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

AUGUST 2, 2021

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Recognizing Mary Ann Reiner in her Retirement - 26 years with the Monroe Township Library**
- **Recognizing the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates**

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

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

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

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

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**REGULAR MEETING
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AUGUST 2, 2021

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 **JULY 29, 2021**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

June 28, 2021 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

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9. **Administrator's Report.**

10. **Engineer's Report.**

11. **Council's Reports.**

12. **Mayor's Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

14. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – August 2, 2021

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

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately one hundred (100) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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

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Council President Cohen turned the meeting over to Library Director Leah Wagner who recognized Mary Ann Reiner with a plaque commemorating her 26 years of service and retirement from the Monroe Township Library.

Mayor Dalina and Council thanked Mary Ann for her dedication and wished her well on her retirement.

Council President Cohen turned the meeting over to Chief Biennas who introduced the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates and recognized them for their hard work and dedication in completing the Police Youth Academy Program.

As noted, the Officers responsible for the program are:

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Mayor Dalina and Council congratulated all of the participants for their hard work and dedication in completing this program. They noted how proud they are of them and wished them all of the best in their future.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, requesting a 5-minute recess for photos of the Graduates, Officers and Family. All were in favor, none opposed

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked in regards to R-8-2021-175 & R-8-2021-176 what the electronic tax sale is; Administrator Weinberg answered that it is a safer way to do a tax sale and this is for those who have not paid their bills, such as water, sewer and property taxes. Township Attorney Rainone added that we sell the liens once a year so that is what this process is.

Mr. Parab commented that he loved seeing the Youth Police Academy receive recognition for their participation and extended congratulations to all the graduates.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked in regards to O-6-2021-017 if there is money coming out of the Water & Sewer Authority and if we are bonding to replace it; Township Attorney Rainone answered that it is an authorization to appropriate the funds to borrow and then to spend the money.

Adam Elias, 93 Old Church Rd. – Mr. Elias asked for clarification on O-6-2021-017 as we are authorizing the entire sum but may not borrow that amount in its entirety. He asked how the amount is determined and if there is any interest to be paid and how this will affect our budget in 2022. Mr. Elias also asked if this was all for the BFI situation and if this amount also factors in State Aid; Director Stroin answered that the amount is based on the engineering estimate to design and construct a force main for the BFI landfill. Administrator Weinberg added that the Utility Department is self-liquidating, and we do bond anticipation notes which then get rolled into permanent financing. He added that we use only 18% of the available debt and it has gone down over the past 5 years.

Steve Martin, 24 North Disbrow Hill Rd. – Mr. Martin commented that there is a resolution to hire CME for a design study and asked why we would not want to have the design completed first before authorizing the expenditure. Township Attorney Rainone explained that we must authorize the expenditure first before spending the money. He added that the expenditure is based on engineering estimates, and we do not have the luxury of spending the money first. Mr. Martin asked if we have received a study back from CME; Administrator Weinberg stated that they were given a verbal analysis with the study coming shortly and he noted that reentering the leachate into the sewer system is not in our residents' best interests and his study will show that. Mr. Martin stated that we are waiting on the study From CME but now we are voting on a \$200,000 contract to CME for them to design a study, he asked for further clarification; Township Attorney Rainone explained that these are estimates that need to be made upfront and based upon the preliminary indication from CME early on, the only legitimate option we have to prevent the leachate from being reintroduced is to develop the force main. Mr. Martin asked if any other engineers bid on this project to which Township Attorney Rainone answered that there were other engineers would bid on this project and the decision was to go with CME based on the other bids presented. Mr. Martin stated that the reason why he is bringing up the force main subject is because he is developing a force main for a project he is working on, and the cost is nowhere near as expensive as what we are being charged.

Melody Henry, 264A Glen Rd. – Mrs. Henry asked what the revenue generated was for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund last year; Administrator Weinberg answered that this program was not done in 2020 as there were no grants dispersed by the Attorney General.

Mrs. Henry asked who or what are the quasi-public entities; Administrator Weinberg answered they are the Shade Tree Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, etc.

Robert Theoret, 273A Corylus Plz. – Mr. Theoret asked in regard to O-8-2021-018 what the various improvements were under this Ordinance; Administrator Weinberg read the Ordinance summary of improvements which included an expansion of the Police building and parking lot design, bus for transportation, various improvements to the recreation facilities and parks equipment, outdoor pavilion at the Senior Center, new ambulance, EMC service equipment, building improvements to the DPW and Construction, acquisition of vehicles, construction of bathrooms at Veteran's Park, back up generator for the pump station and materials for the Library.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked several questions; in regard to R-8-2021-177 she asked how much the performance guarantee was for and whose name is it in; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is for Monroe Parke, Section 1, Phase 2 and the performance guarantee is being reduced. It is in the name of EL at Monroe, LLC.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-8-2021-180 when the developer's agreement will be made available to the public; Township Attorney Rainone answered that the developer's agreement is available and on the Township website.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-8-2021-182 what system repairs are being made; Director Stroin answered that it is similar to qualifying contractors in the beginning of the year and the company will be on standby for any large system repairs that are needed.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-8-2021-188 how many body cameras are being purchased; Administrator Weinberg answered that we purchased 70 cameras a week ago and this is a reimbursement where we get \$20,000 back and allows for them to be replaced for free through the State.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-8-2021-181 is each of the firms were preapproved and did they get an opportunity to bid on R-8-2021-189; Township Attorney Rainone stated that this company has been working on all of the studies so we have decided to continue to utilize them.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on R-8-2021-182 as she stated that Director Stroin said this was a standby contract, so she asked if this was a retainer and do we have any specific repairs in mind; Township Attorney Rainone answered that we do not have any specific repairs in mind. Mrs. Arminio asked if we have things that will start to be charged in this contract; township Attorney Rainone answered this would be for emergency repairs, with Director Stroin explaining further. Mrs. Arminio asked if this firm was contracted last year; Director Stroin answered no. Mrs. Arminio asked what the costs were last year, to which Director Stroin answered he believes it was between \$30,000-\$40,000.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:26pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:27pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **7/29/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **June 28, 2021 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** was approved as written and presented.

