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

**AUGUST 7, 2023**

1. **AGENDA MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

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

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**AGENDA**

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

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **AUGUST 2, 2023**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**June 26, 2023 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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

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

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

8. **Administrator’s Report.**

9. **Engineer’s Report.**

10. **Council’s Reports.**

11. **Mayor’s Report.**

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

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

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – August 7, 2023**

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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.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and former Fire Chief of Volunteer Dept. of Fire District #1 Joseph Sensale.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Assistant Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, Township Attorney Louis Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately fifty (50) members of the Public in attendance.

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Council President Cohen turned the meeting over to Chief Biennas who first extended thanks to the Mayor & Council for allowing his department to run this program and to the families of the children involved for supporting them throughout its duration. He went on and gave a brief overview of how the program came to fruition with Detective DeGraw spearheading it. He explained that this is not a summer camp, these graduates went through a physically challenging police boot camp and training and thanked the Monroe Township Police Youth Academy Graduates 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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The Mayor & Council congratulated the participants for their hard work and dedication in completing this program. They noted how proud they are of the graduates and wished them all the best in their future. They extended thanks to the Police Department for moving this program forward, commenting that it is nice to see both our youth and our law enforcement in such a positive light.



A 5-minute recess for photos of the Graduates, Officers and Family was given with the meeting resuming at 6:47pm.

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- R-8-2023-186**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC TAX SALE NOTICES.**
- R-8-2023-187**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE.** (Vision Solar - \$361.00)
- R-8-2023-188**            **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948).**  
(Click It or Ticket 2023 Seat Belt Mobilization - \$8,750.00)

- R-8-2023-189**                    **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948).**  
(Solid Waste Mgmt. FY 2023 Clean Communities Grant - \$118,040.16)
- R-8-2023-190**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PARKING PERMIT FEE.** (Robert Lasker - \$25.00)
- R-8-2023-191**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER FEE AND TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FEE.**  
(Lucille Dipasquale – 58 E Sedgwick St - AH Fee \$750, Tree Removal \$2,430)
- R-8-2023-192**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 26, LOT 78, QUALIFIER C-371C.**
- R-8-2023-193**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-8-2023-194**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROHRER ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A ROHRER BUS SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 OR 2024 FORD E-450 MINIBUS OR EQUAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (20 passenger bus - \$118,500)
- R-8-2023-195**                    **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948).**  
(Local Recreational Improvement 2023 Grant - \$76,000)
- R-8-2023-196**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ALAIMO GROUP FOR 2023 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (Additional \$150,000 – Police Building expansion project - bidding & Construction management)
- R-8-2023-197**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A ONE TIME GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER TAXES 2023.** (Grace period extended to September 6, 2023)
- R-8-2023-198**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE TO VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS, LLC (VCI) USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (\$335,382.57)
- R-8-2023-199**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO JADS CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE SPOTSWOOD ENGLISHTOWN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**  
(Romero Court - \$101,676.79)
- R-8-2023-200**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 526 TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, INC. FOR THE MOUNTS MILLS ROAD WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**  
(Mounts Mills & Old Bridge-Englishtown Road traffic signal improvements \$313,013.13)
- R-8-2023-201**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 49, LOT 13.**
- R-8-2023-202**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR THE BRASUSA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BA-5149-17.** (7 Union Hill Rd.)

- R-8-2023-203**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENTS AND LIENS ON BLOCK 52, LOT 4.6.**
- R-8-2023-204**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-8-2023-205**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2.**
- R-8-2023-206**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2023 HALSEY REED ROAD EMS/FIRE FACILITY DRAINAGE & CONCRETE REPAIRS. (\$9,500)**
- R-8-2023-207**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT. (\$31,337.09)**
- R-8-2023-208**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR CAS EXCAVATING LLC./WILLIAM J. WARREN III MINING BONDS FOR BLOCK 49, LOT 18. (355 Hoffman Station Rd.)**

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-8-2023-184, R-8-2023-191, R-8-2023-203, R-8-2023-204, R-8-2023-205 and R-8-2023-208 to be considered separately.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio stated there are several affordable housing liens to be discharged on this agenda and at the last affordable housing meeting it was explained that the liens would be paid back to which Mrs. Arminio asked if this were true; Attorney Rainone answered that the lien pay back is a prorated amount per the terms of the affordable housing agreements. Mrs. Arminio asked if the monies paid back go into the general fund to which Attorney Rainone answered that it goes back into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct.** – Mr. Gunkelman asked in regard to R-8-2023-194 what the bus will be used for; Administrator Weinberg answered that the 20-passenger bus will be to replace a bus the Transportation Department has with over 150,000 miles on it.

