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THE FOLLOWING IS A **PRELIMINARY AGENDA** AND THERE MAY BE CHANGES MADE TO THE AGENDA BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

APRIL 6, 2020

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilman Stephen Dalina
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider
Council President Miriam Cohen

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

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2. Noticed to the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on April 3, 2020;
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5. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting:

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(76 acre parcel located on Perrineville Road)

7. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting: (R-4-2020-108 – R-4-2020-118)

R-4-2020-108 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAY 4, 2020.**

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R-4-2020-118 **RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

9. Agenda Meeting Adjournment. Time: _____

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

APRIL 6, 2020 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

APRIL 6, 2020

AGENDA

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

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **April 1, 2020**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

March 2, 2020 – Council Meeting

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

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

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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

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

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(76 acre parcel located on Perrineville Road)

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R-4-2020-118 **RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES.**

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

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

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

8. Mayor's Report.

9. Administrator's Report.

10. Engineer's Report.

11. Council's Reports.

12. Public Comments. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

13. Adjournment. MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – APRIL 6, 2020

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.

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins, CFO George Lang, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Chief Michael Biennas and Deputy OEM Coordinator Shannon Cenci.

There were approximately twenty-six (26) members of the Public who have joined remotely.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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Councilman Dipierro asked for Resolutions R-4-2020-111, R-4-2020-114 and R-4-2020-115 to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud questions submitted electronically prior to the virtual meeting. The first question is from Mrs. Lucille Panos:

Lucille Panos, 1208C Landera Plaza – Mrs. Panos thanked the Mayor and Council for having the virtual meeting as she feels it shows that the local government is not only capable but willing to carry on the business of the Township during this challenging time.

Next, Mrs. Panos inquired if the links she had mentioned at the last meeting were made available on the Township’s website to allow the public access to the resolutions and bill lists; She also wanted to know who would be responsible for posting the information and if there will be any costs associated with her request. Township Attorney Rainone responded that he believes that all of the resolutions and ordinances are posted on the Township website prior to the Council meetings, to which Township Clerk Patricia Reid concurred that they are indeed posted on the website, along with the bill lists, with this being done since last month’s meeting.

Mrs. Panos also had a question in regards to Ordinance O-4-2020-007 in which she asked if the amount of the negotiated contract will come before the Council, how much of the land is buildable and what defines government purpose; Township Attorney Rainone answered that this is considered Open Space and will come before Council prior to the agreement being signed. He also answered that the land is approximately 76 acres with two lots being deemed buildable approximating those pieces to total 7 acres.

Councilman Baskin added that he did look at this land on the GIS map and noticed that it is contingent to other pieces of land that are already owned by the County and the State, therefore he believes this is a good purchase for the Township.

Township Attorney Rainone added that in his recollection he believes the purchase price will be reimbursed, to which Administrator Weinberg agreed.

Mrs. Panos asked how much the original contract was and when did it begin in regards to Resolution R-4-2020-109; Administrator Weinberg answered that the original contract is for \$300,000 and this Change Order makes it a 4.5% change. He answered that the contract was approved by the Council at their December 23, 2019 meeting and the Notice to Proceed was given January 17, 2020 for 180 days.

Lastly, Mrs. Panos had a question regarding Resolution R-4-2020-115 asking if this service contract went out to bid, and if so, who were the bidders; Township Attorney Rainone answered that the cap on this project is \$80,000 and he explained further that professional services do not go out to bid as they are an RFQ/RFP process. He explained that the capital project is separate from Center State’s general engineering contract and the annual contract awarded to Engineer Rasimowicz is different as well.

Mrs. Panos also called into the meeting and thanked the Mayor and Council and wished everyone to stay well during this difficult time.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:52pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dalina, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:52pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **4/1/2020** were approved for payment as presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **March 2, 2020 Council Meeting** was approved as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Baskin an Ordinance of which the following is the title was moved on second reading for final passage:

O-3-2020-005 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” TO ADD NEW SECTION 77-10.1 “DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** for **Ordinance O-3-2020-005** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-3-2020-005 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” TO ADD NEW SECTION 77-10.1 “DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY”.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 77, of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Peddling and Soliciting” is hereby amended to add new section 77-10.1, “Do Not Knock Registry” as follows:

A. A registry shall be established in the Township Clerk’s office which contains a list of addresses of those premises where the owner or occupant has notified the Township Clerk that they wish to prohibit persons and entities from canvassing, soliciting, peddling, itinerant vending or attempting door-to-door sales on their premises.

