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

**APRIL 5, 2021**

**AGENDA**

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin  
Councilman Charles Dipierro  
Councilman Terence Van Dzura  
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider  
Council President Miriam Cohen

4. Council President Cohen to request the **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record.

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 29, 2020 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 1, 2021;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

The Township of Monroe will be holding all public meetings **electronically only** via zoom until the State of Emergency has been lifted and further action has been taken by the Township Council authorizing the resumption of meetings in the Monroe Township Municipal Building.

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.

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

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CLOSE:                            MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                            SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**                            Time: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_                            ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

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**APRIL 5, 2021**

**AGENDA**

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

2. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

*National Donate Life Month – April 2021*

*National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 11-17, 2021*

*Arbor Day – April 30, 2021*

3. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **March 30, 2021**.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**March 1, 2021 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

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

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_                    ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

9.     **Zoning Board Nominations/Appointment:**

Nominations are in order for the position of **Zoning Board of Adjustment -Alternate 4 member** for an unexpired (2) two year term, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2021.

**NOMINATIONS:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_                    SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**FURTHER NOMINATION (if needed):**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_                    SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

If no further nomination MOTION to CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote



**R-4-2021-110                      RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE  
TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.  
(Alt. 4 position -unexpired 2 year term)**

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_                      ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_Nays\_\_\_

10.     **Administrator’s Report.**

11.     **Engineer’s Report.**

12.     **Council’s Reports.**

13.     **Mayor’s Report**

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

OPEN:                      MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE:                      MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

15.     **Executive Session.**     (Following the executive session there shall be no formal action taken)

**R-4-2021-111                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO CLOSED  
EXECUTIVE SESSION. (Re: Cannabis Regulations - No Council  
action will be taken)**

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_                      ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_Nays\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE:                      TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_                      ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_Nays\_\_\_

16.     **Adjournment.**                      MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – APRIL 5, 2021**

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom 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.

Council President Cohen asked for a Moment of Silence to commemorate the passing of County Commissioner Kenneth Armwood who passed away unexpectedly last week. She noted he would be sorely missed by all who knew him.

**UPON ROLL CALL** by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Leonard Baskin, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Terence Van Dzura, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Chief Michael Biennas and Utility Director Joseph Stroin.

There were approximately twenty-three (23) members of the Public who joined remotely.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Township Clerk to read the following **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:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 29, 2020 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 1, 2021;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

The Township of Monroe will be holding all public meetings **electronically only** via zoom until the State of Emergency has been lifted and further action has been taken by the Township Council authorizing the resumption of meetings in the Monroe Township Municipal Building.

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.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021** Regular Council Meeting:

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| <b>O-3-2021-004</b> | <b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO RE-AUTHORIZE A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICITY PURSUANT TO P.L. 2003, c. 24 AND N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.</b><br>(December 1, 2021 – December 1, 2023)  |
| <b>O-3-2021-005</b> | <b>BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER-SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #25 FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,825,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,825,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.</b><br>(Spotswood Englishtown Rd. – Matchaponix Ave.) |
| <b>O-3-2021-006</b> | <b>BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,535,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,853,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.</b>   |

(2021 Twp. wide paving & North State Home Rd/Lower Matchaponix DOT grant project)

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021** Regular Council Meeting:

- O-4-2021-007**            **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “FEES”.**  
(Adding cost of Blue Ray Discs - \$4.25)
- O-4-2021-008**            **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS OVER PROPERTY (BLOCK 83, LOTS 8 and 44; and BLOCK 83.1, LOT 1).**  
(Woodcrest Circle for sewer service)
- O-4-2021-009**            **ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR BLOCK 1, LOTS 3.42 & 3.43.**  
(Rocky Brook Estates – Disbrow Hill Rd.)
- O-4-2021-010**            **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE”.**  
(Recycling yard regulations)

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021** Regular Council Meeting (R-4-2021-082 – R-4-2021-111):

- R-4-2021-082**            **RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2021 PROJECT PROPOSALS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**  
(County CDBG Grant - \$166,380 - Veterans Park ADA Restroom Improvements)
- R-4-2021-083**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2021 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.**  
(not to exceed \$150,000.00)
- R-4-2021-084**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2021 NJDOT LOCAL AID – NORTH STATE HOME ROAD, SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD & LOWER MATCHAPONIX AVENUE ROADWAY & CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.** (not to exceed \$135,000.00)
- R-4-2021-085**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 2006 AUDI A-6 BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** (April 28, 2021)
- R-4-2021-086**            **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**  
(Unexpended funds of \$17,691.03 to be used for ADA Playground Improvements at the Soccer Field Complex)
- R-4-2021-087**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1145 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- R-4-2021-088**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO POWER SAWS OF AMERICA (t/a RKD TREE SERVICES) FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING SERVICES.** (Per unit pricing through 12/31/21)
- R-4-2021-089**            **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2020-296 “AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS”**  
(Decrease of \$250.00)

