

**CHANGES TO LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026**

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

Effective after March 1, 2026, the complete text of each legal notice for the Township of Monroe may be obtained or viewed by the public on the official internet website <https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/services/legal-notices>, as well as hyperlinked on the Secretary of State's legal notice webpage <https://nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>. The aforementioned is in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72. Christine Robbins, RMC, Township Clerk

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

**APRIL 6, 2026**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)
2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOUIS BUONOCORE, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL**

4. **ROLL CALL:**

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

5. Township Clerk Christine Robbins reads the **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record.

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- R-4-2026-099

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS LLC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE, PARTS AND REPAIRS.
- R-4-2026-100

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- R-4-2026-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2026 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$17,966.40)
- R-4-2026-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET.
- R-4-2026-103

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

10. 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION
11. Public Comments. (Limited to Agenda items only - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN:

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_

SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE:

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_

SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_
12. Agenda Meeting Adjournment. Time: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_\_Nays\_\_

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AGENDA

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

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_\_Nays\_\_
2. MOTION to approve the payment of CLAIMS per run date March 31, 2026.

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_\_Nays\_\_
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

March 2, 2026 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

MOTION:\_\_\_\_\_SECOND:\_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL: Ayes\_\_\_\_Nays\_\_

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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN:                    MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – April 6, 2026**

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

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

A moment of silence was held for Louis Buonocore, Construction Official who passed away unexpectedly March 21, 2026.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, CFO Lori Olah, Auditor Gary Higgins, Deputy Township Clerk Tanya Pannucci and Mayor Stephen Dalina.

There were approximately eighteen (18) members of the Public in attendance.

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- R-4-2026-097                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FROM DELL MARKETING, LP UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT. (\$84,100.96)**
- R-4-2026-098                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF INTRUSION & FIRE SYSTEM UPGRADES FOR VARIOUS TOWNSHIP OWNED FACILITIES FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS, LLC BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$77,528.00)**
- R-4-2026-099                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS LLC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE, PARTS AND REPAIRS.**
- R-4-2026-100                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON BARNABAS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND MONROE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE CURRENT BUNDLED BILLING AGREEMENT FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES.**

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| <b>R-4-2026-101</b> | <b>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2026 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE. (\$17,966.40)</b> |
| <b>R-4-2026-102</b> | <b>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET.</b>                                                                    |
| <b>R-4-2026-103</b> | <b>RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.</b>                                                                        |

Councilman Dipierro requested R-4-2026-092 to be removed and considered separately.

#### **2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Dalina read his budget address into the record and as transcribed below:

“It is my privilege to present to you the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2026, developed during a time of significant financial challenges and rising costs across nearly every sector. This budget was crafted under particularly difficult conditions, including unprecedented increases in health care insurance expenses, rising utility and fuel costs, higher pension and liability insurance contributions. In addition, the Township continues to face growing costs associated with materials, professional services, technology and ever evolving regulatory requirements. Despite these pressures, our Administration remained committed to a thoughtful and disciplined approach, working closely with our Department Heads and our Finance Team, we conducted a comprehensive line-by-line review of the entire budget. Together, we identified efficiencies and made strategic reductions where possible, always with the goal of preserving the high level of services our residents expect and deserve. This year's budget reflects a 4.3 cent increase in the municipal property tax rate. We understand that any tax increase is a burden and that is why we have worked diligently to keep this increase as low as possible. For the average homeowner in Monroe Township, this increase equates to about \$12 per month and in looking at tax increases collectively over the last six years, including this year's the municipal rate increase equates to about 1.2 cents each year, or less than \$3.50 per month for the average assessed home. We recognize the importance of affordability, and this budget continues my commitment to tightening our belts and being mindful of your hard-earned dollars. I also want to acknowledge something that is on the top of my mind for many in our community, any tax increase, no matter how small, places a burden on our residents and we understand that and it has truly guided every decision we have made throughout this process. This budget reflects our core values, fiscal responsibility and strong stewardship of taxpayer resources at the same time and ensures we continue to meet the needs of our residents, maintain critical services and position our Township for continued stability and success despite fiscal challenges. Monroe residents are still getting all the great services that they need and deserve, many of which are not offered in many other communities. I truly want to thank our Staff and Department leaders for their hard work and dedication through this process. I want to thank the Council for your thoughts and suggestions and your consideration of this budget over this next month. Most importantly, I do want to thank the residents for your continued trust and support. I work hard to engage with the community, gather feedback and ensure that this budget reflects the values and needs of our residents. I appreciate the time and effort that so many of you have taken to share your thoughts, and I am truly grateful for your continued support. As we navigate the difficult times together, we will continue to move our community forward responsibly, thoughtfully and with a clear focus on the future. Thank you.”

Mayor Dalina turned the presentation over to Administrator McGowan who went over some of the particulars of this year's budget, giving some examples of what Mayor Dalina had mentioned in his address. He explained that our proposed budget this year is \$79,527,373 which equates to an increase in the Township's tax rate of 4.3 cents on the municipal portion of the tax bill; with the average assessed home in Monroe Township being \$338,100, this tax increase equates to an additional \$148.68 per year in the municipal portion of the tax rate. He went on to say that our municipal tax makes up approximately 18% of the total tax bill and reiterated what Mayor Dalina said in that any tax increase is something that we try to avoid. Administrator McGowan then went over some of the challenges that the Township is facing to explain why an increase is unavoidable, explaining that rising annual costs are affecting all local governments across the State and not just our Township. He went on to explain that the Township has faced a very significant health insurance increase of 29% which many municipalities, school districts and other public entities have seen throughout the insurance industry, as well as having to find an additional \$2.4 million in appropriations that we did not have to find last year, our liability insurance also saw an increase of \$800,000 and our tipping fees and landfill fees also saw a significant increase. Administrator McGowan also discussed the \$520,000 cost impact of the back-to-back Winter storms we experienced which were followed by an extended period of freezing cold temperatures, as well as the rising costs of

