer money and asked if we are keeping the process a secret until we win or lose, as this seems like the Eagle’s Nest issue, where we have spent a lot of Township time, money and resources to remedy the situation. Attorney Rainone answered that we have not decided how BFI will reimburse the Township and went on to explain that this is part of the bond ordinance that was passed last year. He stated that we appropriated funds for capital expenditure, and we are focused on getting this fixed because of the responsibility we have to solve the public health emergency.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented in regard to R-4-2022-109 that he is glad to see we are entering a partnership with another town for a swimming pool and asked if the swimming pool would be available for use by the high school team; Administrator Weinberg explained that the surrounding towns will get a discount for memberships through this partnership and he believes they are only open as an outdoor summer pool so we are looking at use for our Summer Rec Program.

Mr. Parab asked if we knew how much money we would be receiving in regard to R-4-2022-115; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is reminding the state of property tax relief and requesting our fair share, but it will depend on the phase in procedure as it has already passed the Senate and is moving to the Assembly.

Gregg Johanesson, 15 Oliver St. – Mr. Johanesson asked in regard to O-3-2022-009 if there has been any effort by Council to let residents know they will have to seek costly storage alternatives and has the town considered the burden of that cost on the residents. He also asked how this will apply to cars that are currently being worked on as many residents have unregistered vehicles for sale on their lawns and he does not see how requiring a license plate on a vehicle will improve the aesthetics.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura 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 Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:09pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	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 Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:10pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	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 **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/30/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	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 Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **March 7, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	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-3-2022-009 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF UNREGISTERED OR UNINSPECTED VEHICLES IN FRONT YARDS UNDER CHAPTER 63, SECTION 33.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 122; Article 2 of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled "Parking" is hereby amended as follows: (new text is in **red and underlined**)

§ 63-33 Motor vehicles.

Except as provided elsewhere in this Code, not more than one currently unregistered and/or uninspected motor vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any property in a residential district. No vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in any process of being stripped or dismantled. No vehicle at any time shall undergo major overhaul, including body work, in any residential district unless such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

No person in charge or control of any property in a residential district, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall park or keep a currently unregistered and/or uninspected motor vehicle or trailer, including any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked, junked, or discarded vehicle, on or upon a front yard of a property, other than in a driveway.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and in effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2022-009** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked if the Council could respond to the gentleman's questions from earlier; Attorney Rainone answered that currently the ordinance states that you cannot make repairs unless the vehicle is in a structure; Councilman Dipierro added that by cleaning up the wording it outlines what residents are able to do with their vehicles.

Gregg Johanesson, 15 Oliver St. – Mr. Johanesson asked if the Council has made an effort to let the residents know of the financial burden that the passing of this ordinance incurs and stated that it can take a lot of time to move a vehicle and asked how that will impact the residents.

Elizabeth Fagan, 21 Woodcrest Cir. – Ms. Fagan commented that she is torn on this issue as her family are car junkies but when she lived in Mill Lake there was a car left blocking the roadway. Ms. Fagan asked what the procedure for this if found to be in violation, would they receive a warning or a ticket immediately, further asking if written warnings would be given; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Zoning Officer usually gives a warning of a few days unless immediate action must be taken for safety reasons.

Frank Steinhauser, 19 Oliver St. – Mr. Steinhauser commented that he is in support of this ordinance as this will prevent environmental issues of car liquids seeping into ground water and eliminates road obstructions for first responders.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2022-009** was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-3-2022-009 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF UNREGISTERED OR UNINSPECTED VEHICLES IN FRONT YARDS UNDER CHAPTER 63, SECTION 33.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2022-009

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

O-4-2022-010 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, DRAINAGE, AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE “INSTALLATION OF THE LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT” KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF LOT 25, TAX BLOCK 148.60 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-4-2022-010

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

O-4-2022-011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-4-2022-011

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-4-2022-108– R-4-2022-129)

R-4-2022-108 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS “BAG UP NJ” MONTH. (Public advisement of State Law banning single use plastic bags goes into effect May 4, 2022)

WHEREAS, P.L.202, c.117, signed into law on November 4, 2020 is the most progressive disposable bag law in the country, with the goal of phasing out single-use plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is working to reduce reliance on single-use products to ensure that future generations have a clean and healthy environment to live, work, and recreate in; and