- R-4-2021-090 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1127 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**
- R-4-2021-091 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESCINDING OF RESOLUTION NO. R-11-2020-228 “AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 492, “WATER METERS” SECTION “C” TO ITRON, INC.” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-4-2021-092 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RAYBERN UTILITY SOLUTIONS LLC. FOR CONTRACT NO. 500 “WATER METER COMMUNICATIONS MODULES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Estimated Annual Total \$112,400)**
- R-4-2021-093 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) AVAYA TELEPHONE SYSTEM FROM OPTIMA COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INC. USING THE NJSTART COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (NJCP1) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$37,740.79)**
- R-4-2021-094 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-4-2021-095 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 623.2, STRATFORD SECTION 2 – PB-1019-06 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Halsey Reed Rd.)**
- R-4-2021-096 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2021 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$17,499.12)**
- R-4-2021-097 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR RIVERSIDE CENTER, LLC – PB-1210-18. (Farrington Blvd.)**
- R-4-2021-098 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR RIVERSIDE CENTER, LLC – PB-1189-16. (Farrington Blvd.)**
- R-4-2021-099 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR ROCKY BROOK ESTATES, WALKING PATH – PB-1041-07. (Disbrow Hill Rd.)**
- R-4-2021-100 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF (2) HVAC UNITS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER (\$61,806)**
- R-4-2021-101 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENTS**
- R-4-2021-102 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE SAFETY AND STABILIZATION GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MATRIX 259 LCE – PB-1212-18. (Stonaker Rd.)**
- R-4-2021-103 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR GABLES AT APPLGARTH VILLAGE- RESIDENTIAL – BA-5099-14. (Federal Rd.)**
- R-4-2021-104 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY MECO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DANIEL ROAD & 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (Decrease of \$23,246.46)**

- R-4-2021-105**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY MECO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DANIEL ROAD & 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**
- R-4-2021-106**                    **RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT.**
- R-4-2021-107**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
- R-4-2021-108**                    **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAY 3, 2021.**
- R-4-2021-109**                    **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2021-075 “AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS”**  
(Decrease of \$9,648.99)
- R-4-2021-110**                    **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.** (Alt. 4 position  
-unexpired 2 year term)
- R-4-2021-111**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** (Re: Cannabis Regulations - No Council  
action will be taken)

Councilman Dipierro asked that resolutions R-4-2021-088, R-4-2021-094, R-4-2021-097, R-4-2021-098 and R-4-2021-101 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K** – Mrs. DiPasquale mistakenly raised her hand; she had no comment at this time.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab gave his condolences regarding the passing of County Commissioner Kenneth Armwood and noted that he will be remembered for his big smile.

Mr. Parab had a question regarding R-4-2021-100 and the HVAC system repairs needed for the Community Center and asked if it would be possible to receive any money towards this expense from the American Recovery Act; Administrator Weinberg stated that he will look at the American Recovery Act and if it can be utilized.

Mr. Parab commented regarding R-4-2021-111 the Executive Session resolution, noting that it is in regard to the cannabis regulation, and requested that the Mayor and Council consider the impact the cannabis industry will have on our Township. Council President Cohen stated that no action will be taken place during the closed session as it is merely an informational session.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:44pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:44pm.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud the following Proclamation titles for the month of April:

*National Donate Life Month – April 2021*

*National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 11-17, 2021*

*Arbor Day – April 30, 2021*

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/30/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **March 1, 2021 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** was approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	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-3-2021-004                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO RE-AUTHORIZE A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICITY PURSUANT TO P.L. 2003, c. 24 AND N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.**  
(December 1, 2021 – December 1, 2023)

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electricity supply market;

**WHEREAS**, the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., governs the establishment of a government energy aggregation program, which is a government-operated purchasing cooperative through which multiple energy consumers purchase energy together under the auspices of a government aggregator; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") has adopted regulations governing the Implementation of government energy aggregation programs codified at N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has, through the passage of several ordinances, most recently Ordinance No. O-3-2019-011, authorized the formation of and re-authorized a Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program"), referred to as the Monroe Community Energy Aggregation ("MCEA"), pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., for the provision of electricity within the Township, for the purpose of obtaining power supply cost savings for residential participants and, through several rounds of the MCEA program the program has resulted in significant electricity cost savings for participating residents; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., the Township of Monroe ("Township") seeks to re-authorize a Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program") for the provision of electricity within the Township, for the purpose of obtaining power supply cost savings for residential participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council intends to serve as the Lead Agency conducting a Government Energy Aggregation Program in the Township and, in that capacity and consistent with applicable rules, to solicit proposals and enter into a contract for the provision of electric generation services on behalf of residential customers within the boundaries of the Township, to the extent that such a contract will produce power supply cost savings to residents properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council will from time to time during the effective period as defined below solicit proposals from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through the Program in which the Township Council will act as Lead Agency of the MCEA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council will from time to time during the effective period as defined below issue one or more Request for Proposals for electric generation services and energy aggregation services on behalf of the MCEA pursuant to the Local Public Contract Law Regulations, the Government Energy Aggregation Act, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council will only award contracts for electric generation services and energy aggregation services to electric power suppliers that are deemed qualified and who submit price bids lower than the prevailing price for utility-provided basic generation service; and

**WHEREAS**, residential customers will be permitted the opportunity to opt-out of the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to applicable BPU regulations, the Township has previously entered into an Electric Distribution Company Aggregation Agreement with the local electric distribution company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company (“JCP&L”); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. requires the Program to be established by ordinance;

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

1. There is hereby re-authorized a Government Energy Aggregation Program, in accordance with the provisions of the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.

2. The Township Council will act as Lead Agency of the MCEA and, in that capacity, and consistent with applicable rules, will solicit proposals for electric generation service and energy aggregation services on behalf of Township residents, and enter into a contract for such services provided that the lowest qualified bid price is below the prevailing price for utility-provided basic generation service.

3. As Lead Agency, the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Township Clerk is authorized to attest to the execution of a master performance agreement that obligates the participants in the MCEA to purchase electricity at terms and conditions stated therein with a third party supplier who has been awarded the contract by the Lead Agency on behalf of participating members of the MCEA, and provided that such contract shall be at prices reasonably estimated by the Township Council to provide savings to participants relative to the price charged for basic generation service by JCP&L.