Mr. Gunkelman asked why it is necessary to do a water main relocation on Mounts Mills Road; Engineer, Rasimowicz answered that the existing water main in the intersection is for storm water management and it conflicts with the new improvements being done at this intersection to which Director Stroin added that this project was approved by the County years ago and the NJDEP said the permit to construct expires at the end of the year. He went on to explain that although there were many conversations with the County they were not budging and have held the Township responsible for the water main relocation. He stated that there is 600 feet of water main, 200 feet on Old Bridge Englishtown Road and 400 feet on Mounts Mills Road.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:55pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:55pm.

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

Councilman Dipierro asked for clarification on an item on the bill list, stating that it says "Middlesex County JIF" and underneath that it says "protest"; Attorney Rainone answered that the Middlesex County JIF was the long time JIF of the Township but now we use the Garden State JIF due to the Middlesex County JIF getting into financial trouble. He went on to explain that the State is currently working their way through this issue and their position is that the municipalities who participated in the Middlesex County JIF would have to pay an added assessment and the municipalities who have paid have done so under protest. Councilman Dipierro noted that this is our second payment with a total of \$1.2 million being owed with Attorney Rainone stating that made we have opted to accept a payment plan because if we did not then we would have had to pay in full with interest. Councilman Dipierro asked if a lawsuit will come down the line, to which Attorney Rainone answered that the municipalities will join together and file a suit; Councilman Dipierro commented that he hopes this will allow us to recoup this money back.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura noted that for those who may not know, JIF stands for "Joint Insurance Fund" and is what is used to pay claims.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **8/2/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura the **MINUTES** of the **June 26, 2023 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

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

**O-6-2023-020 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,239,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,131,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in

Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,239,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$107,600 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,131,400 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
1) The acquisition of library books, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$150,000	\$142,800	5 years
2) The acquisition of a wheelchair passenger bus, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$62,000	\$59,000	5 years
3) Drainage work through the Township, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$200,000	\$190,400	20 years
4) Guiderail work throughout the Township, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$100,000	\$95,200	10 years
5) Historic Facility improvements, including, but not limited to, a project plan for the Baird House restoration and a handicap accessible path and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$25,500	\$24,200	10 years
6) Veterans Park Phase 3 memorial improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$25,000	\$23,800	15 years
7) Municipal Facility improvements, including, but not limited to, outdoor walkway sidewalk lighting and bird netting for Senior Center, the replacement of garage doors at the Department of Public Works, fencing for Danny Ryan Football Field and security cameras at various buildings and further including all work and materials	\$60,000	\$57,100	10 years

necessary therefor and incidental thereto.			
8) The acquisition of an ambulance, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$362,000	\$344,700	5 years
9) The acquisition of equipment for the Emergency Medical Services, including, but not limited to, restraint systems and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$7,500	\$7,100	10 years
10) The acquisition of computers and equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$96,000	\$91,400	5 years
11) Building improvements, including, but not limited to, fitness equipment tables and chairs for the Senior Center, outdoor walkway sidewalk lighting for Senior Center, bird netting for pavilion, garage door placement at the Department of Public Work Facility and fencing for Danny Ryan Field and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$328,000	\$312,100	10 years
12) The acquisition of a dump truck, a bucket truck and a landscape trailer and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$360,000	\$342,800	10 years
13) The acquisition of sport utility vehicles for the Police and Construction Departments, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$323,500	\$308,000	5 years
14) The acquisition of police equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$34,500	\$32,800	5 years
15) The acquisition of equipment for the Department of Public Works, including, but not limited to, a print/cutter sign machine, a scan/diagnostic tool, a truck/car balancing machine and a robotic line painter and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	15 years
Total	<u>\$2,239,000</u>	<u>\$2,131,400</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 therefore, 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 8.88 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,131,400, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$158,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

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

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

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

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to

levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-020** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-020** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President 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-6-2023-020                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,239,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,131,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-6-2023-021                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$600,000. No down payment is required as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$600,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of equipment for the Water-Sewer Utility, including, but not



limited to, water meters and encoder receiver transmitters and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 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 \$600,000, 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 \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

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

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

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

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and

Exchange Commission (the "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.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-021** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-021** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-6-2023-021                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-6-2023-022                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE POLICE BUILDING AND THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKING LOT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,904,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**  
(Police Department Building and parking lot expansion)

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,000,000, including the sum of \$95,300 as the down payment required

by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,904,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is improvements to the Police Building and the expansion of the parking lot, including, but not limited to, the refurbishment of the existing building, furnishings and site work and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,904,700, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$200,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