(1) Any owner or occupant who requests their property be listed on the Do Not Knock Registry shall submit a Do Not Knock Registry request form to the Township Clerk. The form is available in the Office of the Township Clerk and on the Monroe Township website. There shall be no charge for registering.

(2) A resident shall remain on the registry until a written request is made to the Township Clerk to have the residence removed from the registry.

(3) The list of addresses on the Do Not Knock Registry shall be available at the Township Clerk’s office during normal business hours.

(4) Any vendor shall be obligated to obtain a current up-to-date copy of the registry. It is, therefore, the obligation of the canvasser, solicitor, peddler, itinerant vendor or door-to-door salesperson to have the most up-to-date list from the registry. The Township Clerk shall provide any person seeking to canvass, solicit, peddle, act as an itinerant vendor or undertake any door-to-door sale with a copy of the current registry.

B. Exceptions. These provisions shall not be applicable to the delivery or personal solicitation of:

(1) Mail, parcels or packages by and in accordance with the rules of the United States Postal Service;

(2) Parcels, packages and materials delivered by a commercially recognized courier service or overnight express delivery agency, such as, by way of example, Federal Express or United Parcel Service;

(3) Newspapers and other publications and periodicals if subscribed to by the owner or occupant of the recipient premises, provided same are placed firmly in a receptacle designed for such purpose, or, in the absence of such receptacle, tightly wrapped to prevent blowing or scattering upon the recipient premises or adjacent areas;

(4) Delivery of laundry, dry cleaning, dairy, bakery and similar food products and commercial product sampling by agreement with or invitation of the owner or occupant of the recipient premises;

(5) Personal delivery or drop off of noncommercial handbills of a political, charitable, or religious nature whose distribution is or may be protected by constitutional rights of free speech, provided that same are packaged and placed in such a manner as not to blow and scatter upon the recipient premises or adjacent areas.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-3-2020-005

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:
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ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Stephen Dalina	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

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

Council President Miriam Cohen

Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-4-2020-007

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-4-2020-108 – R-4-2020-118 with the exception of Resolutions R-4-2020-111, R-4-2020-114 and R-4-2020-115)

R-4-2020-108 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MAY 4, 2020.

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

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy has declared a state of emergency via Executive Order 103 in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2020-07 allows Municipalities to extend the Introduction and Approval of their Budget to April 28, 2020 or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body after April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1 there exists a need to extend the date upon which to introduce and approve the Monroe Township 2020 annual budget to May 4, 2020 due to the need for receipt of revenue figures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the extension of the introduction and approval of the Monroe Township 2020 annual budget to May 4, 2020.

R-4-2020-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND 2 SUBMITTED BY ARISTA, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH EMS BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (increase of \$13,706.00)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-12-2019-337, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 23, 2019, a contract was awarded to Arista Builders & Designers, 329 Jackson Mills Road Jackson, N.J. 08527 in connection with EMS Building Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the original total contract amount was \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated March 24, 2020, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and 2 for EMS Building Improvement Project as follows:

Change Order No. 1- Installation of 2 new ductless heat pump units	\$11,832.00
Change Order No. 2- Change gas range to electric	<u>\$1,874.00</u>
	\$13,706.00

WHEREAS, reflecting an increase in the amount of **\$13,706.00** as described in the attached change orders;

WHEREAS, the current contract price including this change order is \$313,706.00; 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-1900088, 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 2, attached hereto and made a part hereof, in the amount of thirteen thousand seven hundred six dollars and zero cents (**\$13,706.00**).