4. The authorization provided to the lead agent shall be valid until May 31, 2023 (the "Effective Period"), at which time the MCEA will be subject to renewal for an additional 2-year period at the discretion of the Township Council.

5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

6. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.

7. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and twenty days after publication as required by law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2021-004** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2021-004** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-3-2021-004                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO RE-AUTHORIZE A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICITY PURSUANT TO P.L. 2003, c. 24 AND N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.**  
(December 1, 2021 – December 1, 2023)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-3-2021-004

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

**O-3-2021-005                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER-SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #25 FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,825,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,825,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**  
(Spotswood Englishtown Rd. – Matchaponix Ave.)

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,825,000. No down payment is required as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,825,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.**

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is water-sewer improvements to Well #25 for the water-sewer utility, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the



interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a self-liquidating purpose of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,825,000, but that the net debt of the Township determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$30,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Township solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ARule@) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2021-005 was opened.** All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked several questions regarding this Ordinance: she asked if this was for a water and sewer extension, if we have ever tapped into this well, if there are any contaminants, if this is downstream of the leachate problem, if we can test the water again to make sure we do not have any issues and if this well will serve the new construction; Director Stroin answered that this is to utilize the NJDEP rights from years ago and it has been tested with the findings showing that it has only yielded iron. He noted that the groundwater at the landfill is contained and the well will not be put into service until the NJDEP determines that it passes the water quality testing. He also noted that it will be used for both new construction, as well as, existing structures.

Councilman Baskin asked if the water will be tested before construction begins; Director Stroin stated that the well will not be put into service until it passes all safe water drinking parameters.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2021-005** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-3-2021-005                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER-SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO WELL #25 FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,825,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,825,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**  
(Spotswood Englishtown Rd. – Matchaponix Ave.)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-3-2021-005

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

**O-3-2021-006                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,535,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,853,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**  
(2021 Twp. wide paving & North State Home Rd/Lower Matchaponix DOT grant project)

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,535,000, including a grant in the amount of \$609,250 expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program (the "State Grant") for roadway and pedestrian improvements (Lower) and improvements to Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill Roads, as more specifically described in Section 3(a) hereof (the "Grant Projects"), and further including the sum of \$72,000 as the down payment for the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the State Grant as required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the Grant Projects since they are being partially funded by the State Grant.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement not covered by the down payment and the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,853,750 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.**

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is improvements to paving, sidewalks, curbs and guiderails throughout the Township, as more fully described on lists on file in the Office of the Clerk, which lists are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, roadway and pedestrian improvements (Lower) and Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill Roads, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,853,750, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$375,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or if other than as referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.



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

**O-4-2021-008                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACQUIRE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS OVER PROPERTY (BLOCK 83, LOTS 8 and 44; and BLOCK 83.1, LOT 1).**  
(Woodcrest Circle for sewer service)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-4-2021-008

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

**O-4-2021-009                    ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR BLOCK 1, LOTS 3.42 & 3.43.**  
(Rocky Brook Estates – Disbrow Hill Rd.)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-4-2021-009

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

**O-4-2021-010                    ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE”.**  
(Recycling yard regulations)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-4-2021-010

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-4-2021-082 – R-4-2021-109 with the exception of Resolutions R-4-2021-088, R-4-2021-094, R-4-2021-097, R-4-2021-098 and R-4-2021-101 which will be voted on separately)

**R-4-2021-082                    RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2021 PROJECT PROPOSALS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**  
(County CDBG Grant - \$166,380 - Veterans Park ADA Restroom Improvements)

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021 the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (“HCD Citizens Advisory Committee”) held a Public Hearing in the Municipal Complex, One Municipal Plaza for the purpose of providing information about the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”), solicit comments, ideas and recommendations, verbally or in writing and identify proposed municipal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the HCD Citizens Advisory Committee has submitted to the Township Council for its review, the 2021 Project Proposal Application for:

***VETERANS PARK RESTROOMS AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS; and***

**WHEREAS**, upon the Township Council's review of the 2021 Project Proposal Application, as recommended by the HCD Citizens Advisory Board, it hereby renders its endorsement of the attached 2021 Project Proposal for:

***VETERANS PARK RESTROOMS AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS;***

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that it hereby endorses the 2021 Project Proposals, as recommended by the HCD Citizens Advisory Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) copies of the 2021 Project Proposal Application with three (3) certified copies of the Resolution endorsing same be forwarded to Melissa Bellamy, Middlesex County Administration Building, Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-083                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2021 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.**  
(not to exceed \$150,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the ***2021 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements***; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (**\$150,000.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2100023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with ***Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with ***2021 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements*** in an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (**\$150,000.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Center State Engineering*** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-084                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2021 NJDOT LOCAL AID – NORTH STATE HOME ROAD, SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD & LOWER MATCHAPONIX AVENUE ROADWAY & CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.** (not to exceed \$135,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering services in connection with the 2021 NJDOT Local Aid – North State Home Road, Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road & Lower Matchaponix Avenue Roadway & Concrete Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform professional engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed One hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2100024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto;
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the 2021 NJDOT Local Aid – North State Home Road, Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road & Lower Matchaponix Avenue Roadway & Concrete Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed One hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00);
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law;
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-085                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A  
2006 AUDI A-6 BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE  
DEPARTMENT. (April 28, 2021)**