WHEREAS, banning or limiting the use of single-use plastic and paper carryout bags is a significant step in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of State, policymakers, environmental and business groups, as well as other stakeholders, are working together to educate consumers, businesses, and communities about the new law and encouraging residents to "Bag Up" before the ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect on May 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive "Bag Up NJ" campaign will include educational programs, public and media engagement and reusable bag distribution programs throughout the state, with an emphasis on underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, this statewide public education campaign will provide residents, businesses and visitors with information about the types of reusable and sustainable bags and containers that they may use and where to access these products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Monroe, that it is critical to begin educating the public about this new law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one way to gain important recognition is to deem the month of May each year as “Bag Up NJ” month in the Township of Monroe, as a further reminder that all residents should bring their own reusable bags to the store; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the NJ Clean Communities Council, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO FOR USE OF THE MARLBORO SWIM CLUB.
(Discounted rates for Monroe Residents)

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., (the “Act”) permits units of local government to share services for particular purposes and to effectuate agreements for any service or circumstance that will aid and encourage a reduction of local expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Marlboro (“Marlboro”) and the Township of Monroe (“Monroe”) are public bodies corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey and are authorized under New Jersey Law to enter into a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Monroe desires to enter into an agreement with Marlboro which will permit Monroe residents to join the Marlboro Swim Club; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Monroe and Marlboro have negotiated a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, and the terms of which are incorporated into this resolution as if set forth at length herein; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that the entry into the Shared Services Agreement is in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Monroe.

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 Shared Services Agreement shall be open to public inspection in the Municipal Clerk's Office and shall take effect upon the adoption of a resolution and execution of the agreement by both parties.
- 2- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-110 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. (Alternate II – Cathleen Norback)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated March 4, 2022 has appointed the following new member:

Cathleen Norback Alternate II 2-Year Term 4/4/22 – 12/31/22

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for the above appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the above new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE. (\$10,000)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY21-EMPG-EMAA-1212 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of a \$10,000.00 Federal Award, with zero match, is for the purpose of enhancing and sustaining the Township's all-hazards emergency management capabilities and enhancing the Township's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management will use these funds to enhance the Emergency Management Program and that the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management.

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

1. That the Township Council does accept the award of the FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
2. That the Mayor and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
3. That copies of this resolutions shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the Township Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-112 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JCP & L FOR REFUNDABLE ELECTRICAL SERVICES AT WELL #25 AS REQUIRED BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (\$58,529.86 - expected refund over 10 years)

WHEREAS, The Monroe Township Utility Department requires permanent electrical services to be installed at its new Well #25 facilities located at 485 Spotswood Englishtown Road, also known on the Tax Maps as Block 77.01, Lot 3.01 which are now being constructed; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021 JCP & L submitted a contract to be executed by the Township which included a refundable \$58,529.86 payment in accordance with Article 7 of the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township has approved, via Ordinance number 0-2-2022-008, a permanent easement agreement to JCP & L and Verizon in connection with the installation of electrical equipment and poles on at said location; 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-220020 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with JCP&L for the provision of permanent electrical equipment and services for Well 25;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the refundable fee of \$58,529.86 for said equipment and services. in accordance with the agreement;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-113 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 1079 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2008, Mahendra Patel and Manjula Patel ("the Patels") gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State's Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe requiring the Patel's to pay the sum of \$101,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1079 Morning Glory Drive, (the "Property") as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 17, 2008, in Mortgage Book 13132 on Page 0833 *et seq.* (the "Patel's Affordable Housing Lien"); a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Patel's sold the Property to Samara McCormack, ("McCormack"); the Patel's executed a deed in the mandatory form required for ownership units subject to restrictive covenant required by N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(d) transferring title to the Property to McCormack for the sum of \$188,402.00, said deed having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on November 30, 2021 in Deed Book 18727, page 1129 *et seq.*; a copy of said deed is attached as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2021, McCormack gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State's Affordable Housing Program to the Township of Monroe requiring McCormack to pay the sum of \$81,598.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1079 Morning Glory Drive, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on November 30, 2021, in Mortgage Book 18727 on Page 1157 *et seq.*; a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit "C"; and