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

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

O-6-2021-016 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO DELETE SECTION 97-11 “APPEAL” OF CHAPTER 97 ENTITLED “TREE PRESERVATION”.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Section 97-11 of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Appeal” in Chapter 97 entitled “Tree Preservation” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

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

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

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

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

b) The acquisition of water quality compliance equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$225,000	\$225,000	15 years
c) Sewer force main improvements to Pump Station 6, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	40 years
Total:	<u>\$3,975,000</u>	<u>\$3,975,000</u>	

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 improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as self-liquidating purposes of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The 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 37.01 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 \$3,975,000, but that the net debt of the Township determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$385,000 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.

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

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 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 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2021-017** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked who the bond counsel is for this, to which Township Attorney Rainone answered McManimon, Scotland and Baumann.

Robert Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – Mr. Zeglarski asked how we will resolve the issue of who will pay for the force main; Township Attorney Rainone answered that we would probably go through the DEP to start. Mr. Zeglarski asked if the documents were available through OPRA to which Township Attorney Rainone answered of course.

Councilman Dipierro asked if we have an agreement with BFI that we will be reimbursed; Township Attorney Rainone answered no but there are other avenues to go through in order to get the money from them.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2021-017** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-6-2021-017 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$3,975,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,975,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
 O-6-2021-017

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

O-6-2021-018 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL LAWFUL AND PUBLIC PURPOSES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP"); APPROPRIATING \$3,328,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,169,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS 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 \$3,328,500, and further including the aggregate sum of \$159,200 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 \$3,169,300 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 & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The acquisition of library books, including all related costs and expenditures incidental.	\$150,000	\$142,800	15 years
b) Improvements to the Police Building and parking lot, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$100,000	\$95,200	10 years

<p>c) The acquisition of office equipment, including, but not limited to, a scanner printer and a record filing system for the Police Department and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$52,000</p>	<p>\$49,500</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>d) The acquisition of a minibus and radios for the Transportation Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$165,000</p>	<p>\$157,100</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>e) Various improvements and equipment, including, but not limited to, improvements to the recreation overhang, stucco work and the acquisition and installation of new awnings at Danny Ryan Field and bleachers for the gym, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$138,500</p>	<p>\$131,900</p>	<p>15 years</p>
<p>f) The acquisition of equipment for various parks, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$94,000</p>	<p>\$89,500</p>	<p>15 years</p>

<p>g) The construction of a pavilion for the outdoor patio and the acquisition and installation of a new phone system, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$220,000</p>	<p>\$209,500</p>	<p>10 years</p>
<p>h) The acquisition of a truck for the Parks Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>	<p>\$38,000</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>i) The acquisition of an ambulance, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>	<p>\$190,400</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>k) The acquisition of emergency medical services equipment, including, but not limited to, radios, a Lucas device and stretchers and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$70,000</p>	<p>\$66,600</p>	<p>10 years</p>
<p>l) Building improvements, including, but not limited to, new roofs for the Municipal Building and the Road Department</p>			

<p>Building and the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning unit at the Construction Office and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$325,000</p>	<p>\$309,500</p>	<p>15 years</p>
<p>m) The construction of a new structure for the Veterans Park restroom and James Monroe bathrooms for ADA accessibility, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$580,000</p>	<p>\$552,300</p>	<p>20 years</p>
<p>n) The acquisition of vehicles and equipment, including, but not limited to, trucks for the Department of Public Works, a backhoe and milling attachments and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$577,000</p>	<p>\$549,500</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>o) The acquisition of sport utility vehicles for various departments, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$310,000</p>	<p>\$295,200</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>p) The acquisition of a generator for the</p>			

Cedar Brook Pump Station, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$300,000	\$285,700	15 years
q) The acquisition of equipment for the Police Department, including, but not limited to, shotguns and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$6,600</u>	10 years
Total	<u>\$3,328,500</u>	<u>\$3,169,300</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 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 11.23 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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-6-2021-018

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

**O-8-2021-019 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108; ARTICLE 16.1 OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO REQUIRE
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-8-2021-019

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-8-2021-173 – R-8-2021-192)

**R-8-2021-173 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL
ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)
(\$5,063.80 – 2021 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2021 in the sum of \$5,063.80, which is now available as a revenue from the 2021 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,063.80 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“2021 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-174 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF F. KEVIN LYNCH, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL
PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated July 12, 2021, has appointed **F. KEVIN LYNCH, ESQ.** as **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER** for the Township of Monroe to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Abode commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Township Council for such an appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the appointment of **F. KEVIN LYNCH, ESQ.** as **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER** for the Township of Monroe effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2021.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved N.J. Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government if necessary.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-176 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC TAX SALE.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Monroe wishes to charge \$20.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that a fee of \$20.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2021 electronic tax sale.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PARKE, SECTION 1 PHASE 2 – PB-1167-15. (Mounts Mills Rd/Spotswood Englishtown Rd)