**WHEREAS**, either through abandonment or the failure of owners to claim the same, the Township of Monroe Police Department came into possession of a 2006 Audi A-6 VIN# WAUDH74F56N101593 with an odometer reading of 168,000 miles without a title and not in operating condition; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1, the Police Department has followed the Township and State policies to determine that this is not a stolen vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) has informed the Police Department that in order to dispose of said vehicle the Township must hold a public auction and publish a Notice of the Auction at least (5) days before the date of the auction in one or more newspapers in this State and circulating in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to conduct a public auction for the sale of the vehicle to the highest bidder;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township Business Administrator or his designated representative shall conduct a public auction for the sale of one (1) 2006 Audi on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Monroe Auto Body, 31 Bordentown Turnpike, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minimum opening bid for said vehicle shall be \$4,000.00. At the end of the auction, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount equal to 10% percent of the final bid price in cash. There shall be no other forms of payment accepted. The balance shall be paid by certified check delivered to the Township Clerk’s office between the hours of 9:00 am and 12 noon within five (5) days after the conclusion of the auction. Upon payment in full, the Clerk’s office shall provide the purchaser with the signed documents necessary to complete the transaction with the Motor Vehicle Commission. In order to obtain the title for the vehicle, the highest bidder shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate documents and payments to the Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the Notice of Public Auction issued by the Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to reimburse Monroe Auto Body, 31 Bordentown Turnpike, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831 in the amount of \$4,000 from the proceeds of the sale. In the event that no bids are received, Monroe Auto Body shall be awarded ownership of the vehicle in lieu of the payment of fees to which it is entitled.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-086                      RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**  
(Unexpended funds of \$17,691.03 to be used for ADA Playground Improvements at the Soccer Field Complex)

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021 the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) held a Public Hearing in the Municipal Complex, One Municipal Plaza for the purpose of providing information about the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”), solicit comments, ideas and recommendations, verbally or in writing and identify proposed municipal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, at said meeting it came to the attention of the Committee that there are unexpended funds allocated for the Friends in Need program as follows: 2016-\$1,113.40 and 2017-\$14,120.00 (leaving a balance of \$5,000); and 2017 ADA Dey Farmhouse Improvements-\$2,457.63; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to re-allocate the unexpended appropriations which are no longer needed for said purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for additional funds for the Township’s 2020 application for the construction of ADA compliant facilities at the Soccer Field complex located on Prospect Plains Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has been advised by the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office that the Township may request the re-allocation of prior year’s unexpended funds for use for the 2020 project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council endorses the re-allocation of the Township’s unexpended HCD funds in the amount of **\$17,691.03** for ADA improvements the Soccer Field complex; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of the Resolution endorsing this project as well as the Project Proposal Form be forwarded to Melissa Bellamy, Middlesex County Administration Building, Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, John F. Kennedy Square, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-087                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1145 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2014, Kimberly Kim, (“Kim”), unmarried, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring Kim to pay the sum of \$46,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1145 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 March 17, 2014, in Book 15617, Pages 207 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2014, Kim gave a mortgage to Capital One Bank, N.A., in the amount of \$81,480.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on March 17, 2014 in Mortgage Book 15617, Pages 185 *et seq.* (the “2014 Capital One, N.A. Mortgage”); and

**WHEREAS**, Kim has applied to refinance the 2014 Capital One, N.A. Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed refinancing qualifies for the subordination of the Township of Monroe’s affordable housing lien 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;

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mortgage Subordination, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.



**R-4-2021-089                      RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2020-296  
“AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS”  
(Decrease of \$250.00)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-12-2020-296 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at the December 28, 2020 regular meeting authorized the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Twenty thousand nine hundred eighty eight dollars and twenty cents (\$20,988.20) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advised that some of the amounts were miscalculated and the authorized refund amount listed above must be decreased by two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00); and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-12-2020-296 must be amended to authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Twenty thousand seven hundred thirty eight dollars and twenty cents (**\$20,738.20**).

**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 Resolution No. R-12-2020-296 is hereby amended to authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Twenty thousand seven hundred thirty eight dollars and twenty cents (\$20,738.20) as reflected in the attached Schedule A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-090                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1127 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2015, Atef Azouz, (“Azouz”), unmarried, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring Azouz to pay the sum of \$41,000 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1127 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 October 20, 2015, in Book 16148, Pages 642 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2015, Azouz gave a mortgage to Acre Mortgage and Financial, Inc. in the amount of \$105,000.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on October 20, 2015 in Mortgage Book 1205, Pages 605 and further assigned in Book 1205, Page 611 *et seq* (the “2015 Acre Mortgage and Financial, Inc.”); and

**WHEREAS**, Azouz has applied to refinance the 2015 Acre Mortgage and Financial, Inc. Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed refinancing qualifies for the subordination of the Township of Monroe’s affordable housing lien 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;

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mortgage Subordination, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-091                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESCINDING OF  
RESOLUTION NO. R-11-2020-228 “AUTHORIZING AWARD OF  
CONTRACT NO. 492, “WATER METERS” SECTION “C” TO  
ITRON, INC.” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**

**WHEREAS**, on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 (1) sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for Contract 492, “Water Meters” required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the sole bidder for Section “C”, Itron Inc’s award was subject to providing a valid certificate of insurance, as specified; and

**WHEREAS**, after numerous requests, Itron Inc. failed to provide said certificate of insurance as specified; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has recommended by memo that the resolution be rescinded based on the above, a copy of which is hereto attached as Exhibit “A”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey Resolution No. R-11-2020-228 is hereby rescinded based on the Bidder's failure to provide this document under the 4<sup>th</sup> condition of the resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-092                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RAYBERN UTILITY SOLUTIONS LLC. FOR CONTRACT NO. 500 "WATER METER COMMUNICATIONS MODULES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (Estimated Annual Total \$112,400)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM, one (1) sealed bid was received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 500, "Water Meter Communications Modules", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Raybern Utility Solutions LLC has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated March 12, 2021, has recommended that, a (2) two-year contract be awarded to Raybern Utility Solutions LLC of New Bedford, MA, based on unit pricing and estimated quantities (estimated annual total \$112,400.00), a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210014 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, Raybern Utility Solutions LLC has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (2) two-year contract Raybern Utility Solutions LLC in accordance with their submitted bid;