WHEREAS, the Patel's Affordable Housing Lien qualifies for discharge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Patel's sold the Property to McCormack, and McCormack executed a new affordable housing recapture mortgage in favor of the Township; accordingly, the Patel's Affordable Housing Lien should be discharged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Discharge of Mortgage, annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (1 – 2022 Ford Explorer & accessories - \$38,224.69)

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 Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase one (1) vehicle under State Contract No. 20-FLEET-01393, from *Gentilini Chevy, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Twp., N.J. 08234*, 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>
1	2022 Ford Explorer (K8B) Base 4WD AWD	\$27,814.88
TOTAL COST:		\$27,814.88; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2200029**, a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a *mobile radio* to outfit the new vehicle from *Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091*, an authorized dealer for L3Harris Technologies, a vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program, NJ State Contract No. 83932, for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth: **(\$2,671.26)**

1	Mobile Radio	\$2,671.26
TOTAL COST:		\$2,671.26; and

WHEREAS, the detail of the mobile radio accessories for the vehicle 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-2200030**, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *emergency lighting equipment* to outfit the new vehicle from *East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc., 200 Meco Drive, Millstone, NJ 08535*, an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program under **NJ State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00761**, for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works as hereinbelow set forth: **(\$7,738.55)**

1	Emergency Lighting	\$7,738.55
TOTAL COST:		\$7,738.55; and

WHEREAS, the details of the emergency lighting for the vehicle 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-2200031**, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C";

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 ***Gentilini Chevy, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Twp., N.J. 08234*** for the purchase of *one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer (K8B) Base 4WD AWD* at a total contract price in the amount of **\$27,814.88**.

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 vehicle at a total contract price of **\$2,671.26**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that ***East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*** is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *emergency lights* to outfit the new Department of Public Works vehicle at a total contract price of **\$7,738.55**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-115 RESOLUTION URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF SENATE
BILL S-330 WHICH RESTORES ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS.
(Property tax relief)**

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to Municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Monroe in the county of Middlesex urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson, Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-116 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 Sixty-Five Thousand Eight-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$65,800.00),

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-4-2022-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT
TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2022 WET
BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$17,499.12)**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, the Township of Monroe has solicited proposals for Wet Basin Maintenance for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. has solicited proposals from a total of six (6) pond maintenance companies and received one (1) response as follows (includes permits and treatment):

Lake Management Sciences, Inc. Branchville, N.J. - \$17,499.12

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposals received and, by copy of letter dated March 22, 2022, recommends the award of contract to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc., P.O. Box 2395 Branchville, N.J. 07826**, in the amount of **\$17,499.12** 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 2022 wet basin maintenance for a total contract price of **\$17,499.12**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2200032, 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-4-2022-118 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 Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen dollars and Forty-Five cents (\$13,516.45) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer be and is hereby directed to draw a check from the General Account refunding the Tax overpayments described above to be distributed as set forth on the attached Schedule A:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-119 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A VENDOR AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("LIHWAP").

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, P.L. 2021, c. 317 has established various relief measures for residential customers of local government water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, consistent with P.L. 2021, c. 317, the Township Council, by Resolution R-12-2021-256, authorized the Township to enter into deferred payment agreements with residential water and sewer ratepayers experiencing a financial hardship for the payment of arrearages from residential water and sewer usage and service charges; and

WHEREAS, in addition to deferred payment agreements offered by the Township, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") administers the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program ("LIHWAP"), a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to eligible low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, residential water and sewer ratepayers must apply directly to DCA to determine their eligibility for LIHWAP assistance; and

WHEREAS, the DCA requires that LIHWAP funds cannot be paid directly to eligible households, and must be paid to water and sewer service providers on behalf of residential ratepayers, through vendor agreements established between the DCA and the water and sewer service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Director of the Monroe Township Utilities Department, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, to take all steps necessary to enter into the appropriate vendor agreement with the DCA to participate in the LIHWAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of R-12-2021-256 remain in effect.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES FOR K. HOVNANIAN@ MONROE NJ, LLC -, W&S 866.3 -866.4 – (PHASE 2 WATER AND SEWER) POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("MTUD") PB#1089-10. (Prospect Plains Road)

WHEREAS, K. Hovnanian @Monroe NJ, LLC has posted a Performance Guarantee with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D.") for W&S 866.3 & W&S 866.4; and

WHEREAS, K. Hovnanian @Monroe NJ, LLC has requested the release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee for Phase 2 water and sewer; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55Dd-53 et seq., the M.T.U.D. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated March 18, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and as shown herein below:

Reduced Performance Bond #1082843 for water in the amount of \$191,160.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$95,580.00. (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$21,240.00 for water to be returned in full to the developer.