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2020-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SENIOR CENTER
RENTAL FEE.** (Cancellations due to COVID-19; 2- \$500.00 refunds)

WHEREAS, the Special Event Coordinator, by copy of a letters dated March 10, 2020 and March 16, 2020, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following Senior Center rental fee refunds:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hadassah Southern Jersey Region c/o Carol Charen, President 106 Roberts Place Mt. Laurel, N.J. 08054	Event Cancelled due to COVID-19	\$500.00
St. Anianus Coptic Orthodox Church c/o Mora Sorial 143 North Bergen Mills Road Monroe Twp., NJ 08831	Event Cancelled due to COVID-19	\$500.00

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

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 request is hereby authorized and that refunds be made to **Hadassah Southern Jersey Region in the amount of \$500.00 and St. Anianus Coptic Orthodox Church in the amount of \$500.00.**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2020-112 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE PINES,
INC., BLOCK 109.38 LOT 9.01(PB-1101-11).** (28, 31, 33 Avenue K)

WHEREAS, Monroe Pines Inc., has posted Performance Guarantees for Final Major Subdivision located at Block 109.38 Lot 9.01 (PB-975-05); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated February 26, 2020 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 **Monroe Pines Inc.** (PB-1101-11), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter dated February 26, 2020, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$27,400.06**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-4-2020-113 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR BLOCK 147.09 LOTS**

21-25;36-39 (PB-1099-11). (Koluda -3 Cleveland Avenue)

WHEREAS, Krzysztof & Elzbieta Koluda has posted cash maintenance guarantees for a Minor Subdivision located at Block 147-09 Lots 21-25 and 36-39, PB-1099-11; and

WHEREAS, said guarantee has expired and Krzysztof & Elzbieta Koluda has requested the release of the cash Maintenance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 et seq., the Township Engineer. 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 cash maintenance guarantee, as detailed in a letter dated March 11, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of;

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 Maintenance Guarantee posted for PB-1099-11– Block 147-09 Lots 21-25 and 36-39, be released as reflected above and within the letter annexed hereto. This approval for release of cash maintenance guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to release said cash Maintenance Guarantee and any escrow accounts related to this project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2020-116 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS. (various refunds totaling \$17,400.00)

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 Seventeen Thousand Four-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$17,400.00); and

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

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

SCHEDULE A

BLOCK / LOT	TTL#	NAME	AMOUNT
104 5	19-00054	Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust PO Box 5021 Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021	\$9,100.00
14.7 24	19-00010	CC1 NJ 11 LLC	\$3,300.00
148.64 25	19-00066	PO Box 123800 Dallas, TX 75312	\$2,700.00
			\$6,000.00
67 20.180	19-00042	FIG Cust FIGNJ19LLC&Sec Pty PO Box 54226 New Orleans, LA 70154	\$600.00
56 66.1 C439N	19-00036	US Bank Cust For Pro Cap 8 50 South 16th Street Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102	\$1,700.00

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-4-2020-117 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS. (\$1,005,000.00)**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 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 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is \$16,806,006.14;

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: 1. 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>
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:	
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>	
Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00
OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:	
<u>Central Mailing Equipment</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 55,000.00
<u>Water-Sewer Operations</u>	
Salaries	<u>\$ 950,000.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 950,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,005,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 Calendar Year Budget; and

3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

**R-4-2020-118 RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THOSE ON
THE FRONTLINES.**

WHEREAS, in December of 2019 a novel coronavirus outbreak began in Wuhan, China and since then has touched almost every corner of the world and has shuttered villages, towns, cities, and healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people around the world have become sickened and many have died due to this outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus is also known as Covid-19, "CO" stands for coronavirus, "VI" is for virus, and "D" for disease; and

WHEREAS, the first 1st case of Covid-19 hit the United States February 2020 and since then has transmitted throughout the Country, leaving thousands on the frontlines to combat this virus by working long hours as they assist those in need in our communities; and

WHEREAS, around the Country millions of healthcare professionals, first responders, warehouse operators, truck drivers, postal workers, delivery workers, construction workers, grocery store clerks, gas attendants and public servants are fighting this pandemic and helping to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Monroe Township, the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, these individuals on the frontline are heroes because of their enduring and selfless dedication to their fellow citizens as they continue to work in dangerous conditions, particularly healthcare workers experiencing a short supply of protective gear; and