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-093                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) AVAYA TELEPHONE SYSTEM FROM OPTIMA COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INC. USING THE NJSTART COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (NJCP1) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (\$37,740.79)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for a new telephone system; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJSTART Cooperative Purchasing Program (NJCP1) has awarded a contract for the M.T.U.D. required Telephone System under its contract #T-1316 titled "Telecommunications Equipment & Services" to Optima Communications Systems, Inc. for said Avaya phone system; and

**WHEREAS**, Optima Communications Systems, Inc. has provided a proposal dated 2/19/2021 for the required Telephone System, at a total price of **\$37,740.79**, through a competitive bidding process, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the NJSTART award documentation and Optima Communications Systems, Inc. required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210000 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said AVAYA telephone system from Optima Communications Systems, Inc. using the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program NJSTART (NJCP1); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said excavator delivered by Optima Communications Systems, Inc.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-095                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 623.2, STRATFORD SECTION 2 – PB-1019-06 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Halsey Reed Rd.)**

**WHEREAS**, Stratford @ Monroe has posted performance and cash guarantees with the Monroe Township Utility Department ("MTUD"); and

**WHEREAS**, Stratford @ Monroe has requested the release of the Performance and cash guarantees for water and sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 et seq., the M.T.U.D. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Monroe Township Council approve the request for release of the performance and cash maintenance guarantees, as detailed in a letter dated March 18, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

Reduced Bond #0387221 for water in the amount of \$579,420.00 be released in full to the developer.

Reduced cash bond in the amount of \$64,380.00 be returned to the developer.

Reduced Bond #0387222 for sewer in the amount of \$557,820.00 be released in full to the developer.

Reduced cash bond in the amount of \$61,980.00 be returned to the developer.

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 Stratford @ Monroe, Sec. 2 be released as reflected above and within the letter annexed hereto. This approval for release of performance and cash guarantees is conditioned upon the resolution 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-4-2021-096                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2021 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$17,499.12)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2021, the Township of Monroe has solicited proposals for Wet Basin Maintenance for 2021; 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, 2021, 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 2021 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-2100027, 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-4-2021-099                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR ROCKY BROOK ESTATES, WALKING PATH – PB-1041-07.** (Disbrow Hill Rd.)

**WHEREAS**, **Rocky Brook Estates** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Walking Path project (PB-1041-07); and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer 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 Walking Path project (PB-1041-07), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 22, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$8,460.00**. 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.

**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-4-2021-100                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
TLP CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE REPAIR,  
REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF (2) HVAC UNITS  
FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
(\$61,806)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021, the Monroe Township Community Center solicited quotes from TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of (2) two HVAC units; and

**WHEREAS**, TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. is currently on contract for HVAC maintenance and repair services for the Township of Monroe, with their contract expiring December 31, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, due to the emergent nature of having no working heating and cooling system, as well as the health hazard incurred by not meeting the necessary requirements to provide a minimum of 20% outside air intake, the Township QPA has reviewed the quotes received and, by copy of letter dated March 18, 2021, recommends the award of contract to *TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc. 400 Rike Drive, Millstone, NJ 08535*, in the amount of **\$61,806.00**; 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 *TLP Climate Control Systems, Inc.* for the repair, replacement and maintenance of (2) two HVAC units at the Monroe Township Community Center for a total contract price of **\$61,806.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2100025, 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 *TLP Climate Control Systems, 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 *TLP Climate Control Systems, 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-4-2021-102                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE  
SAFETY AND STABILIZATION GUARANTEE POSTED FOR  
MATRIX 259 LCE – PB-1212-18. (Stonaker Rd.)**

**WHEREAS**, **Matrix 259 LCE** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 56, Lot 9.04 Matrix Corporate Campus Parking Expansion project (PB-1212-18); and

**WHEREAS**, the release of the performance guarantees was approved by council resolution R-12-2020-289 on December 28, 2020, however authorization was never given for release of the Safety and Stabilization guaranty posted for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, in conformance with the provisions of the NJ State Municipal Land Use Law relative to project Safety and Stabilization guaranty (N.J.S.A 40:55D-53), it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the Township Council release this project's Safety and Stabilization Guarantee in the amount of \$5,000.00; 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 Safety and Stabilization Guarantee posted for the Block 56, Lot 9.04 Matrix Corporate Campus Parking Expansion project (PB-1212-18), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 17, 2021, attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, no maintenance guarantee is required for the Safety and Stabilization Guarantee.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-103                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR GABLES AT  
APPLEGARTH VILLAGE- RESIDENTIAL – BA-5099-14.  
(Federal Rd.)**

**WHEREAS**, The Gables at Applegarth Village, LLC. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,410,650.05 for The Gables at Applegarth Village - Residential project (BA-5099-14); and

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence The Gables at Applegarth Village LLC. has requested a second reduction in Performance Guarantees posted; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the second reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated February 17, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$ 571,785.69	\$ 63,531.74
Reduce to	\$ 380,875.51	\$ 42,319.50

; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for **The Gables at Applegarth Village - Residential** be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-104                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY MECO, INC. IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE DANIEL ROAD & 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.  
(Decrease of \$23,246.46)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-6-2019-189, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on June 24, 2019, a contract was awarded to Mecco, Inc. in connection with the Daniel Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$531,353.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated March 2, 2021, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Daniel Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project reflecting a decrease of \$23,246.46 in the contract amount, as the result of adjusted contract quantities, including reductions and increases in same due to actual field conditions encountered, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order is **\$508,106.54**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. **C-1900053**, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-105                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY MECO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DANIEL ROAD & 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS, Meco, Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Daniel Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS, Meco, 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 30, 2021, 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 Daniel Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 30, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$76,215.98**. 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.