Reduced Performance Bond #1082845 for sewer in the amount of \$44,388.00 to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$22,194.00. (15% of original bond).
Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$4,932.00 for Ph. 2 sewer to be returned in full to the developer.

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-121 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
TO ENTER INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
AGREEMENT.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contacting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated March 23, 2022, has recommended that the Township of Monroe participate in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance #CK04, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2022 the governing body of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services, a copy of the Cooperative System Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

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

(1) This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Monroe;

(2) Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

(3) The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

(4) This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GEORGETOWN
ESTATES – PB-1213-18. (Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Buckelew
Ave.)**

WHEREAS, **Countryside Developers, Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 36, Lots 1.09, 3, 6, 9.01, 9.02 & 11.01 project (PB-1213-18); 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 Block 36, Lots 1.09, 3, 6, 9.01, 9.02 & 11.01 (PB-1213-18), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 25, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$24,375.60**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR YIANNIS RIVER ROAD ESTATES – PB-1053-08. (River Road)

WHEREAS, **Suncrest Builders** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 169.22, Lot 2 project (PB-1053-08); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer 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 Block 169.22, Lot 2 (PB-1053-08), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 25, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$44,286.46**. 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 developer post **\$1,000.00** at this time into the existing engineering inspection escrow account which is more reasonable.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. (2022 Ford Explorer -\$27,814.88)

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 Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase one (1) vehicle under State Contract No. 20-FLEET-01393, from *Gentilini Chevy, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Twp., N.J. 08234*, 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>
1	2022 Ford Explorer (K8B) Base 4WD AWD	\$27,814.88
TOTAL COST:		\$27,814.88; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2200033**, a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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 **Gentilini Chevy, 2703 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Twp., N.J. 08234** for the purchase of *one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer (K8B) Base 4WD AWD* at a total contract price in the amount of **\$27,814.88**;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-125 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO
FISCHER CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE NORTH STATE
HOME, LOWER MATCHAPONIX & SPOTSWOOD GRAVEL
HILL ROAD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT. (\$780,285.08)**

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, twelve (12) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the North State Home Road, Lower Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Pedestrian & Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by letter dated March 28, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", has recommended **Fischer Contracting, Inc. 10 Short Hills Lane, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076**, to be awarded the base bid based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$780,285.08**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-2200034**, 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 **Fischer Contracting, Inc.** for the **North State Home Road, Lower Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road Pedestrian & Roadway Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$780,285.08**; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Fischer Contracting, 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 **Fischer Contracting, Inc.** 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.

**R-4-2022-126 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022
TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$20,275,714.00**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

- Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT TEMPORARY</u>
OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:	
<u>PERS</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,276,164.00
<u>PFRS</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ <u>2,648,074.00</u>
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$ 4,924,238.00
<u>Water-Sewer Operations</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 900,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,360,000.00
Social Security	\$ 45,000.00
<u>PERS</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ <u>529,626.00</u>
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$ 2,834,626.00
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	\$ <u>7,758,864.00</u>

- That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 Calendar Year Budget; and
- That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

**R-4-2022-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING & CONFIRMING
 AFFIRMATIVE TAX APPEALS FOR 2020, 2021 & 2022. (2
 parcels)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, the Township regularly assesses all real properties within the Township and allocates its budget in proportionate manner based on the value of the various line items; and

WHEREAS, Tax Appeal Counsel for the Township have filed appeals to increase assessments believed to be substantially under assessed; and

WHEREAS, such appeals have been filed for tax years 2020, 2021, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the appeals that have been filed have not been specifically authorized by resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, such appeals require the authorization of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council seeks to ratify the actions that Tax Appeal Counsel has taken on behalf of the Township of Monroe as it believes these appeals have merit and are in the best interest of the Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, nothing contained herein shall mandate the continued prosecution of such appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby ratifies the filing of appeals to increase the assessments on the properties listed on **Schedule A**; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-128 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAY 2, 2022.