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

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

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-022** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked if this is for construction and design cost; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is for the construction hard costs not the design. Mrs. Arminio asked if the design work has been done; Administrator Weinberg responded that it is pretty much done with a few tweaks necessary. Administrator Weinberg added that the process is to first design the project and then move into the bidding and construction phase; Mrs. Arminio clarified that there is a cost for the design and now there is a cost for the people who designed the project to put out the specs and then a cost for inspection, to which Administrator Weinberg answered yes.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-6-2023-022** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-6-2023-022                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE POLICE BUILDING AND THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKING LOT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,904,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**  
(Police Department Building and parking lot expansion)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

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

**O-8-2023-023                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ASSUME AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO LOT 21.04 ON LOT 21.02, BLOCK 60, ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF LOTS 21.17 AND 21.18, IN BLOCK 60 FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PURPOSES, AND ACCEPT DEEDS OF CONVEYANCE OF DRAINAGE AND ACCESS EASEMENTS FOR LOTS 21.17 AND 21.18 IN BLOCK 60.**  
(Majestic Woods Drive)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-8-2023-183– R-8-2023-208) with the exception of R-8-2023-184, R-8-2023-191, R-8-2023-203, R-8-2023-204, R-8-2023-205 and R-8-2023-208

**R-8-2023-183                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK FOR THE LEASE OF POLICE MOBILE DATA COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. (MDC units from 24 to 26)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe and the Township of South Brunswick entered into an Interlocal Agreement per Resolution No. R-6-2017-174 for the lease of certain Mobile Data Computer (MDC) units and interconnected radio units and appurtenant hardware for installation in police vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2017, the Township amended the number of MDC units leased from South Brunswick in the original agreement per Resolution No. R-12-2017-364 from 21 units to 20 units; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2019, the Township again amended the number of MDC units leased from South Brunswick per Resolution No. R-6-2019-161 from 20 units to 22 units; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020, the Township again amended the number of MDC units leased from South Brunswick per Resolution No. R-8-2023-087 from 22 units to 24 units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe wishes to again amend the number of MDC units leased from South Brunswick to 26 units; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the Agreement to reflect the change in the number of MDC units now leased; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as set forth in Certification No. C-1700030, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, upon its review, authorizes the Amendment of the Lease of Personal Property Agreement with the Township of South Brunswick.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Addendum to the Lease of Personal Property Agreement with the Township of South Brunswick for the leasing of 26 Police Mobile Data Computer System units and equipment (with maintenance) from South Brunswick to Monroe;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-185                      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-8-2023-186                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC TAX SALE NOTICES.**

**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 2023 electronic tax sale.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-187                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE. (Vision Solar - \$361.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official, by copy of letter dated June 30, 2023, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refunds:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vision Solar 511 Route 168 Turnersville, N.J. 08012	Permit # 2022-3131 Requests refund due to permit cancelled. Homeowner at 167 Valencia Drive has cancelled solar panel installation.	<b>\$ 361.00</b>

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Construction Official and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Vision Solar in the amount of \$361.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-188                      RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948). (Click It or Ticket 2023 Seat Belt Mobilization - \$8,750.00)**

**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 2023 in the sum of \$8,750.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Click It or Ticket 2023 Seat Belt Mobilization Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$8,750.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“CLICK IT OR TICKET 2023 SEAT BELT MOBILIZATION”**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-189                      RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948).**  
 (Solid Waste Mgmt. FY 2023 Clean Communities Grant - \$118,040.16)

**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 2023 in the sum of \$118,040.16, which is now available as a revenue from the Solid Waste Management FY 2023 Clean Communities Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$118,040.16 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FY2023 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT”**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-190                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PARKING PERMIT FEE.** (Robert Lasker - \$25.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Coordinator, by copy of email dated July 20, 2023, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following parking permit refund:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Robert Lasker 3-B Ethan Allen Drive Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831	Permit # 2023-111 Requests refund due to cancellation of seven-day parking permit.	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Robert Lasker in the amount of \$25.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-192                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 26, LOT 78, QUALIFIER C-371C.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2019, Paulette Katz (“Katz”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Katz from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq,

said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on May 26, 2020, in Mortgage Book 17885 on Pages 932-946; and

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

**WHEREAS**, due to the passing of Katz, an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold in order to settle the Estate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held July 12, 2023 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of the full amount of said lien in the amount of \$38,790.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executors of the Katz Estate has successfully paid the full lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on July 24, 2023; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-193                      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 One-Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$126,400.00),

**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-8-2023-194                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
ROHRER ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A ROHRER BUS SALES  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 OR 2024 FORD E-450  
MINIBUS OR EQUAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (20  
passenger bus - \$118,500)**