**R-4-2021-106                    RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT.**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4** requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for Year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34** authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by Resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the Group Affidavit Form of the governing body, attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body not later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the Affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local

Government Services), under the provisions of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required Affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-107                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2021  
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 2021 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 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$20,787,526.00**;

**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</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
<u>Mayor</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,500.00
<u>Council</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,250.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,800.00
<u>Township Clerk</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 111,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Elections</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 4,500.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:</b>	
<u>Administration</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 105,000.00
<u>Human Resources</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 57,000.00
<u>Transportation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 160,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Citizens Review Board</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 520.00
<u>Insurance</u>	
Group Health	\$3,000,000.00
Group Health-Broker	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Public Information and Public Advocate</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 28,000.00
<u>Recreation</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00



Human Relations

Salaries & Wages \$ 200.00  
Other Expenses \$ 250.00

Parks

Salaries & Wages \$ 90,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 40,000.00

Finance

Salaries & Wages \$ 150,000.00  
Data Processing \$ 35,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 6,000.00

Tax Collector

Salaries & Wages \$ 50,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 7,000.00

Tax Assessor

Salaries & Wages \$ 110,000.00

Police Department

Salaries & Wages \$2,300,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 150,000.00

Police Department-911

Salaries & Wages \$ 240,000.00

Emergency Management

Salaries & Wages \$ 11,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 15,000.00

Engineer

Other Expenses \$ 20,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Streets and Roads

Salaries & Wages \$ 650,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 100,000.00

Vehicle Maintenance

Salaries & Wages \$ 70,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 120,000.00

Solid Waste and Recycling

Other Expenses \$ 8,000.00

Landfill

Other Expenses \$ 55,000.00

Building and Grounds

Salaries & Wages \$ 190,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 250,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

Department of Law

Other Expenses \$ 150,000.00

Municipal Prosecutor

Salaries & Wages \$ 17,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:**

Animal Control

Salaries & Wages \$ 20,000.00  
Other Expenses \$ 5,000.00

**OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:**

Zoning Board

Other Expenses \$ 10,000.00

Planning Board

Salaries & Wages \$ 2,800.00  
Other Expenses \$ 20,000.00

<u>Division of Planning</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
Master Plan	\$ 50,000.00
<u>Open Space Commission</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 200.00
<u>Environmental Commission</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 800.00
<u>Cultural Arts Commission</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Historic Pres. Commission</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 800.00
<u>Senior Services</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 130,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 12,000.00
<u>Recreation Advisory Board</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 600.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
<u>Construction Official</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 340,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 11,000.00
<b>OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:</b>	
<u>Utilities</u>	\$ 317,500.00
<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Plan</u>	\$ 6,000.00
<u>Social Security System</u>	\$ 415,000.00
<u>Municipal Court</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Recycling Tax</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<u>Public Defender</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 8,000.00
<u>Shared Services - Recycling</u>	\$ 100,000.00
<u>Library</u>	\$ 950,000.00
<u>Ambulance Service</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 500,000.00
<u>PERS</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,170,000.00
<u>PFRS</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,581,992.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$16,446,412.00
Bond Principal	\$ 860,000.00
Bond Interest	\$ 501,100.00
Note Interest	\$ 120,914.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$17,928,426.00



**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption and considered separately:

**R-4-2021-088                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO POWER SAWS OF AMERICA (t/a RKD TREE SERVICES) FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING SERVICES. (Per unit pricing through 12/31/21)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2021 three (3) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township for tree removal and pruning services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Business Administrator recommends, by copy of letter dated March 16, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto, that the tree removal and pruning contract be awarded to **Power Saws of America (t/a RKD Tree Services)** 32 Forman Road Millstone Twp., N.J. 08535 at the unit pricing 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-2100026, 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 an open ended two (2) year contract, for Monroe Township Tree Removal and Pruning services at the unit pricing provided by the bidder, said contract expiring December 31, 2021, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods 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 **Power Saws of America (t/a RKD Tree Services) per unit pricing;** and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Power Saws of America (t/a RKD Tree Services)** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Power Saws of America (t/a RKD Tree Services)** 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-4-2021-094                      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 Eight-Thousand One-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$8,100.00),

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-097                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE  
GUARANTEE POSTED FOR RIVERSIDE CENTER, LLC – PB-1210-18.  
(Farrington Blvd.)**

**WHEREAS**, XXXIII Associates has posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$32,357.45 for the Riverside Center, LLC Block 8, Lots 8.04 and 2.08, project PB-1210-18; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the reduction of the Performance Guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated March 18, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$29,121.70	\$3,235.74
Reduce to	\$ 8,736.51	\$ 970.72

; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted by XXXIII Associates for the Riverside Center, LLC, Block 8, Lot 8.01 and 2.11, project PB-1189-16, be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-098                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE  
GUARANTEE POSTED FOR RIVERSIDE CENTER, LLC – PB-1189-16.  
(Farrington Blvd.)**

**WHEREAS**, XXXIII Associates has posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,544,898.02 for the Riverside Center, LLC Block 8, Lots 8.01 and 2.11, project PB-1189-16; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the reduction of the Performance Guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated March 18, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$1,390,408.22	\$154,489.80 (Letter of Credit)
Reduce to	\$ 417,122.47	\$ 46,346.94

; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted by XXXIII Associates for the Riverside Center, LLC, Block 8, Lot 8.01 and 2.11, project PB-1189-16, be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2021-101 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Three dollars and Fifty-Four cents (\$113,573.54) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, good cause has been shown.