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 2022 annual budget to May 2, 2022 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 2022 annual budget to May 2, 2022.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2022-129 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO PABCO INDUSTRIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRASS BAGS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(Qty: 288,000 @ \$.585 = \$168,480)

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022 one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township regarding the purchase of Grass Bags for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Business Administrator recommends, by copy of letter dated March 31, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the Grass Bag contract be awarded to **Pabco Industries, LLC**, 166 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, NJ, at the unit pricing of \$.585 per bag, as provided by the bidder, and as shown on the attached schedule of rates; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendation made by the Business Administrator regarding said bid and finds same to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No **C-2200035**, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for the Department of Public Works Grass Bags, at the unit pricing provided by the bidder, said contract to commence immediately and expiring March 31, 2023 with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend for a period of one additional year with the consent of the bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Pabco Industries, LLC**, at a cost not to exceed \$.585 per unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Pabco Industries, 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 **Pabco Industries** 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.

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

Administrator's Report – Thanked the Mayor and Council for reaching out to our legislators regarding the energy tax resolution.

Attended the Community Clean-up and thanked all who came out to help cleanup between Prospect Plains Road and Union Valley Road, including the DPW and residents.

Thanked the Chief for his work on securing the subgrant for the OEM.

Pleased over the number of bids received for the roadway improvement project on N. State Home, Lower Matchaponix and parts of Spotswood Gravel Hill Road. Also noted that 75-80% of this project will be funded by NJDOT grant.

Lastly, reported that the Recreation Department is looking for camp counselors for the upcoming Summer Camp season and anyone interested should contact them directly for more information.

Engineer's Report – Gave an overview of the recommendation of award for roadway improvements that was approved tonight for N. State Home, Lower Matchaponix and parts of Spotswood Gravel Hill Road. He stated this was a very competitive bid and we are looking forward to getting this started as quickly as possible.

Updated all on the Costco Drive project which is NJDOT funded grant; stated that design plans are being finalized and awaiting approval with expectations of being out to bid sometime in May.

Lastly, the inclusive playground is currently under construction. The equipment is backordered with delivery anticipated to be either the 1st or 2nd week of May.

Council's Reports –

Councilwoman Schneider –

- Reported that at the May meeting the Human Relations Commission will be honoring students from each grade and they are looking for members as well.
- Attended the Commission on Aging meeting where it was reported that the Senior Center services nearly 3,000 residents along with providing medical transportation and shuttles.
- Commented that the food pantry does a great job and is having an event on April 30th and is always accepting donations.
- Great to see the shared services agreement for the swimming pool.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Commented that we are the 6th Safest Township in the Country and the Safest in New Jersey. Also, we have recently promoted 2 sergeants and 9 new officers.
- Echoed the sentiments of the shared services agreement for the swimming pool.
- Commented that the Community Clean-up went well and thanked all who organized the event as approximately 80 people showed up.
- Reported that the Environmental Commission is having a stream clean-up day scheduled for April 23rd; all who are interested can sign up on the website.
- Historic Preservation Commission is starting Dey Farm Tours again on May 1st.

Councilman Dipierro –

- There will be a tree seedling giveaway at the library and DPW on April 23rd from 8am-11am.
- Thanked the DPW for paving on Mounts Mills Road and filling in some of the potholes over there, in-house paving saves the residents money.
- Asked if there is an update on the transfer of the 90 acres; Administrator Weinberg stated that they are trying to schedule something for this month. Councilman Dipierro commented that we need to keep a running tab on exactly what the expenditures are on that bond.
- Asked if there were any updates for the Master Plan; Director Stroin reported that we are finalizing all of the public input from the open houses and online survey as there were over 85,000 responses and we are working to synthesize that information into a document. He added that over the next month or so we should be able to share the information with the stakeholder group, Planning Board and public comment. He added that he imagines this will take place around early summer.
- Shared that he received a letter from Mr. Dave Perry and thanked everyone for the clean-up. He requests if we can go on the other side of Union Valley Road as there is a lot of litter behind the guide rails.
- Commented that there used to be a beacon on Monmouth Road by Mill Lake School that was removed when the road was paved and asked if we could get that beacon back with some enforcement.
- Lastly, stated that along with the first responders and teachers, we need to give our thanks to the employees as they have kept this Township moving during the pandemic which is tough.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Commented that we are moving from Winter sports to Spring sports and had our Baseball Opening Day this past weekend with Mayor Dalina throwing out the first pitch.
- Reported that last month there was a swearing in done for the Police Department and tonight we honored our EMS Department; from our first responders to our administration seeking our grant opportunities, is what makes Monroe Township great.
- Visited Mr. Charlie Miller who is a naval medal recipient for his 100th birthday.
- Mr. Seymour Nussenbaum is one of nine surviving members of the Ghost Army from WWII and he was honored recently, amazing the heroes we have among us.
- Touched on the war in Ukraine, sharing that over 4 million people have now fled the country. The news is getting repetitive, and he doesn't want people to get numb to it. Let's not forget and help if you can.