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2023, the Township Council, on Resolution No. R-4-2023-124 awarded the Bid titled, “2023 OR 2024 FORD E-450 MINIBUS OR EQUAL”, required by the Township’s Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Townships Department of Transportation has indicated an immediate need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid stipulated by the vendor that the Township could purchase additional buses, and has agreed to hold the original bid price of \$118,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Purchasing Manager. by copy of a letter dated March 28, 2023, has recommended, after consultation with the Department of Transportation, that a contract be awarded to **ROHRER** for a second bus, as specified, for the original contract amount of \$118,500.00 a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300067 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and



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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to award a bid for one (1) each 2023 or 2024 Ford E-450 Minibus or Equal. 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 Rohrer. 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;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-195                      RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL  
ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.  
40A:4-87 (CHAPER 159, P.L. 1948).  
(Local Recreational Improvement 2023 Grant - \$76,000)**

**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 2023 in the sum of \$76,000, which is now available as a revenue from the Local Recreational Improvement 2023 Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$76,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT 2023 GRANT”**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-196                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ALAIMO  
GROUP FOR 2023 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Additional \$150,000 – Police Building  
expansion project - bidding & Construction management)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1-2023-015, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 4, 2023, a Professional Service Contract with Alaimo Group for Architectural Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2023 was awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe awarded professional Architectural Services for calendar year 2023 to Alaimo Group in connection with the Monroe Township Police Department Building Expansion and Parking Lot Project, not to exceed \$205,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, additional services associated with the Bidding and Construction Administration Phases are needed for the Police Department Building Expansion and Parking Lot project and Alaimo Group has requested authorization for an **additional \$150,000.00**, as described in the proposal attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$355,000.00**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300024, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that authorization is hereby given to modify said

contract in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) and the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the acceptance attached hereto.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-197                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A ONE TIME GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER TAXES 2023.** (Grace period extended to September 6, 2023)

**WHEREAS**, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Township of Monroe, the property tax bills for the third quarter of 2023 may not be mailed to taxpayers within the statutory time constraints; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66, said taxes are due and payable by August 1, 2023 with a ten (10) day grace period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has requested and recommends that this Council extend the grace period for the payment of third quarter taxes for a reasonable time after the tax bills are prepared and mailed to the taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector recommends that the grace period be extended “one time” for twenty-five days from the date of mailing, however, that payments received after the grace period shall accrue interest from the statutory due date of August 1, 2023 which grace period shall be in lieu of, and not, in addition to, any other applicable grace period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council believes the extended grace period is warranted by the delay in the preparation and mailing of tax bills;

**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 grace period for payment of third quarter taxes for 2023 be and is hereby extended this “one time” to **September 6, 2023** and provided, however, that payments received after the statutory due date of August 1, 2023, which grace period shall be in lieu of, and not, in addition to, another applicable grace period.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-198                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE TO VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS, LLC (VCI) USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (\$335,382.57)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe EMS Dept. requires one (1) new ambulance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe joined the HGAC national purchasing cooperative under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), and has joined the National Purchasing Cooperative HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program with authorization by Council Resolution No. R-1-2021-030; and

**WHEREAS**, the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the required ambulances under its contract #AM10-20 titled “Ambulances, EMS, and Other Special Service Vehicles” for said ambulances; and

**WHEREAS**, VCI has submitted a proposal dated July 24, 2023 for the one (1) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulance, which meet the requirements of the Township, at a total price of \$335,382.57, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$44,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300068 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Purchasing Manager has followed the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative has recommended this award in a letter dated 7/24/2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”:

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

(1) Authorizes the Township to purchase one (1) Horton ambulance as referred to above from VCI using the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said ambulances delivered by VCI; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-199                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO JADS  
CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE SPOTSWOOD  
ENGLISHTOWN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT.**

(Romero Court - \$101,676.79)

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2023, six (6) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the **Spotswood Englishtown Road Drainage Improvements Project**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated August 1, 2023, has recommended *JADS Construction Inc. 5 Marks Place South River, N.J. 08882*, to be awarded the Bid, based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$101,676.79**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300070, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to *JADS Construction Inc.* for the **Spotswood Englishtown Road Drainage Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$101,676.79**; and

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

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-200                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO.  
526 TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY, INC. FOR THE MOUNTS  
MILLS ROAD WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT FOR  
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
("M.T.U.D.").**

(Mounts Mills & Old Bridge-Englishtown Road traffic signal improvements \$313,013.13)