energy, utilities and raw materials. He also noted that some of the Covid era Federal and State funding that was available to not only our municipality but others as well, has ended. He went on to further explain in reference to the Winter storms, that the Township has seen rock salt and usage up 51% in the last couple of years. Fuel prices on gasoline have increased 11% and diesel fuel has increased 49%, which is significant for our budget, especially for our DPW. There has also been a significant increase in purchasing parts needed to repair our equipment, as well as repairing our vehicles for the Utility Department, DPW, Police and EMS with those increases equating to about 34% over the last couple of years. Energy costs across the board at all facilities are looking at a 17% increase, which because of these challenges sort of compounding one another has made it very challenging to develop a budget that stays flat or has minimal increases in taxes. Administrator McGowan went on to state that they have identified over \$1.5 million dollars in strategic budget reductions that do not take away valuable, honored and cherished resident services. A big part of this is leaving select department vacancies unfilled and pausing all new full-time positions which will save on the costs of salaries and health care which is significant. Operating expenses have been thoroughly gone through line by line and thankfully we have not had to cut senior programs, recreation programs and resources that our Police and EMS rely on. He noted that the Township has been trying additional cost savings methods, such as participating in additional purchasing co-ops to prioritize cost effectiveness in trying to find the best price for most of our goods. The Township will continue to aggressively identify grant funding for important projects that have been committed to our residents such as the expansion of James Monroe Park, our Community Garden, and Disbrow Hill Park Project, as well as many of the paving projects throughout the Township. He reiterated that the Township is trying to stick to the commitment made to the residents to give them the quality of life that they deserve but also tighten our belts in areas that we can in order to mitigate the impact on this year's budget. Administrator McGowan invited Township Auditor, Gary Higgins, to provide a statewide perspective on sort of the challenges that we are facing. Mr. Higgins reported that he has done a technical review of the Township's budget and finds it to be a very satisfying budget based upon the challenges that were just discussed. He went on to say that in handling approximately 15 budgets personally, with his firm handling approximately 135 municipalities overall, the same increases and challenges are happening across the board. He explained that the budget will now be submitted to the Division of Local Government, who will review and advise the Administration of any comments they have; the hope is for the budget to then be adopted after the public hearing next month. Administrator McGowan reaffirmed Mr. Higgins comments and turned the presentation back over to Mayor Dalina who highlighted some of the services still being provided to the residents, such as Emergency and Police services which help keep our Township one of the designated safest communities in the United States. Mayor Dalina also noted the recreation, senior and library services provided to our residents, as well as our DPW who are praised repeatedly for the services they provide and how beautiful and organized the recycling yard is. He went on to note that as the elected representatives of the Township, it is their responsibility to find the balance between services and protecting the money you have and that is done through advocating for the myriad of programs available from the State such as Stay NJ, Senior Freeze and lately leaning towards implementing impact fees. In looking at the tax increases collectively over the last six years and including this year's budget, this increase equates to about 1.2 cents each year or less than \$3.50 per month for the average assessed home. Lastly, Mayor Dalina noted that he recognizes that the greater good truly appreciates the balance that the Township tries to provide and together we work to continue to be both responsive and thoughtful.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Greg Pisarevsky, 21A John Paul Jones Dr.** – Mr. Pisarevsky asked for the Mayor and Council to consider waiving the fees for concealed carry permits to which Council President Siegel advised that this public portion was for agenda items only and Mr. Pisarevsky would have an opportunity to come back up to discuss at the second public portion.

**Carol Singer, 15 Dorchester Dr.** – Ms. Singer shared concerns over light pollution to which Attorney Rainone advised Ms. Singer that this public portion was for agenda items only and she could come back to discuss her concerns during the second public portion.

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked what the Township's plan is to address impact fees as an action plan is long overdue; Attorney Rainone answered that it is illegal to ask for impact fees to which Mrs. Arminio countered that it is only illegal because our legislators have not legislated that we can accept and put into practice and she would like to know the plan her elected officials have going forward.

Mrs. Arminio asked what the debt service per month cost is for all of our current bonds and all other debt services that we have, as well as how much debt we actually have; Auditor Gary Higgins responded that the monthly debt service, pursuant to the 2026 budget is \$677,000 which is the principal and interest on both bond anticipation notes and permanent financings which have been done in the past.

Mrs. Arminio asked what the total debt in the Township is and how much do we owe, clarifying what equates to the \$677,000 monthly fee; Auditor Gary Higgins clarified that the total outstanding debt and outstanding serial bonds as of December 31, 2025, is \$62,920,000 principal. He added that the debt service payments are less than 10% of our total budget, which from DCA's perspective is a healthy balance as they start to inquire about our debt service when it reaches 25% of the total budget which we are well under. Mrs. Arminio asked what the percentage of our total budget is equated to debt service to which Auditor Gary Higgins clarified it is less than 10%. Attorney Rainone commented regarding impact fees that we currently have Ordinances in our Utility Department where people pay contributions towards off track improvements for water and sewer and we to the extent that we can do by law. He added that Mayor Dalina, as well as other Mayors also send letters to the legislators regarding impact fees each year as well. Mrs. Arminio commented that impact fees would help in the Education Department, to which Attorney Rainone answered that since 1966 that has been deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Auditor Gary Higgins added clarification to what he said earlier, stating that we are at 1/7 of the debt capacity of the Township and on roughly \$15 billion of equalized valuation we can go up to closer to \$500 million which we are nowhere near.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro 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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:11pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:11pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Markel and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/31/2026** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

**March 2, 2026 - Reorganization, Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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

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

O-3-2026-006

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,556,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,433,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,556,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$122,200 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,433,800 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. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

| <u>Purpose</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u> | <u>Period of Usefulness</u> |
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| a) Various roadway, sidewalk and curb improvements throughout the Township, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto. | \$1,800,000                               | \$1,714,000                                          | 10 years                    |
| b) Acquisition of a street sweeper for the Department of Public Works, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$405,000                                 | \$385,700                                            | 10 years                    |
| c) Acquisition of equipment for the Department of Public Works, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.                                                                                                    | \$101,000                                 | \$96,100                                             | 15 years                    |

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| d) Heritage Chase Road improvements and design, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto. | <u>\$250,000</u>   | <u>\$238,000</u>   | 10 years |
| Total                                                                                                            | <u>\$2,556,000</u> | <u>\$2,433,800</u> |          |

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each improvement or purpose.

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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.19 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 \$2,433,800, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$506,000 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 purposes or improvements.

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 or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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 "Rule") 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 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.