WHEREAS, El at Monroe, LLC. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$5,025,623.46 for Monroe Parke Section 1, Phase 2 project (PB-1167-15); and

WHEREAS, El at Monroe LLC. has requested a reduction in Performance Guarantees posted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the second reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated July 16, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$4,523,061.11	\$502,562.35
Reduce to	\$1,452,445.27	\$161,382.81

; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for **Monroe**

Parke Section 1, Phase 2 project (PB-1167-15) be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-178 RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES TO BE LISTED AS ADDITIONAL
INSURED UNDER THE GARDEN STATE JOINT INSURANCE
FUND.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is a participating member of the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of membership in the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund, certain quasi-public entities may be entitled to benefit from certain insurance coverages provided under the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund has adopted certain criteria to distinguish between eligible quasi-public entities engaged in bona fide municipal activities and other quasi-public entities not sponsored by the municipality and therefore, not subject to coverage by the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, in order to be extended coverage under the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund policies an organization or activity must meet the test that its function is of the type that historically municipalities have undertaken themselves or have provided with insurance coverage and/or is one which advances a bona fide local public purpose on a non-profit basis typically met by local government, the benefits of which are available to the municipality in general; and

WHEREAS, the following entities provide activities the Township of Monroe and its residents which are bona fide municipal activities:

Commission on Aging
Cultural Arts Commission
Environmental Commission
Historic Preservation Commission
Human Relations Commission
Shade Tree Commission

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Township of Monroe that the above listed entities exist within the Township of Monroe as bona fide recreational activities of the of the municipality and are, in fact, organizations which support and/or provides services to the municipality in general and as such, are sponsored or subsidized directly or indirectly by the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township of Monroe does hereby request that these organizations described above be continued as additional named insureds for General Liability, Auto Liability, Property, Workers Compensation, Public Officials/Employment Practices, Crime and Cyber Liability in accordance with the applicable limits and restrictions.

**R-8-2021-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY
TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Sixty-Eight Thousand Two-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$68,200.00),

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-180 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BSREP III MONROE, LLC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FROM THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).

WHEREAS, BSREP III MONROE, LLC (the “Developer”) is the developer of certain real property known as Block 82, Lot 3.01 in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, under Application Nos. BA-5134-16, BA-5168-18, and BA-5188-20, the prior developers of the property, MORRIS MONROE ASSOCIATES, LLC, and PDC ATLANTA LLC, respectively, sought and received from the Monroe Township Zoning Board of Adjustment (the “Board”) a Preliminary Major Site Plan approval, Use Variance, Bulk Variances and Design Waivers subject to certain conditions further set forth herein (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, under Application No. BA-5198-20, the Developer applied for and was granted Final Major Site Plan approval from the Board for a 1,281,000 square foot warehouse, consisting of 1,272,400 square feet of warehouse space and 8,600 square feet of office space, including 521 car parking spaces, 215 loading dock spaces, 4 ramp spaces, and 143 trailer parking spaces, as set forth in the Resolution of Final Major Site Plan Approval, memorialized on February 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Developer applied for and was granted Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval together with a (d)(1) use variance and parking variance in order to increase the office space in the warehouse distribution center previously approved on the property, as set forth in the Resolution of Amended Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval, memorialized on June 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has requested water and sewer service for the Project from the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”); and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, M.T.U.D. has determined it is in its best interest to enter into a Developer’s Agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto in order to provide the Project with water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the attached agreements; and

WHEREAS, execution of the attached agreements in forms substantially similar to the forms attached hereto is in the best interests of the Township of Monroe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Developer’s Agreement with BSREP III MONROE, LLC, for the purpose of providing water and sewer services to the Project, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-181 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR CONTRACT 503 “DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Year 1 – \$10,000; Year 2 – \$8,905; Year 3 – \$9,220)

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., one (1) sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for Contract 503, “Disposal of Solid Waste”, required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has recommended in a letter dated July 15, 2021, a one (1) year contract be awarded to the low bidder Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. based upon the unit pricing and estimated quantities contained within their bid documents (est. annual \$10,000), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210021 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(1)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise

incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body; and

WHEREAS, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

WHEREAS, 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 to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for Disposal of Solid Waste”, for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

WHEREAS, 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 one (1) year contract with an M.T.U.D. option for a an extension of an additional two (2) year term at the prices set forth in their proposal, with the consent of the Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for Disposal of Solid Waste for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year contract Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.. in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-182 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO J. FLETCHER CREAMER & SON, INC. FOR CONTRACT 505 “SYSTEM REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$55,595)

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. two (2) sealed bid were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for Contract 455, System Repair Services, required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D., by copy of a letter dated July 15, 2021, recommends a two (2)-year contract be awarded to J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc. of 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 based on their low bid, based on estimated quantities and unit pricing provided in their bid proposal section; a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(l)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body; 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 the Monroe Township System Repair Services for Two (2) years per the unit price rates indicated in their proposal, and with the provision authorizing the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Manager to extend said contract for an additional one (1) year term, with the consent of the bidder; and

WHEREAS, J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc., has submitted, with their bid, all the required documents.