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Council President Miriam Cohen announced Nominations were in order for the position of a **Zoning Board of Adjustment -Alternate 4 member** for an unexpired (2) two-year term, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2021.

Councilman Dipierro Nominated George Gunkelman to serve as a **Zoning Board of Adjustment - Alternate 4 member** for an unexpired (2) two-year term, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2021 seconded by Councilman Van Dzura.

Council President Miriam Cohen asked if there were any further Nominations, there being none, she requested a Motion to Close the Nominations.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **NOMINATIONS** were **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**R-4-2021-110 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**  
(Alt. 4 position -unexpired 2 year term)

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2021 the Monroe Township Council made appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, such appointments created a vacancy in the Alternate 4 Zoning Board position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, approves the **appointment** of George Gunkelman as an Alternate 4 Member, to fill the unexpired two (2) year term, effective immediately with the term expiring on December 31, 2021; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been duly moved, seconded and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on April 5, 2021:

		<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Expiration</b>
Carol Damiani		01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Louis Masters		01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Marino Lupo		01/01/2019	4 yrs.	12/31/2022
Vincent LaFata		01/01/2018	4 yrs.	12/31/2021
Gary Busman		01/01/2018	4 yrs.	12/31/2021
Rajani Karuturi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Donato Tanzi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Richard Lans	-Alt. 1	01/01/2021	2 yrs.	12/31/2022
Arnold Jaffe	-Alt. 2	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021
Nicholas Morolda	-Alt. 3	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021
George Gunkelman	-Alt. 4	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator Weinberg reported that at the request of the Mayor and Council, another meeting was held in regard to the BFI Landfill on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated it was a good opportunity for the residents to have their voices heard and inquire on how to move forward. Administrator Weinberg also noted that the information regarding the BFI Landfill can be found on the Township website along with a copy of the video of that meeting. Director Stroin added that the NJDEP and EPA will be holding another meeting with the residents on their plan to reintroduce leachate into the system.

Regarding the Energy Aggregation Program, Administrator Weinberg reported that the Township has saved over \$15 million thus far and noted that the Township's contract had expired in December with the plan to go out to bid this summer for the 4<sup>th</sup> 2-year period.

Announced that the Township has received a \$609,000 grant for roadway repairs from the NJDOT on North State Home Road and Lower Matchaponix, as well as a \$550,000 grant for Middlesex Boulevard and Fitzgerald Avenue which Engineer Rasimowicz will talk more about during his report.

Reported that the audit has been posted on the website and noted that it is a clean audit with no recommendations made. He extended thanks to our CFO George Lang and the Finance Department for their hard work.

Shared that the American Recovery Act has been passed and the Township will be receiving money from that but it is unknown as to how much.

Lastly, the Covid-19 numbers have trended up from last week, but our vaccination numbers are high and we will continue to assist our residents in making their appointments.

Councilman Van Dzura had a question for Utility Director Stroin regarding the BFI Landfill asking for clarification on their plan and when it is estimated that BFI will present it; Director Stroin stated that the plan has not yet been presented and the NJDEP and EPA will be providing the regulatory oversight once BFI's plan is implemented. Councilman Van Dzura commended the Mayor for holding the open meetings but commented that it is still unacceptable that we are still dealing with this. He mentioned that on Good Friday there were 22 truckloads being removed and on Saturday there were 9 truckloads being removed and they need to be held to the fire as the people who live in that neighborhood have to deal with truckloads of leachate being taken away while they are trying to enjoy the holiday weekend with their families. Director Stroin stated that we have a formal walk through with the Mayor and the leaders of that site later this week with Administrator Weinberg adding that we will have them back sooner rather than later and continue on an aggressive path. Councilman Dipierro echoed Councilman Van Dzura's concerns and added that it is unbelievable that they can work with no plan. He also added that he does not want to see two entrances and exits and wants it limited to only one. He also commented that before any plan is put into place the residents, Mayor and Council should all have a say. Attorney Rainone stated that any changes will have to go through a full public comment session. Council President Cohen stated that we will remain vigilant and are all concerned about the quality of life for our residents.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz gave an update regarding the traffic signalization project at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road stating that the traffic signal equipment has arrived and work has begun installing it. He also relayed that Verizon will begin work on removing the last utility pole.

Reported that the Roadway Improvement Project for the Camelot neighborhood went out to bid on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be awarded at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Design work for the North State Home Road and Lower Matchaponix Avenue project has just begun.

The 2021 Roadway Improvements Project is also under design and will be finalizing the roads later this week.

Renaissance at Monroe, the project in which the Township took the bond from the developer Pulte, is finishing up concrete work and wrapping up soon.

Four Seasons is finishing up punch list work and paving will be tentatively done by mid to late April.

Lennar is working on the punch list items in the Stonebridge community.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council Vice-President Schneider –**

- Reported that 200 vaccine appointments have been made with the Township's Vaccine Angels program.
- On April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a MCFOODS Food Drive from 10am-2pm at the Applegarth Park & Ride.
- Community cleanup was done on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Daniel Ryan Field.
- On April 1<sup>st</sup> the Recreation Center hosted a drive-thru opportunity to see the Easter bunny and get Easter candy. She noted that our employees have gone above and beyond to give the residents programs to participate in.