**SO, ORDAINED** as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2026-006** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Public Comments:**

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked if some of the larger aspects of the improvements that are held in this bond could be shared; Administrator McGowan answered that the largest improvement is our 2026 Roadway Improvement Project along with the purchase of a street sweeper that is included in this bond ordinance. He went on to share that there are some soft costs for the design of our 2026 Roadway Improvement Project, as well as the Heritage Chase Roadway Improvement Project which he noted has received a NJDOT grant that will be used towards the hard costs. Administrator McGowan also shared that there is also some equipment that will be purchased to outfit a previously purchased plow truck, such as hydraulics, brine machine and salting machine. Mrs. Arminio asked for the number for the soft design costs to which Administrator McGowan answered that there are two items for the soft design costs, the Heritage Chase Improvement Project is \$245,000 and the 2026 Roadway Improvement Project is \$245,000. Mrs. Arminio asked if those projects have been bid out to which Administrator McGowan explained that if the Council moves forward with adopting this Ordinance tonight there are two resolutions for the design contracts for Mr. Rasimowicz who will then put out to bid for the full project. Mrs. Arminio asked how long the bond is for to which Administrator McGowan answered that the average life is 10.19 years so that is what it will be bonded at; Mrs. Arminio followed by asking is there is an approximate rate to which Administrator McGowan answered that he has an estimate but as a disclaimer noted that we have not sold the bond yet so he does not know the interest rate yet. He went on to explain that based on experience the estimated payment would be \$285,000 per year for 10 years. Auditor Gary Higgins added that the rate would fall somewhere between 3.2% and 3.6%. He went on to add that the Township is anticipating on having a Bond Anticipation Note sale in the upcoming two months, one to roll over the notes that are currently outstanding and then the other for what we call “new money” which are for any Ordinances passed over the past 12 months. He went on to explain further that the current long-term rates are unknown at the moment but would agree with Administrator McGowan that they would fall between 3.2% and 3.6%, adding that the Township is not intending on permanently financing this Ordinance at this current time. Mrs. Arminio went on to ask what the rate for a one-year term would be; Auditor Gary Higgins stated that we hope to get the market at a fair rate and not when it is worse but ideally hoping for it to get better as the rates would be lower. Mrs. Arminio asked if this Ordinance was for one year or ten years to which Auditor Gary Higgins explained that this Ordinance sets forth the authorization to issue bonds or notes which under the Local Bond Law you can issue Bond Anticipation Notes for one-year intervals, up to ten years and five months and after that you must permanently bond after year three. He explained that if you are in one-year notes then you must make minimum BAN paydowns which pays off a portion of the notes and then ultimately you would have to bond it by year ten. If the Township plans to permanently finance under the Local Bond Law, they establish what is called an average use of life and that is what Administrator McGowan is referring to as the 10.19 average years of useful life which would not be able to be exceeded under permanent financing so the highest you could go would be ten years.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-3-2026-006** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.



**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, **Ordinance O-3-2026-006** was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-4-2026-007                    ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE, AMENDING VC-2 OVERLAY FOR PARCEL INCLUDED IN MONROE TOWNSHIP’S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-4-2026-008                    ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-4-2026-009                    ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “FEES”.**  
(Fee adjustments to MTUD water & sewer fees, construction fees and EMS fees)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
(R-4-2026-076– R-4-2026-103 except R-4-2026-092 which will be considered separately)

**R-4-2026-076                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“GTAC”).**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (“Township”), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has made a commitment to optimize the quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to achieve the sustainable goals and in support of Green Initiatives, the Township Council, at a meeting held on July 1, 2013, adopted Resolution No. R-7-2013-175 establishing a Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee (“GTAC”) to work towards Sustainable Jersey certification and to advise the Township on means to enhance municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee have expired; and

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence dated March 11, 2026, the Monroe Township Environmental Commission Chair recommended the following appointments to the 2026 Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee:

- Charles Dipierro, Council Representative
- Mihir Mujumdar, Environmental Commission Chair and Green Team Chair
- Carolyn Barna, Dept. Of Public Works Representative
- Renee Haider, Environmental Commission Member
- Theresa Zamorski, Environmental Commission Secretary
- Surabhi Agarwal, Environmental and Shade Tree Commission Member
- Roger Dreyling, Environmental Commission Member
- Sudha Radhakrishnan, Resident
- Catharine Hunt, Resident
- Bhagyashree Bohra, Resident
- Sadia Awwal, Resident
- Tejas Desai, Resident

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and approves the above recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe does hereby approve and authorizes the above appointments to the 2026 Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2026 nunc pro tunc, through December 31, 2026.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-076 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-077

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (Tesla, Inc. – Solar Panel Installation Refunds in the amount of \$712 & \$750)

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official, by copies of letters dated March 20, 2026, and as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refunds:

| Refund to:                                                                                           | Reason                                                                                                                                     | Amount    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tesla, Inc.<br>ATTN: Permit Coordinator<br>1001 Lower Landing Road, Suite 601<br>Blackwood, NJ 08012 | Permit # 2025-3335<br>Requests refund due to permit cancelled.<br>Homeowner at 30 Carnation Rd.<br>has cancelled solar panel installation. | \$ 712.00 |
|                                                                                                      | Permit # 2025-3219<br>Requests refund due to permit cancelled.<br>Homeowner at 6 Melinda Dr.<br>has cancelled solar panel installation.    | \$ 750.00 |

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Construction Official and finds the request for the above refunds 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 **Tesla, Inc. in the amounts of \$712.00 and \$750.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-077 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-078                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A  
2013 FREIGHTLINER MODEL M2 BY THE MONROE  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe Police Department has impounded a 2013 Freightliner Model M2 VIN# 1FVAGWDT1DHFF6976; 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 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) 2013 Freightliner Model M2 on April 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cranbury Service Center, 44 Hightstown Cranbury Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512. The vehicle shall be available for public inspection beginning at 1:45 p.m. on that date.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minimum opening bid for the vehicle shall be \$21,650.87. 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**, in the event no bids are received, ownership of the vehicle shall be awarded to Cranbury Service Center.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-078 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-079

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF A 2013 NISSAN PATHFINDER BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Police Department has impounded a 2013 Nissan Pathfinder VIN# 5N1AR2MN1DC601624; 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 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) 2013 Nissan Pathfinder on April 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Monroe Township Police Department, 3 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831. The vehicle shall be available for public inspection beginning at 9:45 a.m. on that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum opening bid for the vehicle shall be \$590.40. 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, in the event no bids are received, ownership of the vehicle shall be awarded to the Township of Monroe Police Department.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-079 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-080

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CUSTOM LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE INC. FOR LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES.