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that J. Fletcher Creamer And Son, Inc., shall provide the required performance bond and insurance certificate as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-183 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX
OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Sixty Nine dollars and Twenty Five cents (\$18,069.25) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 103 MORGAN WAY.**

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, Naresh N. Patel and Minaxi Patel, ("Patel's"), married, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State's Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring the Patel's to pay the sum of \$17,500.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 103 Morgan Way, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on January 20, 2017, in Book 16775, Pages 0001 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016, the Patel's gave a mortgage to Investors Home Mortgage, in the amount of \$157,500.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on January 20, 2017 in Mortgage Book 16636, Pages 0394 *et seq.* (the "2016 Investors Home Mortgage"); and

WHEREAS, the Patel's have applied to refinance the 2016 Investors Home Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

WHEREAS, the proposed refinancing qualifies for the subordination of the Township of Monroe's affordable housing lien under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq;

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-185 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (4)
COMPUTERS, MONITORS & SOUND BARS UNDER NEW JERSEY
STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT (\$9,298.81)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase four (4) Dell Optiplex 7090 computers, monitors and sound bars under the NJ State Contract No. M0483, Agreement No. 19TELE00656 from **Dell Marketing**, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract, for the Monroe Township Police Department for the purchase price of Nine-thousand two-hundred ninety-eight dollars and eighty-one cents (**\$9,298.81**); and

WHEREAS, the four (4) Dell Optiplex 7090 computers, monitors and sound bars will be purchased from Dell Marketing, One Dell Way, Bldg. 8, Box 872, Round Rock, TX 78682 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2100034** a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that Dell Marketing is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (4) Dell Optiplex 7090 computers, monitors and sound bars at the total contract price of \$9,298.81.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND
LIEN ON BLOCK 169.12, LOT 2.**

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2013, Barbara Reinbold ("Reinbold") entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Reinbold 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 January 7, 2014, in Mortgage Book 15558 on Page 0805; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien Agreement states that "in the event this Agreement shall be terminated before the end of the 10 year period with the knowledge and consent of the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board, and the lien has been paid in full pursuant to Section 131-8(c) of the Monroe Township Code, the Township of Monroe shall execute a document in recordable form evidencing that the rehabilitated affordable housing unit has been released from the restrictions of this Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board has been advised and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien Agreement upon the payment of \$32,374.50, citing that an undue hardship exists, as memorialized by the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board in a resolution dated July 14, 2021, annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the law office of Sanchez, Sanchez & Santoliquido, who is representing Reinbold, has advised that the closing of the above noted property shall take place on July 30, 2021, and has requested the lien payoff amount owed to the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that upon the payment of \$32,374.50 by Ms. Barbara Reinbold, the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of the Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY SFY21
BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE FISCAL
YEAR 2021. (Award Period: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to accept funding in the amount of \$20,380.00 with no match under the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, State Account No. BFY21-100-066-1020-495, Award Number 21-BWC-277, Subaward Period: January 1, 2021-December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said requests; and

WHEREAS, this project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General and the Monroe Township Police Department for the purpose described in the application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of August, 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, that:

1. As a matter of public policy, the Monroe Township Police Department wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General;
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant;
3. The Office of the Attorney General will be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds;
4. The Office of the Attorney General will initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-188 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (\$20,380 – SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2021 in the sum of \$20,380.00, which is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$20,380.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CME ENGINEERING, INC. FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BFI LANDFILL LEACHATE FORCE MAIN. (\$194,850)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering consulting services in connection with the BFI Landfill Leachate Force Main; and

WHEREAS, CME Engineering, Inc. possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering consulting services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed one hundred ninety four thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (**\$194,850.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-_____, 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 engineering consulting 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 ***CME Engineering Inc., 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto;
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by CME Engineering, Inc. for the professional engineering consulting services in connection with the BFI Landfill Leachate Force Main in an amount not to exceed one hundred ninety four thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (**\$194,850.00**);

- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that **CME Engineering, Inc.** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law;
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-190 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A MULTI-PARTY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND THE DEVELOPER JSM IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT AND SIGNALIZATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF PERRINEVILLE ROAD AND MEADOWS BOULEVARD.

WHEREAS, JSM (“Developer”) has agreed to furnish, supply, and/or undertake the improvement and signalization of the intersection at Perrineville Road and Meadows Boulevard in the Township of Monroe (the “Intersection”); and

WHEREAS, Developer and the County of Middlesex (“County”), which shall bear responsibility for ownership, operation, and maintenance of the traffic signal at the Intersection, have requested the assistance of the Township in the implementation of the improvements at the Intersection; and

WHEREAS, Developer, County, and Township wish to enter in to this Multi-Party Traffic Signal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Developer, County, and Township and its staff and professionals have negotiated the terms and conditions of a Multi-Party Traffic Signal Agreement, as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of August, 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “Council”) that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute the Multi-Party Traffic Signal Agreement as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-8-2021-191 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO KANE COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND BEACON MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND SOLAR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS. (\$58,980)

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021 two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township for Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance, Repairs and Solar Pedestrian Crossing Signs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated July 29, 2021, has recommended the contract be awarded to **Kane Communications, 572 Whitehead Rd. Trenton, N.J. 08619**, the low responsible bidder based on their bid in the amount of **\$58,980.00**, for a period of 12 months; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost for Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance and Repairs is per unit pricing but shall not exceed **\$40,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-2100035**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the cost for Solar Pedestrian Crossing Signs shall not exceed **\$46,860.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. **C-2100036**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, no contract that is subject to the requirements of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid there under, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal

opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above cited regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to ***Kane Communications***. for Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance, Repairs and Solar Pedestrian Crossing Signs, for a period of 12 months, at a total contract price not to exceed **\$58,980.00**; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Kane Communications*** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2021-192 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VAN
NESS FELDMAN LLP. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL SERVICES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE BFI LANDFILL. (\$50,000)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks environmental legal counsel services in connection with the post-closure care and monitoring of the BFI Republic Landfill; and

WHEREAS, Van Ness Feldman possesses the legal expertise required to perform said environmental legal counsel services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2100037, 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 legal consulting services" without competitive bids as a non-fair and open process 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 ***Van Ness Feldman LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson St. NW, Seventh Floor, Washington, DC 20007*** pursuant to a non-fair and open process and in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto;
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Van Ness Feldman LLP for environmental legal counsel services in connection with the post-closure care and monitoring of the BFI Republic Landfill in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000.00**);
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***Van Ness Feldman LLP*** 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.