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Purchasing Manager for bid no. 526 “Mounts Mills Road Water Main Relocation Project”, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Consulting Engineer R3M Engineering, Inc. has reviewed the bids and recommended the award of a contract to the low bidder Earle Asphalt Company, Inc. based on their low bid of \$313,013.13, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon his review of the bid, Engineer review and recommendation, and consultation with the Township Attorney, the Township Purchasing Manager has recommended in a letter dated July 18, 2023, that Earle Asphalt Company, Inc. of Wall Twp., NJ be awarded a contract based on their low bid of \$313,013.13, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney and Township Council have reviewed the recommendations made regarding said bid; 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-230019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Earle Asphalt Company, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services provided by Earle Asphalt Company, Inc. in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bid process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Earle Asphalt Company, Inc. shall provide the required bonds and properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-201                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF  
THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 49, LOT 13.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2012, Larry Minguet & Joanna Minguet (deceased) (“Minguet”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Minguet 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 October 15, 2012, in Mortgage Book 14970 on Pages 0864-0875; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-202                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR THE BRASUSA  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BA-5149-17. (7 Union Hill Rd.)**

**WHEREAS**, Brasusa Construction Inc. posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,426,400.21 for Block 37, Lot 12 project (BA-5149-17); and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-6-2021-167 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at their June 28, 2021 council meeting authorized the first reduction in performance guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-9-2022-225 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at their September 7, 2022 council meeting authorized the second reduction in performance guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence Brasusa Construction Inc. has requested a third 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 third reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated July 28, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as follows:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$ 811,754.13	\$ 90,194.90
Reduce to	\$ 438,243.59	\$ 48,693.73 ; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted for the BA-5149-17 project 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-8-2023-206                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2023 HALSEY REED ROAD EMS/FIRE FACILITY DRAINAGE & CONCRETE REPAIRS. (\$9,500)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering services for the surveying, construction administration and inspection services necessary in connection with the **2023 Halsey Reed Road EMS/Fire Facility Drainage & Concrete Repairs**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$9,500.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2300071, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for professional engineering services in connection with the surveying, construction administration and inspection services necessary in connection with the **2023 Halsey Reed Road EMS/Fire Facility Drainage & Concrete Repairs** in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$9,500.00**).

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-207                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT. (\$31,337.09)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase radio equipment under the NJ State Cooperative (NJCP1), Contract No. 83932 from *Tactical Public Safety* an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the first Quotation received, attached hereto, is for twelve (12) XL45 Portable Radios and accessories for the purchase price of twenty-five thousand two hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty nine cents (**\$25,274.59**); and

**WHEREAS**, the second Quotation received, attached hereto, is for two (2) TM9400 Mobile Radios and accessories for the purchase price of six thousand sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (**\$6,062.50**); and

**WHEREAS**, the total purchase price from Tactical Public Safety, including the two Quotations, is thirty three thousand three hundred thirty seven dollars and nine cents (**\$31,337.09**).

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300072, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with *Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Drive West Berlin, N.J. 08091* for the purchase of portable radio equipment and accessories, for the Monroe Township Public Works Department and Construction Department, at a total contract price in the amount of **\$31,337.09**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-8-2023-184, R-8-2023-191, R-8-2023-203, R-8-2023-204, R-8-2023-205 and R-8-2023-208)

**R-8-2023-184                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 169.4, LOT 22.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2013, Anthony G. & Marisol Saviano (“Saviano”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Saviano from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 16, 2013, in Mortgage Book 15447 on Pages 488-498A; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-191                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER FEE AND TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FEE.**  
 (Lucille Dipasquale – 58 E Sedgwick St - AH Fee \$750, Tree Removal \$2,430)

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Coordinator, by copy of correspondence dated July 21, 2023, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following Affordable Housing Developer Fee refund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shade Tree Coordinator, by copy of correspondence dated July 25, 2023, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, has recommended the Council approve the following Tree Removal Permit Fee; and

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Lucille Dipasquale 1700 Sarakinis Path The Villages, FL 32163	<u>Affordable Housing Developer Fee</u> Permit # 51045 Requests refund due to cancellation of construction project at 58 E Sedgwick St.	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
	<u>Tree Removal Fee</u> Permit # 2020-3 Requests refund due to cancellation of the project; trees were never removed.	<b>\$2,430.00</b>

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Coordinator and Shade Tree Coordinator and finds the request for the above refunds to be reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the requests are hereby authorized and that an Affordable Housing Developer Fee refund **in the amount of \$750.00** and a Tree Removal Permit fee refund **in the amount of \$2,430.00** be made to Lucille Dipasquale.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-203                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENTS AND LIENS ON BLOCK 52, LOT 4.6.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2014, Colleen Casazza & Lawrence Casazza (“Casazza”) entered into two Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreements with the Township of Monroe restricting Casazza 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 Agreements having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on December 19, 2017, in Mortgage Book 17039 on Pages 693 – 705 and 706 – 718 respectively; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Board at their meetings held April 13, 2023 and July 12, 2023 approved Resolutions recommending the release of both liens upon repayment of 50% of the amount of lien one in the amount of \$3,767.00, as the lien has been in place for eight years and six months and upon repayment of 75% of the amount of lien two in the amount of \$70,935.00, as the lien has been in place for