(Sct.1-Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal & Sct.3 MTUD flower beds- per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2025 per Resolution No. R-3-2025-071, Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc. was awarded the Monroe Township 2025 Landscaping and Snow Removal Services contract for a period of 1 year with the option for the Township to extend for two additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk inquired as to the willingness of Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc. to extend their current contract; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter received March 5, 2026 indicates the willingness of Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc. to extend the current contract from April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original proposal and contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certificate Nos. C-2500031 and M-250013, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for Monroe Township Landscaping and Snow Removal Services is being extended one year to March 31, 2027 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 of the Local Public Contracts Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the one-year extension of contract with **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc.** under the same terms, conditions and pricing within their original proposal submitted for Monroe Township Landscaping and Snow Removal Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for the above referenced vendor in accordance with the original terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original 2025 contract entered into between the parties.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-080 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-081                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT OVERPAYMENT. (\$105.75)**

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Customer Service Manager, by copy of letter dated March 3, 2026, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following utility department refund:

| Refund to:                                         | Reason                                                            | Amount           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Meco, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 536<br>Clarksburg, NJ 08510 | Utility Account No. 16463-0<br>Requests refund due to overpayment | <b>\$ 105.75</b> |

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the M.T.U.D. Customer Service Manager 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 a refund be made to **Meco, Inc. in the amount of \$105.75**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-081 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-082                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP  
CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INSURANCE  
DESIGN ADMINISTRATORS. (3 yr. agreement - \$13,284/yr.)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe desires to retain an independent third party administrator to review claims from Retired Employees and maintain substantially similar benefits for covered persons from the previous AETNA QPOS + Horizon BCBS Plans and the new AETNA Choice POS Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Insurance Design Administrators a UHY Advisors Company specializes in such business and possesses such expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe and Insurance Design Administrators wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement, for a three (3) year period effective May 1, 2026 and expiring April 30, 2029, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the execution of the Agreement is in the best interest of the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, Insurance Design Administrators has submitted a proposal indicating the fees for such services shall be in accordance with the attached fee schedule and payment for such services shall be made to Insurance Design Administrators, 111 Bauer Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. **C-2600044**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **M-260017**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”;

**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 and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Insurance Design Administrators, a UHY Advisors Company; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Insurance Design Administrators.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-082 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-083

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2026 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY, GUIDERAIL, STRIPING AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (Not to exceed \$240,000)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the *2026 Various Municipal Roadway, Guiderail, Striping and Concrete Improvements Project*; 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 two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. **C-2600045**, 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 **2026 Various Municipal Roadway, Guiderail, Striping and Concrete Improvements Project** in an amount not to exceed two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00).
- (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.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-083 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-084                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2026 HERITAGE CHASE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (Not to exceed \$240,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying, environmental and planning services in connection with the **2026 Heritage Chase Road Improvements Project**; 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 two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. **C-2600045**, 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 **2026 Heritage Chase Road Improvements Project** in an amount not to exceed two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00).
- (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.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-084 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-085                      RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALLIE BITTERMAN AS  
ALTERNATE 4 MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alternate 4 Member position of the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council approves the appointment of Allie Bitterman as Alternate 4 Member for a two-year term commencing immediately and expiring 12/31/2027; 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 has been duly moved, seconded and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on April 6, 2026.

|                 |         | <u>Appointed</u> | <u>Term</u>    | <u>Expiration</u> |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Arnold Jaffe    |         | 01/01/2024       | 4 yr.unexpired | 12/31/2027        |
| Louis Masters   |         | 01/01/2024       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2027        |
| Marino Lupo     |         | 01/01/2023       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2026        |
| Vincent LaFata  |         | 01/01/2026       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2029        |
| Gary Busman     |         | 01/01/2026       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2029        |
| Rajani Karuturi |         | 01/01/2025       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2028        |
| Donato Tanzi    |         | 01/01/2025       | 4 yrs.         | 12/31/2028        |
| Thomas Kole     | -Alt. 1 | 01/01/2025       | 2 yrs.         | 12/31/2026        |
| Gerry Guidice   | -Alt. 2 | 01/01/2026       | 2 yrs.         | 12/31/2027        |
| Pritesh Vaghani | -Alt. 3 | 01/01/2026       | 2 yrs.         | 12/31/2027        |
| Allie Bitterman | -Alt. 4 | 01/01/2026       | 2 yrs.         | 12/31/2027        |

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-085 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-086                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX  
OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$8,404.31) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, two (2) of the overpayments on the attached Schedule A, the owners and residents have met all the requirements for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption as prescribed by New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30 for exempt status until the applicant passes or the home is sold; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the exemptions are granted and taxes on the approved 100% Permanently and totally disabled veteran be cancelled and that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector are herewith authorized to adjust their records accordingly; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; and

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-086 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-087                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO CUSTOM LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE INC. FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES – SECTION 2 DETENTION BASINS, ISLANDS & OPEN SPACE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP.** (not to exceed \$188,674.23)

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2026, two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the Monroe Township Landscaping Services – Section 2 Detention Basins, Islands & Open Space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager, by letter dated March 24, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, recommended that Monroe Township Landscaping Services - Section 2 Detention Basins, Islands & Open Space of the Monroe Township Landscaping Services bid be awarded to **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care, Inc.** on their bid submitted for in the amount of \$188,674.23; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600047, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for Monroe Township Landscaping Services for Section 2 Detention Basins, Islands & Open Space as follows at a total contract price of **\$188,674.23** for a contract term beginning April 1, 2026 and expiring March 31, 2027 with the provision authorizing Monroe Township to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year period with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc., 1900 Englishtown Road, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care 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 **Custom Landscaping and Lawn Care 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.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-087 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-088

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE  
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT  
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 56, LOT 55 QUALIFIER C-393A.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2022, Edward & Sharon Condiracci (“Condiracci”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Condiracci from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 30, 2022, in Mortgage Book 19052 on Pages 01545-1558; and

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

WHEREAS, the Condiracci’s have reached out to the Affordable Housing Board stating that an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held December 4, 2024 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of 100% of the lien in the amount of \$43,200.00, as the lien had been in place for two years and six months at the time of recommedation; and

WHEREAS, the Condiracci’s have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on April 2, 2025; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-088 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-089

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE  
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT  
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 56, LOT 41.02 QUALIFIER C-277A.