Councilman Dipierro stated that he is concerned with R-8-2021-177 and the developer's track record in this community. He stated that all we have in place are the bonds and it is scary that there is a lot of work still needing to be done and we need to keep an eye on what is getting done. He added that a lot of the time it costs the taxpayers money to chase down the developers to get the items on the punch list done. Lastly, he added that he is concerned about the off-site improvements as a lot of that is County and then it is outside

of our jurisdiction. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that he did reach out to the developer to get a timeframe on completion, and it is anticipated to be done before Winter.

Councilman Dipierro stated that approximately a month ago he sent an email to Administrator Weinberg asking how many CO's and permits have been issued for affordable housing and he has yet to receive a response.

Councilman Dipierro asked in regard to R-8-2021-189 if there were 4 bids received for the force main because he has not seen them. He stated that he has also asked for that report as well and he has yet to see it. Administrator Weinberg answered that he did not say it was available but did say that it was presented to us verbally with the hardcopy study to follow. He noted as far as the procurement process, the Township is following a fair and open process as there is no bidding for the professional services. He added that we prequalify them with certain rates and choose from those prequalified services.

Lastly, Councilman Dipierro asked for an explanation on R-8-2021-192 as this company was not in January's process and he wants the public to be aware of what we are paying. He commented that we will need to go after that bond and the 60 hours is just a tease for what we need to get done. Township Attorney Rainone answered that it is not easy in finding law firms that do not have a conflict and it is through his recommendation that the Township seek out a firm with no connection to BFI. He noted that ultimately in his professional opinion that this is a battle that will fought with the EPA so we need a firm in Washington that has some heft that can stand up to BFI. He noted that most of the legal work is done by his firm. He also noted that the hourly rates are shocking to some compared to when you are used to the municipal rates, but we put a cap on it and we have a budget they will work within. Lastly, Township Attorney Rainone noted this was being done through the non-fair and open process.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

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

Councilman Van Dzura Nominated Manmeet Singh Viridi to serve as a **Zoning Board of Adjustment - Alternate 4 member** for an unexpired (2) two-year term, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2021 seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider.

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

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

R-8-2021-193 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.
(Nomination process - Alt. 4 position -unexpired 2 year term)

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021 the Monroe Township Council appointed George Gunkelman as an Alternate 4 Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021 George Gunkelman resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective immediately creating a vacancy in the Alternate 4 Member position; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been duly moved, seconded and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on August 2, 2021:

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Carol Damiani	01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Louis Masters	01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Marino Lupo	01/01/2019	4 yrs.	12/31/2022
Vincent LaFata	01/01/2018	4 yrs.	12/31/2021

Gary Busman		01/01/2018	4 yrs.	12/31/2021
Rajani Karuturi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Donato Tanzi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Richard Lans	-Alt. 1	01/01/2021	2 yrs.	12/31/2022
Arnold Jaffe	-Alt. 2	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021
Nicholas Morolda	-Alt. 3	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021
Manmeet Singh Viridi	-Alt. 4	01/01/2020	2 yrs.	12/31/2021

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Administrator’s Report – Administrator Weinberg thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership on the BFI issue. He noted the need to move quickly and thanked the Mayor for reaching out to the Department of Health for getting them involved. Administrator Weinberg pointed out that every component of this issue can be found on the Township website and gave a brief history of how this issue came to be. He noted that in looking in the plan to reintroduce the leachate back into the system it was realized that having a force main in place to do so is the only right long-term solution for this problem. He added that Director Stroin will be overseeing the engineer of this project and we hope to get out to bid as soon as possible.

Regarding Covid, cases are starting grow within the County and State including in Monroe. We have averaged 4-5 cases per day compared to 0-1 only a few weeks ago. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership in handling the many twists and turns Covid has brought over the last year and four months.

Reported that we have received \$94,000 for the Clean Communities Grant which is up from years prior.

Noted that Engineer Rasimowicz will report on the roadway improvement projects and grants received for those projects in his report.

Summer Camp was very successful this summer even with some challenges and extended thanks to the Recreation Staff and Staff who worked hard making it an enjoyable experience for the children who attended.

Mentioned that the Township has refinanced some of its debt, which is lower than it was 5 years ago, and saves us \$2.4 million which is very exciting.

Lastly, tax bills will be going out tomorrow and commended the Mayor and Council for their hard work in slightly reducing the tax rate and keeping it stable.

Engineer’s Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that Middlesex County has completed their work doing traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Forsgate Drive and Rossmoor.

The project at the intersection of Old Bridge-Englishtown Road and Mounts Mills Road is in the acquisition process as approximately 13 parcels still need to be acquired.

Reported that PSE&G has improvements going on at Spotswood Englishtown Road which will take 3-4 weeks. He noted that most of the work is behind the curb line and off the roadway.

Noted that the County completed their paving of Forsgate Drive, portion of Perrineville Road, and Pergola Avenue.