WHEREAS, the Country is at war with this pandemic and the great people that Americans rely on in this time are unmatched in any and all regards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Township Council of Monroe Township extend their sincere gratitude to all of these heroes who continue to sacrifice for the sake of the residents of Monroe Township and the Country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Council extend a personal thank you to every frontline worker and are grateful for everything they are doing for our citizens and calls on all residents of Monroe Township, residents of the County of Middlesex, residents of the State of New Jersey, and across the Country to also extend their gratitude for every frontline worker risking their personal health and the health of those they love. We are forever grateful for everything these heroes do!

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

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

R-4-2020-111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GARIBALDI AVENUE(PB-1175-15). (3,5,7 Garibaldi Ave.)

WHEREAS, **Lucille DiPasquale** has posted Performance Guarantees for Garibaldi Avenue (PB-1175-15); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated March 19, 2020 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 **Lucille DiPasquale**. (PB-1175-15), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated March 19, 2020, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$9,812.78**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit" however in lieu of this, the Township Engineer's office recommends the developer post five hundred dollars (\$500.00) at this time, into the existing engineering inspection escrow account, which is more

reasonable. Performance guarantees should not be released until the escrow account is brought up to date as noted.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-4-2020-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO ASSUNCAO BROTHERS INC. FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD AND MATCHAPONIX/PERGOLA AVENUE. (Construction of a New Traffic Signal etc. - bid amount \$1,105,032.80)

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, five (5) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the Intersection Improvements to Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road and Matchaponix/Pergola Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated March 27, 2020, has recommended **Assuncao Brothers Inc. 29 Wood Avenue, Edison, NJ 07065**, be awarded the base and alternate number 1 bid based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$1,105,032.80**; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2000035, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to **Assuncao Brothers Inc. for the Intersection Improvements to Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road and Matchaponix/Pergola Avenue** at a total contract price of **\$1,105,032.80**; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Assuncao Brothers 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 **Assuncao Brothers Inc.** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

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

R-4-2020-115 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNALIZATION OF MATCHAPONIX AVENUE & SPOTSWOOD-GRAVEL HILL ROAD, PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. (\$80,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the Signalization of Matchaponix Avenue & SpotswoodGravel Hill Road, Phase 3 Construction Services; 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 eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2000036, 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 the Signalization of Matchaponix Avenue & Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road, Phase 3 Construction Services in an amount not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (***\$80,000.00***);
- (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.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Tamburro thanked all of the heroes who have stepped up in our community to help all of us get through this extremely trying time. He thanked the EMS staff, who face the unknown every time they answer a call to help us. He further thanked the Police Department, Utility Department, Public Works employees and all of the residents who are doctors, nurses and essential workers. For their tireless efforts in fighting this pandemic and keeping all of us safe. He urged everyone to follow the guidelines in place and reminded everyone to continue to stay home, wash your hands and stay safe.

Lastly, Mayor Tamburro stated that he understands this will be a hard week for all who are celebrating Passover and Easter since it will be spent at home away from loved ones. He reminded everyone that we have the strength to get through this together and to look forward to better days ahead.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Weinberg reported that the Township has delayed adopting their budget by one month as recommended by the DCA and DLGS. He added that the State has moved the adoption of their budget as well. Our temporary budget is in effect until May 4th and we will continue to wait further direction on how to proceed from the DCA and DLGS.

Administrator Weinberg reported that the Township has been dealing with Covid19 for a while now as this is a very unique health emergency. He stated that the difference in handling this from an OEM perspective is that instead of gathering together we are urging people to stay apart. The Township has been working on this since March 3rd, specifically focusing on at that time how to suspend activities in which we were ahead of the curve in accomplishing that. We have accomplished a lot during this difficult and challenging time in fighting this pandemic.

Administrator Weinberg extended a special thanks to our OEM and the Mayor for their leadership. The communication plan has been critical to our residents and we have been focused on getting supplies to those who are in need which has been a team effort.