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Merle Taylor & Gerald Hayes (“Taylor/Hayes”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Taylor/Hayes from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on April 25, 2022, in Mortgage Book 18906 on Pages 267-280; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held August 5, 2024 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of 100% of the lien in the amount of \$83,340.00, as the lien had been in place for two years and five months at the time of recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Estate of Gerald C. Hayes have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on December 5, 2024; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-089 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-090

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE  
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT  
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 103, LOT 21.

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2019, Salvacion P. Whitlock (“Whitlock”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Whitlock from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on May 26, 2020, in Mortgage Book 17885 on Pages 947-961; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Executrix of the Estate of Salvacion P. Whitlock have reached out to the Affordable Housing Board stating that an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held April 18, 2024 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of 100% of the lien in the amount of \$93,600.00, as the lien had been in place for four years and seven months at the time of recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executrix of the Estate of Salvacion P. Whitlock have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on June 27, 2025; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-090 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-091

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE  
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT  
AND LIEN ON BLOCK 26, LOT 57 QUALIFIER C-306A.

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2020, Kevin Nixon (“Nixon”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Nixon from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 23, 2020, in Mortgage Book 18044 on Pages 1779-1791; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Co-Executrix of the Estate of Kevin Nixon have reached out to the Affordable Housing Board stating that an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held December 11, 2023 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of 100% of the lien in the amount of \$20,355.00, as the lien had been in place for three years and five months at the time of recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Co-Executrix of the Estate of Kevin Nixon have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on December 15, 2023; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-091 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-093

RESOLUTION GRANTING ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE SELAH AS DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43 and Chapter 3, Article XX of the Code of the Township of Monroe has appointed George Selah as Director of the Department of Construction acting as Construction Official; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment shall be co-terminous with the term of Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, or until the appointment and qualification of a successor; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment requires the advice and consent of the Township Council; and

**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 appointment of George Selah as Director of the Department of Construction acting as Construction Official; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of appointment shall commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2027.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-093 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-094

RESOLUTION GRANTING ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH WILL AS PLUMBING SUB-CODE OFFICIALFOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43 and Chapter 3, Article XX of the Code of the Township of Monroe has appointed Keith Will as Plumbing Sub-Code Official of the Department of Construction; and

WHEREAS, the appointment shall be co-terminous with the term of Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, or until the appointment and qualification of a successor; and

WHEREAS, the appointment requires the advice and consent of the Township Council; and

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 appointment of Keith Will as Plumbing Sub-Code Official of the Department of Construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of appointment shall commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2027.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-094 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-095

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO CORONIS HEALTH RCM I, LLC FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE THIRD PARTY BILLING SERVICES. (6.5% of funds collected)

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026 one (1) sealed proposal was received by Monroe Township regarding the Monroe Township Municipal Ambulance Third Party Billing Services; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends, in his letter dated March 30, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, that a three (3) year contract be awarded to **Coronis Health RCM I, LLC, 101 Crawford Corner Road, Suite 230, Holmdel, NJ 07733**, at a cost of 6.5% of revenue collected, commencing May 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the Monroe Township Qualified Purchasing Agent regarding said proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2600048, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of Article 3 of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a three (3) year contract to **Coronis Health RCM I, LLC**, for the Monroe Township Municipal Ambulance Third Party Billing Services at the pricing provided by the bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Coronis Health RCM I, LLC**, for a three-year contract term commencing May 1, 2026, expiring April 30, 2029, with the option to extend for Two (2) additional one-year terms or One (1) additional two-year term at the option of the Township and agreement of the bidder; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-095 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-096                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO R-3-2026-073 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADED SECURITY SURVEILLANCE VIDEO EQUIPMENT FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. USING THE BERGEN COUNTY (NJCPA) STATE APPROVED COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM #CK04 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) (additional \$2,701.84)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-3-2026-073, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on March 2, 2026, authorizing the purchase of upgraded security surveillance video equipment from SHI International Corp. using the Bergen County (NJCPA) State Approved Cooperative Purchasing Program #CK04 for the Township of Monroe Utility Department (M.T.U.D.); and

**WHEREAS**, the original authorized purchase amount was in amount of \$57,201.70; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) has by letter dated March 31, 2026, and attached hereto, notes that a clerical error was made and the quote approved was not the latest version which includes a necessary license for one of the cameras and a viewer for the customer service; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional amount needing to be authorized is \$2,701.84; 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 the availability of funds in Certificate No. M-260016, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorization is hereby given to amend said purchase amount notating an increase of Two Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars and Eighty-Four cents (\$2,701.84) for the total purchase price amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars and Fifty-Four cents (\$59,903.54) for the purchase of upgraded security surveillance video equipment with SHI International Corp. and the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said services provided by SHI International Corp.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-096 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-097                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT LICENSINGFOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FROM DELL MARKETING, LP UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT. (\$84,100.96)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township IT Department has the need to renew the Microsoft Licensing to use Microsoft Software for all Departments, under the NJ State Contract No. 20-TELE-01510 pricing from Dell Marketing LP, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Quotation received, attached hereto, shows the unit pricing; and

**WHEREAS**, the total purchase price from Dell Marketing LP shall not exceed eighty-four thousand one hundred dollars and ninety-six cents (\$84,100.96); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-2600049**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with ***Dell Marketing LP, One Dell Way Bldg. 8, P.O. Box 872, Round Rock, TX 78682*** for the purchase of Microsoft Licensing Software for the Township of Monroe at a total contract price not to exceed **\$84,100.96**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-097 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-098

RESOLUTIONAUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND  
INSTALLATION OF INTRUSION & FIRE SYSTEM UPGRADES  
FOR VARIOUS TOWNSHIP OWNED FACILTIES FROM  
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS, LLC BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$77,528.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has requested, via letter dated March 30, 2026 and attached hereto, the purchase and installation of ‘Intrusion and Fire System Upgrades’ for various Township owned facilities from Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC, 1090 King George Post Road, Edison, NJ 08837; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase and installation of such upgrades will provide security upgrades to the life safety equipment and will help to reduce annual costs at the various Township owned facilities as noted in the attached letter; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC possesses the ability to provide said goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q) any contract the amount which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be approved by Resolution of the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the total purchase amount is \$77,528.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. **C-2600050**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of ‘Intrusion and Fire System Upgrades’ for various Township owned facilities in the amount of \$77,528.00.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-098 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-099

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT  
EXTENSION WITH VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
SPECIALISTS LLC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE  
MAINTENANCE, PARTS AND REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, per Resolution No. R-4-2025-097, Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI) was awarded the Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance, Parts & Repairs contract for a period of 1 year with the option for the Township to extend for two additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk inquired as to the willingness of Bayhead Investments, Inc. (dba VCI) to extend their current contract; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter received March 31, 2026 indicates the willingness of VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists LLC., (formerly Bayhead Investments Inc. dba VCI) to extend the current contract from April 7, 2026 thru April 6, 2027, under the same terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original proposal and contract; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certificate No C-2500035, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Ambulance Maintenance, Parts & Repairs is being extended one year to April 6, 2027 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 of the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the one-year extension of contract with VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists LLC under the same terms, conditions and pricing within their original proposal submitted for Monroe Township Ambulance Maintenance, Parts & Repairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for the above referenced vendor in accordance with the original terms, conditions and pricing contained within their original 2025 contract entered into between the parties.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-099 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON  
BARNABAS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND  
MONROE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO  
INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE CURRENT BUNDLED BILLING  
AGREEMENT FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Emergency Medical Services, hereinafter called “RWJB-EMS”, with offices located at 379 Campus Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873, has requested to enter into an agreement with Monroe Township Emergency Medical Services, hereinafter called “Township”; and

WHEREAS, RWJB – EMS is duly licensed under the laws of the State of New Jersey to operate a mobile intensive care unit and provide advanced life support; and

WHEREAS, advanced life support services during ambulance transfer are essential in the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the applicable Medicare reimbursement rules prohibit the submission of separate bills from an advanced life support provider and a basic life support provider under circumstances where a patient has been treated by the advanced life support provider but transported by the basic life support provider; and

WHEREAS, the applicable Medicare reimbursement rules further require that in order for an advanced life support provider to bill for the services of a basic life support provider under such circumstances there must be a contract in place between the advanced life support provide and basic life support provider which governs the respective providers’ rights to bill for services; and



**WHEREAS**, both parties agree to the joint obligations set forth within the Agreement as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year commencing on the effective date and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms thereafter unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement and forward same to RWJB - EMS for their executed approval.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-100 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
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| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**R-4-2026-101                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAKE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, INC. FOR 2026 WET BASIN MAINTENANCE.**  
(\$17,966.40)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has the need to solicit proposals for Wet Basin Maintenance for 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2026 Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. has solicited proposals from a total of five (5) pond maintenance companies and received one (1) response as follows (includes permits and treatment):

**Lake Management Sciences, Inc.** Branchville, N.J. - \$17,966.40

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposals received and, by copy of letter dated April 1, 2026, recommends the award of contract to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc., P.O. Box 2395 Branchville, N.J. 07826**, in the amount of **\$17,966.40** and any additional services as needed; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to **Lake Management Sciences, Inc.**, for 2026 wet basin maintenance for a total contract price of **\$17,966.40**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. **C-2600051**, 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.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-101 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

R-4-2026-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET.

|                                                                                                                                                                         |      |          |      |      |  |         |   |      |  |
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| WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2026 has not been adopted for the year 2026; and,                                                                        |      |          |      |      |  |         |   |      |  |
| WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a temorary capital budget for 2026,                                                                                                 |      |          |      |      |  |         |   |      |  |
| NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that the following temporary capital budget for 2026 Budget be made: |      |          |      |      |  |         |   |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | (    |          | (    |      |  | (       |   |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | (    | Cohen    | (    |      |  | ABSTAIN | ( | None |  |
| RECORDED VOTE                                                                                                                                                           | AYES | Dipierro | NAYS | None |  |         | ( |      |  |
| (Insert last names)                                                                                                                                                     | (    | Markel   | (    |      |  | ABSENT  | ( | None |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                         | (    | Siegel   | (    |      |  |         | ( |      |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |      | VanDzura |      |      |  |         |   |      |  |
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|                              |                        |                              |                                            | 5a<br>2026<br>Budget<br>Appro-<br>priations | PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR<br>CURRENT YEAR 2026 |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                              |                        |                              |                                            |                                             | 5b<br>Capital<br>Improvement<br>Fund              | 5c<br>Capital<br>Surplus | 5d<br>Grants in<br>Aid and<br>Other Funds | 5e<br>Debt<br>Authorized | 6<br>To Be<br>Funded in<br>Future Years |
| 1<br>PROJECT                 | 2<br>Project<br>Number | 3<br>Estimated<br>Total Cost | 4<br>Amounts<br>Reserved in<br>Prior Years |                                             |                                                   |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
| General Improvements         |                        |                              |                                            |                                             |                                                   |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
|                              |                        |                              |                                            |                                             |                                                   |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
| Various Capital Improvements |                        | \$ 2,556,000                 |                                            |                                             | 122,200                                           |                          |                                           | \$ 2,433,800             |                                         |
|                              |                        |                              |                                            |                                             |                                                   |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
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|                              |                        |                              |                                            |                                             |                                                   |                          |                                           |                          |                                         |
| TOTALS ALL PROJECTS          |                        | \$ 2,556,000                 | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                        | \$ 122,200                                        | \$ -                     | \$ -                                      | \$ 2,433,800             | \$ -                                    |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two copies of this resolution be filed forthwith to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution establishing the 2026 capital budget by the governing body on the 6th day of April.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-102 |        |        |     |     |         |        |  |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|--|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |  |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |  |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |  |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |  |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |  |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |  |

R-4-2026-103

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the TOWNSHIP of MONROE, County of MIDDLESEX for Fiscal Year 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published on the official internet website <https://www.monroetwp.com/index.php/services/legal-notice>, as well as hyperlinked on the Secretary of

State’s legal notice webpage <https://nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notice-list.shtml> on April 17, 2026. The  
aforementioned is in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72.