Reported that the traffic signal at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road is fully operational with only a few minor punch list items needing to be addressed.

Reported that the Renaissance 33 improvements that needed to be completed have been and reminded all that this was the project where the performance bonds were taken from Centex Homes to be used in having a contractor complete the outstanding items which was done.

The roadway improvements, partly funded by the NJDOT, for the Camelot neighborhood has been progressing with the drainage and concrete work completed and the milling and paving scheduled to be completed within the next week.

The 2021 Roadway paving is near completion with approximately 10 streets being done. The last street To be completed is Matchaponix Avenue in the area near Stonegate which should be completed in approximately a week.

Council's Reports –

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Had the opportunity to meet with Clearbrook resident Doris O'Dell who celebrated her 100th birthday.
- Attended two Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremonies; Gerard's project helped clean up James Monroe Park and Varuun made containers for the Senior Center, Recreation Center and Municipal buildings to collect donations.
- Delightful concert at the Senior Center last Thursday despite the weather. Recommended for all to attend the Concerts in the Park.
- Attended the Touch-A-Truck that was held at the library along with the Fire Departments, DPW, Police and EMS a few weeks ago. Very nice for the children to sell all of the trucks and their friends in town.

Councilman Baskin –

- Impressed with the vaccination rates, however it should be noted that the rate of transmission in NJ is 1.43 as of this morning and we all need to remain vigilant.
- On Federal Road there is a crossing that the developer put in a few months ago and has asked for signs to be put up; pleased to report that we have secured a grant to put in a flashing crossing sign which is a great safety feature.
- As liaison to the Historic Preservation Committee, reported that the vintage baseball game will be held on September 25th.
- As a member of the Environmental Commission, reported that an Amazon warehouse will be opening off Route 33.

Councilman Van Dzura -

- Reported that tomorrow is National Night Out from 6-9pm at Thompson Park.
- Mentioned the Music in the Park series and that there are 2 Concerts remaining.
- The Community Garden is doing well this year.
- Master Plan Open House will be held at the Library on Wednesday, August 4th from 5-8pm. He reminded all to take the survey, give your ideas and spread the word neighbors and friends.
- The cannabis vote was last month, and it is understood the State will be making a decision at the end of August regarding the cannabis bill. He added that as things move forward, we may be able to reconsider items in the future.

Councilman Dipierro –

- Asked for an update on the repaving of Monmouth Road and asked if it will be done before school reopens; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the Camelot neighborhood will be done in two weeks and then the plan is to move to Monmouth Road after.
- Asked if there is an update on Conrail; Engineer Rasimowicz had a meeting with NJDOT and the railroad near public works and stated that it is eligible for upgrades and will be added to the next round of updates some time next year.
- Reported that Fire District #3 opened up their new station on Schoolhouse Road and gave a shoutout to all involved in that project and wished luck to all of the firefighters and EMS workers with their new building.
- Stated that the residents keep asking for a traffic study from Taylor Avenue to Matchaponix Avenue and asked if there was any update on that; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that a recommendation can be expected by the next Council meeting.
- Complimented the great job on the 2021 Roadway Improvement Project and thanked Engineer Rasimowicz, his staff and the contractors.
- Welcomed back Township Clerk Patricia Reid and complimented her and her staff as they are the backbone to what we do here.
- In regard to the flooding in Stonebridge, it is pretty scary to see that with all of the overdevelopment here. He commented that he hopes we are doing something about it and is unsure what OEM is doing but hopefully they are out there helping the residents. Engineer Rasimowicz commented that he was very shocked to see the pictures of the flooding and was out there Friday morning to take a look at the flooding issues; he noted that there are two sections with flooding issues, and he has had meetings with the management company and HOA to resolve the issue going forward.
- Lastly, Councilman Dipierro asked about the contaminated wells and commented that lighting is needed near Avenue D; Engineer Rasimowicz reported that he has been following up with JCP&L until we get the lights taken care of. He noted that if there is an issue with a streetlight that is out to call his office or report it directly to JCP&L.

Council President Cohen –

- Reported that OEM has always functioned in an exemplary manner and certainly knows they will always be available when needed.
- Frequently concerned about JCP&L and the power outages; the Mayor has sent a letter stating that their emergency response needs to be improved.
- The Cultural Arts Commission sponsors the lovely outdoor concerts, and we were able to fill a vacant position on that Committee.
- The chairwoman of the newly formed Health Advisory Council will be making a few comments tonight regarding our very first meeting.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for their involvement and interest in the BFI issue.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina started by thanking the technical staff for having the meeting Livestreamed and happy to Welcome everyone back. Commented that safter 16 months in lockdown he is excited to see people in person, enjoy Rutgers, have a drink, get on planes and being on the dais.

Regarding BFI, Mayor Dalina commented that he does not trust an entity with three letters such as EPA and DEP. He commented that he trusts Monroe and what we do here.

Commented on the “Justice for Corey” campaign, unfortunately this is a terrible tragedy where he passed away and our hearts are with the family during this difficult time.

We will be commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at the Memorial Park on 9/11 and ask for residents who wish to share their memories of that day with us.

National Night Out is tomorrow.

The Master Plan Open House will be on Wednesday, and we are very pleased with the progress in rolling this out. Thanked everyone involved an encouraged people to participate in the survey.

Commented that it is important to have bathrooms in our parks and would like to say it is a pleasure to see the Veteran's Park bathrooms on the agenda. Having clean bathrooms/commodos is very important. He reminisced on his experience as a kid cleaning the bathrooms at Dalina's Tavern, his families bar. Having portable bathrooms sometimes brings trouble with getting knocked over or M80s being set off in them.