Lastly, Administrator Weinberg stated that our buildings are closed to the public but our department heads, along with our Police, Fire and EMS have been keeping the government afloat and will continue to serve in the right capacity to get us through this pandemic.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz thanked the Council for approving the award of bid to Assuncao Brothers Inc. for the Intersection Improvements on Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road and Matchaponix Ave./Pergola Ave.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Vice-President Schneider–

- Reported that this was the first time she was unable to attend an Eagle Scout Court of honor ceremony but extended congratulations to those receiving the honor.
- Shared that last week she had an eye doctor appointment which she was nervous to attend because of the current state of affairs; she was relieved and comforted by the measures they had put into place and pleased to see that they were taking every precaution to adhere to the guidelines to not only protect themselves but also their clients.
- Thanked everyone working on the front lines during this pandemic.
- Lastly, she received a phone call from someone wanting to make a monetary donation and asked if the address, as well as, who to make their payment out to could be posted on the Township website.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Thanked everyone for making this meeting possible.
- Extended thanks to all of the First Responders, OEM and employees for stepping up and doing what it takes to keep Monroe solid. He added that we are all in this together and working together as a team. He extended thanks to the Mayor and Council, as well as, all of the businesses and residents for their continued support.
- Reminded everyone to follow the stay at home orders and social distancing measures.
- Gave a shout out to the Police Department and Fire Departments for participating in driving by children's homes for their birthdays. It is always nice to see something positive and the smiles on their faces when they drive by are priceless.
- Received a few emails regarding construction on cell towers and was wondering if anyone has responded; Administrator Weinberg answered that he has been responding to various emails regarding cell towers and construction of cell towers and will follow up with Councilman Dipierro after the meeting to go over. Councilman Dipierro added that a resident had a concern so he wanted to make sure it was being addressed and an answer would be given to them.
- Questioned whether or not property taxes would still be due on May 1st; added that our next meeting is scheduled after the May 1st due date and he hopes we will be together but if not, he asked what is being done regarding that due date. Township Attorney Rainone answered that a bill has passed the General Assembly but not the Senate which would allow the DCA to give authority to the municipalities to delay taxes. He reiterated that this bill has not passed and we do not have the authority to do anything without that happening first. He added that if DCA should act between now and our next meeting then we can too but he senses that he DCA is not going to require us to take action and instead wait for the State to do so.
- Asked if the budget includes funding for the Board of Education; Township Attorney Rainone stated that there is a process and it was discussed earlier between Councilman Dipierro and himself. He explained that monies can be appropriated to the Board of Education but as explained earlier the monies appropriated would have to be from surplus and a simple answer is there is no money in our budget to go to the Board of Education.
- Stated that he watched the Board of Education meeting, which was also done virtually and had 112 participants. He reported that they had voted on sending the Mayor and Council a letter regarding a moratorium. Township Attorney Rainone responded that the Township did receive a letter but what was unusual was the Board of Education did not pass a resolution to do so and in their letter, it stated there should be a moratorium. He explained that the only time a moratorium could be granted was if the water and sewer capacity of such building would cause a shortage, creating a public health crisis. Township Attorney Rainone added that he did not know what the basis of the letter was nor did it give a reason as to why they have reached the decision that they did. He added that a moratorium on building violates a person's constitutional rights and is very tough to defend.

- Lastly, Councilman Dipierro stated that he is still waiting for the water and sewer capacity report and asked if there were any updates; Utility Director Joseph Stroin answered that currently the report is being finalized and he anticipates that it will be available within the next month. Councilman Dipierro asked if this will then be put on the Township's website and made available to the public as well; Township Attorney Rainone responded that he believes this is deliberative and will not be made available.

Councilman Baskin

- Seconds everything Councilman Dipierro said in regards to Covid19. Thanked the Mayor, OEM and Administration for doing a superb job. Shared that he has been plotting the data shared by the OEM and is very impressed with the residents adhering to the guidelines as it seems their adherence is helping to flatten the curve.
- Reported that the Historical Preservation Commission is hoping to hold their annual vintage baseball game, which has been scheduled for September 26th.