The Governing Body of the **TOWNSHIP** of **MONROE** does hereby approve the Budget for the  
Year 2026;

**RECORDED VOTE**

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-103 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the **TOWNSHIP**  
**COUNCIL** of the **TOWNSHIP** of **MONROE**, County of **MIDDLESEX**, on **April 6, 2026**.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the **MONROE TOWNSHIP**  
**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 MUNICIPAL PLAZA**, on **May 4, 2026** at **6:30 P.M.** at which time and  
place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or  
other interested persons.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the  
following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

**R-4-2026-092                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP  
CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT # 3 TO PROVIDE  
CONFINED SPACE TRAINING & RESCUE SERVICES IN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (“Township”) wishes to retain Monroe Township  
Fire District #3 (“MTFD #3”) to provide emergency confined space rescue and technical rescue  
services in the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, MTFD #3 is fully trained, equipped and able to provide these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to have MTFD #3 on call and ready to respond to  
confined space rescue incidents that occur within the Township; 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 Shared Services Agreement shall be open to public inspection in the Municipal Clerk’s Office  
and shall take effect upon the adoption of a resolution and execution of the agreement by both  
parties.
- 2- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement  
annexed hereto as “Exhibit A”.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

| RECORDED VOTE: R-4-2026-092 |        |        |     |     |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | SECOND | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Councilwoman Cohen          | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Councilman Dipierro         |        |        |     |     | X       |        |
| Councilman VanDzura         |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Council V. President Markel |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Council President Siegel    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

**Administrator's Report** - Thanked the Council for the support of the Bond Ordinance tonight as it is important for the Township to continue to maintain our roads for our residents and the approval of this Ordinance is a big step needed in order to move forward.

Extended thanks to CFO Lori Olah and her Finance team for a lot of late nights in putting together this budget, as well as a lot of hard work, diligence and analysis to get us where we are as it is very appreciated, as well as Mr. Higgins and Mr. Gardner from our auditor's firm who have provided great assistance.

**Engineer's Report** – Reported that the James Monroe Park Concession Stand and Park Improvements Project is looking to be wrapped up at the end of the month.

The Senior Center Pickleball Courts and Parking Lot Expansion Project is looking to be wrapped up within the next 4-6 weeks as the pavilion is already constructed and grading/topsoil was being done out there today.

The Links Drive Improvement Project is expected to begin at the end of April; we have received a \$522,000 NJDOT Grant for this project which will essentially include the milling and paving of Links Drive, as well as sidewalks and curbing to be added to both sides of the roadway with this project anticipated to take 90 days to complete.

Reported that Middlesex County is around the Township completing several milling and paving projects, including on Perrineville Road, Butcher Road, Applegarth Road, Union Valley Road and Englishtown Road. Be on the lookout for Nixle Alerts from the Township to stay alert of where they will be working each day.

Lastly, as mentioned earlier by Administrator McGowan, the 2026 Roadway Improvement Project is anticipated to have its plans wrapped up and out to bid later this month with an award of contract being done at the May Council Meeting.

### **Council's Reports –**

#### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Asked for an update on the Prospect Plains & Applegarth Roadway Improvements Project as it looks like there is not much construction going on; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that this is a Middlesex County project as they are the design and project engineer. He went on to explain that they are having utility pole relocation issues and are working with Jersey Central Power & Light, as well as Verizon to relocate the utility poles with the original plan having them located over the Township's sanitary force main. Currently, they are still working on a revised layout plan for the poles once they are relocated and then we will see that project accelerate but right now there is limited work that can be done until the poles are relocated.
- Complimented the paving job done on Pergola Avenue which was done by the subcontractors of American Water after they completed their water main replacement project. Councilman Dipierro suggested that our Utility Department inspect the area to ensure that the manholes and valves have not been covered making them inaccessible, as well as inspecting to make sure the paving work was done properly.
- Asked Engineer Rasimowicz to reach out to Conrail regarding the railroad tracks on Schoolhouse Road as they seem to be deteriorating badly and need maintenance. Also, adding the bridge near Rue Road and Matchaponix Road that connects the Township to Old Bridge as it is in need of repair as it looks to have just been patch paved and not completely resurfaced.
- Shared his condolences regarding the passing of Construction Official, Lou Buonocore who will be remembered as a gentleman who always extended his hand to help anyone in need. He went on to say that Lou worked his way from plumbing inspector to Construction Official and was very proud of his team and their hard work. He will be greatly missed by not only his Department but by our residents and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.
- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm the Senior Center will host the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Commission and the Township's Human Relations Committee for a presentation by keynote speaker Bea Lurie who will discuss "Life After the Holocaust".
- Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is Opening Day for Baseball and Softball; our Mayor will be throwing out the first pitch for baseball at James Monroe Park beginning at 10:00am and then again for softball at the Thomas L. Allen Softball Complex at noon.

- Attended the Pine Derby Races hosted by Cub Scout Pack 3 at the high school. He noted the amazing work the kids put in and how exciting it was to watch their cars race down the tracks alongside their families, friends and grandparents.
- Lastly, Councilman Dipierro mentioned attending a Zoom meeting along with Engineer Rasimowicz regarding the Watershed Institute. It was discussed that a change order in the amount of a 21% increase was needed before the project even begins due to other towns bailing out of the regional engineering project.

**Councilman Van Dzura –**

- Complimented the Administration on their hard work in putting this budget together as we are in unprecedented times in terms of increased costs. He went on to explain that we were getting money from Covid for a few years and now that has run out along with insurance costs skyrocketing almost 30% which is mind blowing, so as with other towns, we need to deal with it and figure out a way to manage under the circumstances we are currently under.
- Commented on the rough Winter experienced between the excessive snow and below freezing temperatures, also noting with that weather comes potholes, water main breaks and cleanup of debris which our Township has done a great job at addressing. He shared that potholes can be reported through the Public Works website which is a helpful tool to have them addressed effectively.
- Thanked the Township's EMS services for their quick response and professionalism to a client who had a medical episode while at his office.
- Invited all to attend Opening Day of baseball and softball noting that it is nice to see the kids out there playing and their families watching.