**Councilman Baskin –**

- Working with the Historic Preservation Commission as one of the buildings need remediation and hopes to work on a plan soon.

**Councilman Van Dzura –**

- Reported that he attended the Citizen Review Board meeting and it was reported that the numbers are down at the State home and all of the residents are currently vaccinated.
- The Police Department plans to have the Youth Police Academy once again this time in a limited capacity.
- Our recreation sports have strong registration numbers and there is a plan to open up Summer Camps this year as well.
- Kudos to Eileen Biennas on her work with the Vaccine Angels volunteer program.
- Commented that the Community Clean-up was a great event and everyone who was there worked together to benefit the town.

**Councilman Dipierro –**

- Regarding the Community Clean-up extended thanks to the Mayor and DPW and noted that he would like to see more police presence the next time if we plan to go out on the main roads.
- DPW guys had a lot of equipment down at the Cornell basin and they have done a great job at clearing it out.
- Our trucks are having an issue at the railroad tracks by the DPW building and asked the Engineer to get the track repaired; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that he will take a look at those tracks and reach out to Conrail to see what can be done.
- Surprised to see the striping guys show up on North State Home Road again on Friday. He stated that they should give us a 48-hour notice when they plan on doing work; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that they were supposed to give us a 3-day notice and we have been waiting for a schedule.

**Council President Cohen –**

- Reported that the Library is now open for limited services.
- Commented that the Cultural Arts Commission and Library's collaborative events have been wonderful.
- Reminded everyone that there will be a paper shredding event on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm at Veteran's Park on Avenue K.
- Thanks to the Chief for talking to her college students about the ICS system.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina updated that an onsite visit was requested this week for the BFI Landfill; he is still awaiting confirmation and will reach out to all of the Councilmembers once received. He added that he will also be asking the EPA and NJDEP to call a public meeting once again.

Reported that we have received a \$166,000 grant for ADA bathrooms at Veterans Park.

Announced that the Township is slowly reopening our Summer Recreation Camp program.

Starting Friday, the recycling center will be open 6 days a week from M-F 8am – 2:45pm and on Saturdays.

Extended thanks and appreciation to all of the 9-1-1 dispatchers as the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The Township's Vaccine Angels have connected over 600 residents with getting their vaccinations. Reported that over 47% of adult citizens living in the Township have received at least one dose and 26% Are fully vaccinated; noted that we are way ahead of the national curve.



Announced that he is bringing back the Economic Development Board.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Gary Busman**, - Mr. Busman stated that when we go through resolutions and Ordinances there is always a bond issue that comes up and said that it would be beneficial for the Township to understand the limitations on the bonds, what the interest rate is and how much we currently have out on bonds. Administrator Weinberg answered that we have an AA+ bond rating, \$59 million in bonds which has been going down the past 5 years; he noted that our interest rate is up to 3.5% and we can go up to \$300 million in bonds. He added that we have roughly 2.5% on long term bonds and 1.4% on short term bonds and will be looking to refinance on some other bonds soon.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab stated that we had a bad winter and there are potholes in the non gated communities and asked if they will be dealt with; Administrator Weinberg asked for Mr. Parab to send him an email as we have DPW out filling potholes now.

Mr. Parab reported that people are littering near his community and asked if a no littering sign could be posted, as well as, if a group of volunteers could collect the litter and asked where it could be dropped off. Administrator Weinberg advised him to give DPW a call and they will come pick it up.

Asked for the paper shred information again; Council President Cohen answered that it is being held Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Park on Avenue K from 9am – 12pm, rain or shine.

Complimented the Mayor and Council on the great job done with vaccinations.

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio stated that the closed session resolution is not clear and asked what the exceptions are being used to go into closed session; she stated that these details should be public and said that we need to be clearer about the reason for going into closed session and why it is being held; Attorney Rainone responded that the answers will be public and this falls under Attorney/Client privilege.

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

Council President Cohen requested that Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud Resolution R-4-2021-111.

**R-4-2021-111**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** (Re: Cannabis Regulations - No Council action will be taken)

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council is mindful of the right of the public to attend and witness meetings of the Governing Body and to be involved in all phases of action taken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act recognizes the authority of a public body to exclude the public from meetings in certain enumerated instances in which disclosure of matters discussed could endanger public safety, property or other public interest or invade individual privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Township Council may meet in private session to discuss any of the following matters:

- 1- Matters expressly rendered confidential by law;
- 2- Matters the disclosure of which would jeopardize the receipt of federal funds;
- 3- Matters threatening unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- 4- Matters affecting collective bargaining of public employees;
- 5- Matters involving acquisition of real property with public funds or investment of public funds, where disclosures would jeopardize such acquisition or investments;
- 6- Tactics and techniques utilizing in protection of public safety or property; matters concerning investigations of violations or possible violations of law;
- 7- Matters affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney client privilege;
- 8- Personnel matters concerning the employment, appointment evaluation, promotion or termination of a public officer or employee;
- 9- Deliberations which may result in the imposition of civil penalty or the suspension or loss of license or permit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe shall go into Closed Executive Session on April 5, 2021 to discuss the matter of cannabis regulations, and the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, following the executive session, there shall be no formal action taken on the above matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the minutes of the Closed Executive Session shall be kept by the Township Clerk, and once the need for exclusion of the public no longer exists, then the minutes shall be made available to the public.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, Resolution R-4-2021-111 was moved for Adoption with the **Executive Session** starting at 8:05pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **Executive Session** was closed at 9:08pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 9:10pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: June 2, 2021.