Council President Cohen –

- Mentioned that her Father in law was from Ukraine and family members and also mentioned if you can help please do so.
- Reminded all that Covid is not over and although the Township has an enviable vaccination rate, we cannot let our guard down. Encouraged people to get their booster shots.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina stated that his heart and prayers go out to those in the Ukraine and shared that our residents have raised over \$50,000 in donations and have gathered supplies to help in the Ukraine situation. Also shared that he had the pleasure to officiate the marriage of a young Ukrainian couple. Highlighted that April is Autism Awareness Month.

Regarding the Community Clean-up, Stop & Shop employees came out to help and Mayor Dalina extended thanks to them.

Commented that people like Mr. Seymour Nussenbaum are what makes Monroe Township a tremendous place. Wholeheartedly emphasized that if anyone has an interest in the Ghost Army to go to www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org for more information.

Honored to have thrown out the first pitch for Baseball Opening Day and extended thanks to Jason Rotan as President of the Baseball Association for making it possible for these youngsters to play.

Proud that Monroe Township is named the 6th safest city in the country for the population spread of 50,000-100,000. Reminded all residents to keep doors locked to vehicles and to remove key fobs from vehicles as Well, this is a statewide problem.

Transportation has expanded their shopping shuttles to our disabled community on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Reached out to Governor Murphy and asked about the homestead rebate and school aid; we are receiving \$1.7 million in school aid. Also mentioned the homestead rebate program.

Thanked the Council for passing the resolution to have the State fund the energy tax receipts.

Invited all to join him at Avenue K for a bike ride with the Mayor and Police Department; more information will be posted on the website and social media.

The Recreation Department is hosting an Easter egg hunt and bonnet contest on April 9th.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Dr. Parab reiterated that Covid is not yet over and the booster shot is available. He added that for those aged 50 years and older a fourth booster shot is recommended and added that attention to immunocompromised individuals.

Shared that the Hindu temple is coming along with the first phase being completed. He noted the second phase will be to expand the temple.

Commented that the cost of food has gone up by 20% and hopes this will be resolved soon. The Community garden is a great asset to the township.

Elizabeth Fagan, 21 Woodcrest Cir. – Ms. Fagan stated that she has questions about how the Township government works; she went on to say the Zoning Board has allowed the new warehouse to be built within the limits of a gas line that is over there and asked if she is going to blow up because she sees things going on that seem to go unnoticed. She went on to ask who determines which questions do and do not get answered because no one seems to care about her concerns. Ms. Fagan stated that our Construction Department is not checking on the developers and asked what they and the Zoning Department are doing for our safety. She also asked what happened to the signage at Monroe Parke and who is watching over the construction of these things; Administrator Weinberg answered that we respond as an administration and her concerns were shared with the Council as well. He went on to explain that some signs were too close together and they are being addressed and all of the permanent signs are legal. He added that we have two Zoning Officers who go around the Township to check for things and noted that the pipelines are part of the Board of Public Utilities. Director Stroin answered that there are various departments within the Township who are responsible for various inspections during the process. He noted that the plans that were approved are being inspected by the Construction Department and from a utility standpoint our inspectors are also ensuring that the proper guidelines are being followed.

George Gunkleman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman commented on the issue of flooding in Monroe as there have been clear climate changes that have changed the rainfall patterns. He stated that we need to address these changes. Mr. Gunkelman noted that the Township incurred a great cost in helping the residents who were impacted back in August and we need to look into changing our engineering standards and asked if we could investigate the lake that belongs to Rossmoor or maybe we could trade off some wetlands as it would be worth having a discussion with the County.

Perrineville Road to Route 33 has damaged guardrails and the roadway is stressed from the capacity of traffic. This is also an area for accidents and we should see if there is a way to widen Perrineville Road.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:22pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	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 2, 2022.