six years and six months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Casazza's have successfully paid the required lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on July 31, 2023; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-204                      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 Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen dollars and Four cents (\$8,416.04) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-205                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A  
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
FIRE DISTRICT #2.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (hereinafter "Township") has a shared services agreement with the Monroe Township Fire District #2 (hereinafter "Fire District") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7, et al; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement allows for the Parties to use the Firehouse/EMS facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed to share the costs for construction, design and engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall be responsible for 1/3 of the costs, while Fire District #2 shall be responsible for 2/3 of the costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to amend the agreement to include professional and consulting fees for any repairs to the Firehouse/EMS facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the agreement shall be renewed and extended for an additional ten (10) years nunc pro tunc to December 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement is in the best interest of the residents of the Township.

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

1. An addendum to the Shared Services Agreement between Monroe Township and Fire District #2, in substantially the form as the current contract, which is approved with such changes, additions and deletions as the Township Attorney shall deem necessary and appropriate.
2. The agreement shall be extended to December 31, 2027.
3. The agreement shall include that the Township may satisfy its responsibility for 1/3 of the costs through payment of the costs for any professional and consulting fees for any repairs, improvements, or necessary maintenance to the Firehouse/EMS facility.
4. The resolution and addendum shall be filed with the Division of Local Government Services for informational purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(b).
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and execute the attached addendum.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-8-2023-208                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR CAS  
EXCAVATING LLC./WILLIAM J. WARREN III MINING BONDS  
FOR BLOCK 49, LOT 18.  
(355 Hoffman Station Rd.)**

**WHEREAS**, William J. Warren III has posted Performance Guarantees in connection with the mining operation at 355 Hoffman Station Road, Block 49, Lot 18 on the official tax map of the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the mining operation and the cleanup at this site has been concluded; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in conformance with the provisions of the NJ State Municipal Land Use Law relative to site performance guaranty (N.J.S.A 40:55D-53), the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this mining site, specifically the following Letters of Credit issued by First Commerce Bank:

Letter of Credit No. 1016-100 dated July 31, 2014, in the amount of \$500,000.00  
Letter of Credit No. 1015-100 dated July 31, 2014, in the amount of \$75,000.00 ; and

**WHEREAS**, no maintenance guaranty is required as the site has already been developed into the approved Monroe Solar Farm.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted by William J. Warren III for the mining operation located at 355 Hoffman Station Road, Block 49, Lot 18 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated August 4, 2023 and attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such action be conditioned upon resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration and inspections of this mining site by Township officials.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator Weinberg invited Director Stroin up to give an update on BFI; Director Stroin stated that he is pleased to announce that as of July 5<sup>th</sup> the force main has been up and running. He went on to report that it has pumped over 1 million gallons of leachate and all trucks that had been traveling throughout the Inwood Estates neighborhood are gone.

Administrator Weinberg reported that the tax bills will be heading to the post office tomorrow with the extended grace period to September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Reported that the Township will receive \$125,000 for next year's budget due to the energy tax receipts, adding that Mayor Dalina joined forces with 400 other mayors to get this done.

Highlighted that we have a shared service agreement on this agenda with South Brunswick for mobile data terminals.

Highlighted that we have received a Clean Communities grant for \$118,000 which is up \$13,000 from last year.

Reported that the Township has received \$76,000 for a local recreation grant which will be used to sand the volleyball courts at Veteran's Park.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the Spotswood-Englishtown Road Drainage Improvements Project has been awarded at tonight's meeting and once completed repaving for that area will be done.

Reported that the Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road project will begin in the next few weeks.

The volleyball court projects at Veteran's Park and Patriots Park are moving along.

Middlesex County has awarded the contract to Black Rock Construction for the Old Bridge – Englishtown and Mounts Mills Road traffic signal improvement project with work starting in September.

Reported that the concrete work for the 2023 Roadway Improvement Project is complete and milling and paving will begin soon.

### **Council's Reports –**

#### **Councilman Markel –**

- Reiterated the importance of honoring our veterans 365 days a year; adding that the affordable housing veterans housing is a great project. He shared a story of his friend's son who was deep sea diving and recovered the body of Mr. Anthony Dipetta, who went missing at 24 years old and was a World War II veteran. He had been missing for 80 years and now having been recovered, he has been properly laid to rest, and in attending his funeral Councilman Markel reminded all to please remember our veterans.