Councilman Dalina

- Thanked the OEM, Mayor and Administrator for providing daily updates. Extended thanks to the schools and teachers for bringing knowledge to our children. Urged everyone to please support local businesses that are open. Added that this pandemic has forced us to minimize our lives and focus on our health, security and safety. Lastly reminded everyone that better days are indeed ahead.

Council President Cohen

- Honored to serve on this Council and witness all of the employee's hard work and dedication. Thanked the OEM for their updates and answering her questions in a timely manner.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid thanked the IT Department for all of their hard work in getting this meeting set up and making this possible. She added that both Doug and Rob were present with her, staying socially distant, but there to help and make sure this went off without any issue and it is greatly appreciated.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab thanked the Mayor, Council and all of the workforce for their hard work and dedication during this crisis.

Mr. Parab stated that many organizations have asked about giving monetary donations and he wanted to know where and to whom they can donate to the Township's essential personnel.

Mr. Parab asked how many of the Township's EMS and Police Department staff have been working on the frontlines and have been impacted.

Lastly, Mr. Parab stated that the Mayor of Hoboken has made it mandatory for essential employees to be provided with face masks, as well as, requiring customers to be given face masks when patronizing those essential establishments. He asked if there was any plan for the Township to do the same.

Administrator Weinberg answered that in the most recent Nixle Alert, a suggestion for those wanting to donate was made. Those who want to donate can do so by donating to the Township's Food Bank.

Township Attorney Rainone responded that he would defer to the County Health Department regarding the number of EMS and Police Officers impacted by the virus in our Township as that information is being released by them.

Chief Biennas stated that he has spoken with manager of Stop and Shop and PPE have been issued to all employees but there is simply not enough to hand out to all of the customers as well. He added that the Governor has stated that you can make your own face mask at home or use a scarf or bandana to cover your mouth.

Mr. Parab asked specifically where donations to the Fire Departments and Police Department can be made to which Township Attorney Rainone answered that we do not have the capacity to take online donations and Administrator Weinberg added that we can generate a list of places to donate to but generally that list does not come from the Township.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Landera Plz. – *technical difficulties caused the inability to hear Mrs. Panos during the meeting. IT tried to enable her to attend the meeting but could not.*

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio thanked everyone for all of their hard work during this crisis.

In regards to Councilman Dipierro’s question regarding the due date for property taxes and Township Attorney Rainone’s mention of the assembly passing a bill giving authority to direct municipalities to not act on certain issues and allowing them an extension to do so, she stated that she is not happy with this bill and wishes the Council not to act on it. She added that in speaking as a resident and not a member of the school board, she understands that some people may be hard pressed to pay their taxes but this should be discussed by the Council and not from another directive.

Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Ms. Skurbe thanked all of the First Responders for doing an excellent job and extended well wishes to everyone in the community. She added that we are all coming together and facing this together.

Ms. Skurbe stated that she tuned into the Board of Education meeting as well and in regards to what Councilman Dipierro was stating in his report, the letter sent to the Township was indeed discussed in detail and those details should have been sent along with that letter. There should have been an explanation as to why the motion was made by the Board of Education to send the letter along with the details explaining the reasoning. She added that it is important to look at what Jackson Township is doing and noted that if we want to keep Monroe Township the community that it is then the Board of Education should be helped. Township Attorney Rainone responded that there are two separate issues and the letter received does not lay out any legal justification for the moratorium. Ms. Skurbe commented that we are having a crisis which has been caused by the Township because of all of the building they have allowed to happen. Township Attorney Rainone commented that this is not a Township issue because they want the building to happen, it is a result of the COAH obligation made mandatory by Mt. Laurel. He went on to further explain that the Zoning and Planning Boards powers have been severely limited because of the Mt. Laurel judgements and gave the example of East Brunswick Township turning down the obligation given to them and the judge then taking over their planning and the municipality now losing all control. Ms. Skurbe stated she feels that this is a compound issue and looks around at her neighborhood where building is happening now that has nothing to do with the COAH obligation. She added that the Board of Education, staff and students deserve the help.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:45pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: May 4, 2020.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –
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