**Councilwoman Cohen –**

- Extended thanks to the Administration and Finance Department for their hard work in putting the budget together.
- Reminded all of the Betty Schneider Food Pantry located at the Senior Center, as well as the food pantry in neighboring Jamesburg, for those interested in donating or who may be in need of extra assistance while navigating through the increasing costs.
- Shared that our local grocery store, Stop & Shop, has undergone a remodeling inside the store, which has made the store noticeably bigger and cleaner, giving it a fresh look.
- Invited all to attend the Henry Ricklis Memorial Committee's presentation being held at the Senior Center on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**Council Vice-President Markel –**

- Extended his condolences to the family of Lou Buonocore and shared that he sat with Lou on the ADA Committee and in getting to know him over the last few years he was a true gentleman who will be truly missed by everyone.
- Thanked CFO Lori Olah and her Finance Department, as well as Administration for their hard work in putting the budget together.
- Invited all to attend the Henry Ricklis Memorial Committee's Holocaust Remembrance Day event at the Senior Center on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. He went on to say that the survivors of the Holocaust are becoming less and less which is even more of a reason to come out and attend this important event.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> is National Prayer Day.
- Excited to see more young women joining the Scouts, as over the years in attending many Eagle Scout events and handing out proclamations, he has noticed an increase in female enrollment.
- Honored to give out proclamations to our senior population as well for a variety of accomplishments but most notably in celebrating milestone 100+ years old birthdays.
- Reminded those who are eligible to file their PAS-1 applications to do so early opposed to waiting until November when they are due.

**Council President Siegel –**

- Shared that a few residents attended last month's meeting advocating for bus services to Jersey City and on their behalf the Township did send out letters to a few bus companies and hopes to have an update in the near future as to what transpires.
- Mayor Dalina sent out two letters to our State Legislators advocating for an increase in State funding for our schools, as well as impact fees.
- Connected with the Middlesex County Economic Development Department and learned of some of their support services, as well as discussing some of the possible ways to leverage some of those resources for our local businesses, boards and commissions.
- Extended congratulations to Concordia's HOA who was recognized as the Community Association Institute's "Community of the Year for 2025".

- Reminded all that our Police Department will be holding a ‘Community Safety Tips’ presentation where they will go over important safety tips, current crime trends, scams and ways to keep yourself safe at the Senior Center, tomorrow beginning at 6:30pm.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Dalina extended condolences to the family and friends of Lou Buonocore stating that losing a family member of Monroe Township is never easy and Lou’s passing hit hard as he was the epitome of a professional and someone that you could rely on and go to whenever you needed. He went on to say that Lou was one of the classiest individuals he knew and the legacy Lou has left with him is the peace he has in his heart.

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

**Public Comments –**

**Eric Vecchione, 213B Doremus Dr.** – Mr. Vecchione asked for the Mayor and Council’s consideration in waiving the fees for concealed carry permits. He went on to share that several towns have already begun waiving the fees as the Supreme Court found it unconstitutional to stop private citizens from owning and carrying a firearm which led our neighbors in Englishtown to pass an Ordinance waiving the municipal fees and refund a portion of the fee that was paid for prior years. Mr. Vecchione clarified that he is not a concealed carry permit holder as shooting is a hobby for now that he enjoys with his grandkids, but down the line if he chooses to go forward in obtaining his permit he does not feel like he should have to pay and would like to see the Mayor and Council consider this for the next agenda.

**Greg Pisarevsky, 21A John Paul Jones Dr.** – Mr. Pisarevsky asked for the Mayor and Council’s consideration in waiving the fees for concealed carry permits as he is retired and on a fixed income and feels that the right to carry should not be a privilege of only the wealthy.

**Carol Singer, 15 Dorchester Dr.** – Ms. Singer thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to present an important environmental concern she has with light pollution. Ms. Singer noted that she admires the emphasis on environmental issues that the Township has undertaken but light pollution is often overlooked. She shared that light pollution includes glare, light trespass and sky glow which are all caused by lighting that is too bright, poorly directed or left on when not needed and while it may seem like a minor issue, it is not. Ms. Singer went on to state that excessive lighting not only affects our quality of life in a variety of ways but also our wildlife as well and suggested that the Township pass an Ordinance similar to what Hopewell Township passed that provides a strong model and focuses on simple and effective principles to reduce unnecessary lighting. Ms. Singer provided a copy of the proposed Ordinance as well as a petition with 200 signatures to Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

**Mike Pisauro, Municipal Policy Specialist for the Watershed Institute** – Mr. Pisauro explained that there is an increase in cost to what the Township budgeted and passed at the last Council meeting and asked the Township to amend their resolution to cover the additional costs which is approximately \$7,000. Administrator McGowan gave clarification and explained further, as well as Mayor Dalina who shared his concerns with other towns dropping out and the Township now being forced to incur the additional costs. Councilman Dipierro commented that he attended a Zoom meeting along with Engineer Rasimowicz in which the cost increase was discussed and noted that a regional plan may be a better chance as we could get an NJDEP grant to help with the costs.

**Mark Steele, 1 Karen Ct.** – Mr. Steele asked for the Mayor and Council’s consideration in waiving the fees for concealed carry permits.

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio commented that the Township’s participation in the Watershed Institute is important and the change order requested should be financed.

Regarding R-4-2026-083 and R-4-2026-084, Mrs. Arminio asked if the \$240,000 is for soft costs for Center State; Attorney Rainone answered that the project will go out to bid and the \$240,000 for each project is Center State’s costs.

Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation of R-4-2026-101 for Lake Management Sciences; CFO Lori Olah explained that we receive money for detention basin maintenance and if we are under then the cost to maintain is split under all detention basins by square footage with the basins being charged first. Mrs. Arminio asked if the same would apply to Resolution R-4-2026-087 to which CFO Lori Olah answered yes. Administrator McGowan added that some basins are owned by the Township to which the Attorney Rainone clarified that this is a requirement of the State, but the Township has passed an Ordinance to shift to the communities where possible. Mrs. Arminio commented that we should not be taking money from the budget for this when it should be encompassed under developer impact fees.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:19pm.

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

*Christine Robbins*

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

*Rupa P. Siegel*

RUPA P. SIEGEL, Council President

Minutes were adopted on May 4, 2026