#### **Councilwoman Siegel –**

- Shared that there are many great things going on in the community this Summer. We have had the Fourth of July celebration, National Night Out and the weekly Farmer's Market.
- Proud that we are meeting green initiatives through our recycling programs and it is very exciting to receive an increase in grant monies to continue accomplishing our goals in making our Township "green".
- Shared that the Environmental Commission will be hosting their annual Green Fair on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the high school.
- Cultural Arts has had a variety of great programs with the last concert of the Summer Concert Series being held this Thursday. Reminded all to mark their calendars for "Artrageous" which will be performing on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Performing Arts Center.
- The Historical Preservation Commission continues to have tours of the Dey Farm and their annual vintage baseball game will be held at the Dey Farm on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Attended a few concerts in the park which are great events and helps bring the community together. He extended thanks to everyone who helped put this together.
- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the affordable veteran's housing project and noted that we all should be very proud of this project.
- Attended a retirement luncheon for Judy Olbrys on August 1<sup>st</sup>, who after 53 years of service has officially retired. He went on to share that Judy started out volunteering to help our community and then became the Director of EMS in her time here and commented that her replacement has big shoes to fill. He appreciates Judy and the entire staff for all their efforts.
- Thanked the DPW for continuously doing great work and keeping our roadways clean and the shoulders of the road.
- Asked in regard to the MTUD hydrant painting if we had any money in our budget to hire summer help; Director Stroin answered that we do not have any money in the 2023 budget, but we will look to add in for next years budget.
- Stated that he has received some emails regarding elections and asked who determines the polling locations; Attorney Rainone answered that is handled by the Board of Elections. Councilman Dipierro stated that there is a big security concern that some polling locations are in the schools. Attorney Rainone responded that the Board of Education decided to move their election from November to April as we had nothing to do with that.
- Councilman Dipierro stated that the League of Women Voters held a presentation regarding the use of plastic bags and hopes that it is made available to be seen on the Township channels noting that we are working with the Board of Education to purchase a server so we can live stream which hopefully happens sooner rather than later.
- Attended a Scam Awareness presentation at the Senior Center and reminded everyone that if you see something, say something as no call is a bad call.

- The Green Fair will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the high school.
- Attended National Night Out which is nice to see everyone in the community coming together along with the first responders. He noted that he even caught Administrator Weinberg making hot dogs and passing them out to those who attended.
- Shared that Chief Joseph Sensale, a lifetime volunteer member of the fire department has passed away and noted that he was a good man and member of our community.
- Noticed that drainage pipes and an excavator are at Veteran's Park and asked what is going on; Administrator Weinberg answered that the DPW is doing in-house drainage repairs.
- Asked if there was an update on the railroad crossings on Schoolhouse Road and Forsgate Drive; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that he has not received a response yet but will update as soon as he does.
- A letter regarding BFI went out and he noted that this was a team effort which got this done.
- Commented regarding the patches on Schoolhouse and Perrineville Road that hopefully some top pavement will get done before school starts.
- Asked for an update regarding the server issue as he receives a lot of phone calls since the residents cannot view the meetings on the Township channel; Administrator Weinberg answered that all of our meetings are available to be viewed on our YouTube channels, as well as the Township's website until the server issue is remedied.

**Council Vice-President Van Dzura –**

- Thanked Administrator Weinberg for his work in explaining to each of Council what is going on the agendas and explaining what is happening throughout the Township which gives all of us a chance to make informed decisions at these meetings.
- Thanked Mayor Dalina for spearheading the remediation of the BFI issues. This has not been an easy process but the resident's remained patient while we got this done and for that we are all very thankful. Great job by all under the leadership of the Mayor.
- Proud to see the expansion of the Police Department building move forward as it is much needed and well deserved to have facilities that accommodate our growing department who has helped maintain our Township as the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest Township.
- Very happy to see the veteran's housing project move along as it is more than deserved for those who have fought for our freedoms.
- Excited to see the volleyball courts being built as this was an important request from the residents when we did our Master Plan review.
- Attended National Night Out which was a huge success. He added that seeing the community come together with the first responders in a non-adversarial way is very nice to see.
- Congratulated Judy Olbrys on her retirement as she is a legend in a league of her own for everything she has done for this Township and its residents.
- Urged all to shop at the local farmer's markets as they have great produce this time of year with his favorite being the fresh Jersey corn.
- Lastly, he noted that we come up on another month of the Ukraine War and asked for all to support them in getting their independence.

**Mayor's Report –** Recognized and gave condolences to two individuals who have passed away this week: Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and former Fire District #1 Volunteer Fire Chief Joseph Sensale.

The affordable veteran's housing project has officially broke ground and commented that we are doing the best we can with the affordable housing mandate.

Commended Mary Lange and the Recreation Department for the Summer Camp program which 900 children attended over the course of 5 weeks.

Mentioned National Night Out and Councilman Dipierro mentioned Administrator Weinberg was doling out hotdogs so hopefully he doesn't ask for a raise next year as his job description does already include "other duties" as needed.