Commended the Council and Administration on the research and thorough process that went into the cannabis discussion. His Son recently graduated from Rutgers and Thanked Dr. Jim Simon for helping us to make our decision. He added that he saw this as an opportunity for our farmers to take on another crop and reached out to Hluchy, Etsch, Gasko's, etc. for their opinions and they stated that they wish to stay away from it.

Pointed out that behind him is a thank you card from the campers at Mt. SEPA; shared that his children attended as campers and counselors and he visited the camp 2 weeks ago which was a wonderful experience.

Congratulated Clearbrook resident Doris O'Dell on her 100th birthday and asked her words of wisdom she shared to “stay positive and don't involve yourself in nastiness”. He also extended birthday wishes to resident Florence Johnson who is also turning 100 years young.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melody Henry, 264A Glen Rd. – Mrs. Henry commented that Interim Mayor Dalina, Council Vice-President Schneider and Councilman Van Dzura had an advertisement in the Clearbrook paper; she asked how have they helped the Clearbrook residents as the residents have been experiencing a loss of civil liberties under this administration. She reported that the Clearbrook community has experienced total lockdown for 1 ½ years. She asked where the Interim Mayor and Council were during this time and what was being done to ensure the rights and protections of the residents. She stated that no one cared enough to show up and help the residents receive the amenities that they deserve and commented shame on them for neglecting the Clearbrook residents. Mentioned that the pool is finally open but closes every 45 minutes for 15 minutes.

Eileen Aiossa, 41 Harrigan Ave. – Mrs. Aiossa introduced herself as the Chairperson for the newly formed Health Advisory Board. She shared that the Board is identifying health education needs at the high school and middle school. She state how happy she was that there is an Epidemiologist on the Board working toward a Community assessment, also having a Student rep./liaison is helpful. The Board discussed the possibility of partnering with the County for a community health fair. Lastly, she noted the need to be aware of the resurgence of Covid variants as well. She is excited to be on this Board.

Peter Tufano, 4 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano congratulated the Youth Police Academy graduates and noted this is an excellent idea, and we should do the same thing with the fire departments to increase volunteerism within those departments.

Mr. Tufano asked the Mayor and Council their thoughts on remote participation being that we have a large population that may not be able to make it in person to the meetings and are still cautious because of the pandemic.

Mr. Tufano stated that the biggest problem in this Township is the overcrowding in the schools and stated that none of Senator Greenstein's bills were in support of fair funding for our schools. He asked if the Mayor and Council work for the voters of Monroe or do they work for her and when will we show her the door.

Council President Cohen instructed that all questions and comments will be answered at the end of the public comment period.

Andrea Weisman, 194A Newport Way – Ms. Weisman invited the Council to celebrate her mother's 100th birthday coming up in 3 weeks.

Ms. Weisman discussed issues with the Clearbrook HOA, such as, being shot down by the Board when trying to establish the Clearbrook Comrades, safety issues with the pool and bullies within the community and asked if the Township would be willing to implement mandatory anger management classes as there are many incidences within the communities that need to be addressed.

Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl. – Mr. Fabiano echoed the sentiments made earlier in opening the meeting for remote participation.

He mentioned we should remember the people lost due to Covid.

Mr. Fabiano commented that it has been made fairly apparent that the DEP will not be coming into town as the Township Attorney stated that any organization with three letters will be sued most likely.

He noted the struggle that the Board of Education and Township has had with fair funding and is not surprised to see that Assemblyman Benson and Senator Greenstein are not here to talk about it. He asked if the Mayor and Council has spoken with them about this issue.

Lastly, Mr. Fabiano asked if the Stonebridge flooding issues will fall back on the residents to remediate.

Martin Levine, 26 Westminster Dr. – Mr. Levine moved here from Coney Island and read aloud a letter applauding Council President Cohen's efforts on Council.

"There are those who help and those who criticize", I speak from experience.

Robert Theoret, 273A Corylus Plz. – Mr. Theoret spoke about an issue regarding the Clearbrook Community Association and their handling of the community pool; he noted that although the Governor has made guidelines to open facilities, Clearbrook has decided to open the pool in limited capacity requiring everyone to get out every 45 minutes in order to test the water. He stated that it is ridiculous the treatment from the Board and asked why no one is listening to the residents of Clearbrook.

Sue Reiser, 19 Jurgelsky Rd. - Ms. Reiser asked for the Mayor and Council to reconsider the use of one of the 12 transportation buses that the Township utilizes. She stated that disabled young adults have no way of getting to work and asked why a disabled person could not utilize the transportation services to get to their jobs as she has been told they are only for the seniors. She added that the description states that the transportation services are for residents aged 55 years and older or the disabled. She noted that she has seen medical transport buses, as well as, in town shuttles and asked if the Township could reassign one bus for a work program, work transportation or even a volunteer program. Her 27 year old son works at Monroe Village and has to pay \$24.00 a day for transportation to and from work, he only makes \$35.00.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab requested the Mayor to consider the CDC guidelines regarding Covid, as Middlesex County is in the orange, and it has been requested that everyone wear masks indoors but there are people who are sitting in the audience unmasked.

Mr. Parab urged everyone to take the Master Plan survey. He noted that it is very detailed, and he is happy that it is available to be taken until the end of August and only takes 5 minutes.

Mr. Parab commented that he is very impressed that 74-92% of our population is vaccinated.