Attended the Crime Prevention Presentation at the Senior Center; this empowers residents to be a part of the crime solving team. Noted that there will be stationary plate readers going up throughout the Township which will help us combat crime.

Two residents were recognized by the Governor's Volunteer Award Program; Diane Kellerhouse for her work with the Ronald McDonald House and Nancy Fitchelberg who is the founder of the Soup for Rossmoor food program.

BFI has been an unbelievable ride and Mayor Dalina extended thanks to the residents for their patience and hanging in and believing in us to accomplish this.

Thanked Fire District #2 for going into a shared services agreement for a shared facility with our EMS.

Shared that the ANCHOR program has been renewed in the 2023-2024 State's budget, with notification expected to start going out to all residents in the Fall of 2023.

Congratulated Judy Olbrys on her retirement as she has left a legacy here. He noted that we will be honoring her at a future Council meeting, as well as this Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.

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

**Public Comments –**

**Doreen Morris, 134 Beluscio St.** – Mrs. Morris stated that she was born on the same street that she currently lives on and her quality of life has been impacted negatively by the constant fireworks that are being set off and asked what the Township can do; Administrator Weinberg stated to call the Police Department if it is excessive, to which Mrs. Morris stated that she has, and they come but do not take the fireworks away so as soon as they leave it starts again.

Mrs. Morris asked what the Township ordinance is regarding solicitation as she has many solicitor's knocking on her door; Attorney Rainone answered that the ordinance requires that solicitor's have a permit and Administrator Weinberg added that we have a "Do Not Knock" registration available.

**Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd.** – Mr. Busman commented that three years ago Mayor Tamburro formed a committee regarding the veteran's housing project which was comprised of many professionals and a veteran, that veteran being him, and that he takes much pride in this housing and hopes it is built quickly.

Thanked all the Township employees for all the work they do to make Monroe Township great.

**Joellen Arrabito, 2201 Rossmoor Dr.** – Mrs. Arrabito asked what the percentage of affordable housing for veterans was with this new project; Administrator Weinberg answered that 37 units are 100% affordable with the other 43 units being veteran's preference.

Mrs. Arrabito stated that with the volleyball courts being built within the Township we need to keep in mind the terrible epidemic we have in this country with drugs, and asked what will be done to prevent drug dealers from going there and hanging out as there are no lights and it is open from dawn til dusk; Administrator Weinberg and Engineer Rasimowicz both responded stating that these two parks are existing and we are just adding volleyball courts to them.

**Timothy Eosso, 625 Spotswood-Englishtown Rd.** – Mr. Eosso commented that he does not agree with most of what Councilman Markel says but thanked him for what he did for the veterans.

Mr. Eosso commented that Councilman Dipierro was the first councilperson to meet with residents regarding the BFI landfill issues and went on to commend Councilman Dipierro for spearheading that situation and happy that all worked together to get it done.

Mr. Eosso asked if the restaurant in Greenbriar is opened to residents outside of the community as it has been brought to his attention that this business is possibly operating without paying rent or utilities; Council President Cohen answered that outside residents can make a reservation and dine in the restaurant.

Mr. Eosso complimented the DPW Department for all of their hard work in making the streets and Township look beautiful.

**Joseph Atanasio, 21 Wellington Pl.** – Mr. Atanasio stated that he sent an email to the Mayor and Council regarding McDonald's but never received a response but instead a phone call from Assistant Administrator Kevin McGowan which was appreciated. Mr. Atanasio went on to say that the applicant has been saying that regardless of what the Zoning Board says it is a done deal; Attorney Rainone commented that if they do not get zoning approval then the answer is no.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked regarding BFI where does the leachate go; Attorney Rainone answered that it goes to the MCUA in Sayreville. Mrs. Arminio asked if it goes into the Raritan River because if it does then we all suffer, to which Attorney Rainone clarified.

Mrs. Arminio appealed to the Council to get our cable channel back.

Mrs. Arminio noted that under OPMA the public is allowed to attend deliberation discussions.

Mrs. Arminio shared that her husband is a veteran, as well as her brother-in-law who is dying from Agent Orange and she hopes this Council makes a special effort to see that the affordable housing veterans housing goes to veterans, as she would like to see all 80 units occupied by veterans and their families, adding that we should make a commitment to that.

**Beth Dipierro, 404 Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd.** - Mrs. Dipierro asked who owns the property that the veteran's housing will be built on; both Attorney Rainone and Administrator Weinberg answered that we have a 99-year lease with the developer and went on to explain that the Township is subsidizing it as we are not looking to make a profit; they added that this was part of our settlement agreement with K-Hovnanian. Mrs. Dipierro reiterated that we should really do our part in keeping this to veterans only.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on September 6, 2023.