Suggested that after each member of the public asks questions their questions are answered at the end of their five minutes instead of at the very end.

Mr. Parab stated that the intersection of Prospect Plains Road and Applegarth Road is in need of paving and hopes that can be added to the paving schedule next year.

Lastly, Mr. Parab asked how much money we have received from the State or Federal government for COVID help and how it is being spent.

Peter Simon, 159C Pelham Ln. - Mr. Simon stated there is a NJDOT issue with getting trucks off Applegarth Road and asked if there have been any alternative solutions since then; he suggested that trucks are restricted during certain times, as they did on River Road in another town. He added that he would like to know what could be done to restrict the truck traffic and enforce the speed limit.

Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio commented that some people want to have their full 5 minutes and hear answers later, whereas others may want to hear answers immediately and asked that each of the participant’s wishes be indulged.

Mrs. Arminio commented on O-8-2021-019 stating that if the ordinance passes, the applications get placed on the website prior to them being heard. She noted that it is possible technologically to have that done and when asked last month to view them online she was told they were not being put on the website any longer. Township Attorney Rainone responded.

Mrs. Arminio asked if there are contaminated wells within the Township as mentioned by Councilman Dipierro earlier; Township Attorney Rainone and Director Stroin stated that was a Department of Health matter but they are unaware of any contaminated wells currently. She noted that she is concerned with the construction in the Township and the water allocation causing our wells to go dry.

Steve Martin, 24 N. Disbrow Hill Rd. – Mr. Martin thanked the Engineer for the paving this year as he has lucked out since both of his house and office roadways were paved.

Stated that the truck traffic on Applegarth Road needs to be addressed as it is loud and without sewer and sidewalks. He stated that this is a county road and something needs to be done about it.

Mr. Martin added that another evil word we need to look out for is CME as our tax dollars are paying them and they need to have a close eye kept on them.

Adam Elias, 93 Old Church Rd. – Mr. Elias thanked the Township Attorney and Administrator Weinberg for indulging his questions regarding the bond ordinance. He noted that it is refreshing to see the Township manage its finances so well and he urged the board to continue to manage the finances of the Township in a responsible manner.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos commented that she moved here less than 3 years ago and she has been accused by Councilman Van Dzura of being political but in her opinion this Board is very political and not one council member asks a question on an ordinance besides Councilman Dipierro.

Mrs. Panos commented that it is disappointing that CME was selected without offering it to the other engineering groups.

Lastly, she commented that it is a shame that when a Councilman sends an email, he does not get a response back from the Administrator.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to BFI if the force main would be pumping to Sayreville as he is surprised that Sayreville is set up to handle this material; Director Stroin stated that it would pump from the perimeter of the landfill to pump station #6 which is about a mile and no laterals.

Regarding the truck noise, Mr. Gunkelman commented that it is tough to restrict because it is a County road and there isn’t much that can be done. He commented that there is an increase in gravel trucks coming through and asked if there is a way to direct those trucks to Route 33 instead of through Prospect Plains Road. He questioned if the plant is in Monroe or Millstone and noted that enforcement might encourage the trucks to find a better route.

Mr. Gunkelman asked where Meadow Boulevard is located as he cannot find it on a map; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that it is a new road that will be developed near Make-A-Wish.

Lastly, Mr. Gunkelman stated that a portion of every resident’s bill is sewer and asked if gated communities have separate metering for irrigation; Director Stroin answered that some do, and some do not.

Robert Zeglarski, 162 Tournament Dr. – Mr. Zeglarski commented to correct the record regarding comments made about Senator Greenstein stating that in his experience with her, she has always been competent and compassionate in addressing any concerns.

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

Councilman Van Dzura addressed a few questions and comments from the public by first stating that he strongly supports the idea of remote participation, as in a Township like this with elderly residents who are interested in participating, this is something that we should explore. He also stated that in regard to transportation for disabled young adults, this is something that we should look into as well. He noted that both seniors and those with disabilities have their limitations with mobility and we need to give them a quality of life. He added that we should look into this and see where it can fit into our budget. Councilman Van Dzura also stated that he is unsure how other towns operate but in our Township the Administrator gives a full review of what is on the agenda to all the council members. He stated that he feels it is fully explained during the pre-agenda sessions and noted that Councilman Dipierro and him sit in on the same ZOOM session with the Administrator when going over the agenda. Councilman Van Dzura also went on to explain that the age restricted communities are private communities which unfortunately makes it difficult for the Township to intervene in. Lastly, he stated that the suggestion that Senator Greenstein alone will be able to change the school funding formula is unfair. He added that people need to educate themselves on the school funding formula and why it is set up the way that it is. He agreed that it is not enough but to go into Trenton and ask our legislators to single handedly fight for just what the Township deserves is nearly impossible when other towns are also fighting for their fair share as well.

Brian Fabiano began to shout from the audience disregarding Council President Cohen's repeated pleas for order. Councilman Van Dzura interjected stating that there are many people here tonight who are on opposite ends of the political realm, but they have handled themselves professionally and commented that Mr. Fabiano is out of order.

Council Vice-President Schneider stated that 3 years ago she was a part of a board of community members who actively worked to get funding for our schools, so it was not that we did not try, She also noted that she understands the frustration coming from the residents living in the adult communities, but they are governed by their own HOA's and when they deem safe, they will open back up as they closed for the benefit of their resident's safety and at the discretion of our Governor. Mr. Fabiano continued to shout from the audience in response to Council Vice-President Schneider's comments and would not come to order.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 9:59pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: September 1, 2021.