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

DECEMBER 22, 2025

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 27, 2024 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 27, 2024;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless further time is granted by the Council President.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation proclaiming “December 3, 2025, the Celebration of the Round About Book Clubs 125th Anniversary”

Proclamation proclaiming “December 14 – 22, 2025, the 24th Anniversary of Chabad Jewish Center of Monroe’s celebration of Chanukah in the Township of Monroe”

6. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the December 22, 2025 Regular Meeting: (R-12-2025-261 – R-12-2025-305)

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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8. **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 **December 17, 2025.**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

December 1, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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MOTION:_____SECOND:_____

ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

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

MOTION:_____SECOND:_____

ROLL CALL: Ayes____Nays____

6. **Administrator’s Report.**

7. **Engineer’s Report.**

8. **Council’s Reports.**

9. **Mayor’s Report.**

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

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11. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ Time: _____

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

COMBINED REORGANIZATION/AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

UPON ROLL CALL by the Township Clerk Christine Robbins the following members of Council were present: 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 Kevin McGowan, Utility Director Joe Stroin, CFO Lori Olah, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Township Attorney Lou Rainone and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

There were approximately seven (7) members of the Public in attendance.

Township Clerk Christine Robbins read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 27, 2024 and remains posted at that location for public inspection.
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 27, 2024;
3. Posted on the Monroe Township website; and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 17 of the Monroe Township Code, Public Comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes rolling time unless further time is granted by the Council President.

Council President Cohen read aloud the following proclamations:

Proclamation proclaiming “December 3, 2025, the Celebration of the Round About Book Clubs 125th Anniversary”

Proclamation proclaiming “December 14 – 22, 2025, the 24th Anniversary of Chabad Jewish Center of Monroe’s celebration of Chanukah in the Township of Monroe”

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the December 22, 2025 Regular Meeting: (R-12-2025-261 – R-12-2025-305)

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| R-12-2025-261 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE THROUGH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. |
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- R-12-2025-265** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES LLC. FOR 2025 LICENSED TREE EXPERT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Additional \$6,300)**
- R-12-2025-266** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed basis per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2025-267** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed basis - per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2025-268** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$2,500)**
- R-12-2025-269** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Not to exceed \$56,308.00)**
- R-12-2025-270** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Sholk Appraisal, Sterling Disanto & Associates and Timothy Hoffman Inc. as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)**
- R-12-2025-271** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (not to exceed \$30,000)**
- R-12-2025-272** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed basis per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2025-273** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Not to exceed \$162,302)**
- R-12-2025-274** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Not to exceed \$120,000)**
- R-12-2025-275** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Township Engineer not to exceed \$27,000 & General Engineering/Tax Map Maintenance not to exceed \$328,600)**
- R-12-2025-276** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$45,000)**

- R-12-2025-277** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM OF ANTONELLI KANTOR, RIVERA P.C. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.**
(\$195/hr not to exceed \$50,000)
- R-12-2025-278** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$205/hr not to exceed \$428,400)
- R-12-2025-279** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2026 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (Center State Engineering, CME Engineering, Delaware Raritan Engineering, H2M Engineering, Morgan Engineering & Surveying, Najarian Associates and Alaimo Group)
- R-12-2025-280** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR 2026 TOWNSHIP ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (Arcari Iovino Architects, PC, Alaimo Group, H2M Architects & Engineers, Connolly & Hickey, Michael V. Testa, Architect, LLC)
- R-12-2025-281** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H2M ASSOCIATES INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (not to exceed \$225,000)
- R-12-2025-282** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (\$205/hr not to exceed \$78,000)
- R-12-2025-283** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2026 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (Center State Engineering, CME Engineering, Alaimo Group and R3M Engineering, Inc.)
- R-12-2025-284** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MICHAEL J. LETIZIA, DO INC. AS TOWNSHIP MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.** (not to exceed \$24,000)
- R-12-2025-285** **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE CAMPBELL AS DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2025-286** **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2025-287** **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF F. KEVIN LYNCH, COUNSELOR AT LAW AS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2025-288** **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD A. PARRA ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2025-289** **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.** (Kate Rattner, Member – 3yr term, Cathleen Norback, Member – 3yr. term, Savita Saxena, Alternate 1 – 2 yr. term)

- R-12-2025-290 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD. (Randy R. Beverly Sr, Member – 2 yr. term, Arnold Riback, Alternate 1 – 2 yr. term)**
- R-12-2025-291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2025-292 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATED ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**
- R-12-2025-293 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BULK PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT UNDER THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. (Morton Salt \$62.97/ton; Atlantic Salt Inc. \$79.00/ton)**
- R-12-2025-294 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TWIN RIVERS ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed - per unit pricing)**
- R-12-2025-295 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A STATE RECREATION GRANT. (Design and construction of indoor recreation facility)**
- R-12-2025-296 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL UNDER THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.**
- R-12-2025-297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (29% increase)**
- R-12-2025-298 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED DISCOVER CONSTRUCTION LLC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**
- R-12-2025-299 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED YANNUZZI GROUP INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT (GARVEYS).**
- R-12-2025-300 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (4.5% decrease)**
- R-12-2025-301 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.**
- R-12-2025-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.**
- R-12-2025-303 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.**
- R-12-2025-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.**
- R-12-2025-305 RESOLUTION RATIFYING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE'S FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN.**

Councilman Dipierro requested R-12-2025-279 to be removed and considered separately.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro 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 inquired what is the ratification and change in the settlement as reference in Resolution R-12-2025-305; Attorney Rainone responded that this explains how we will meet our requirements and the mechanisms used to do so. Mrs. Arminio asked how many total markets will be built with 354 affordable housing units being required in the Fourth Round with 110 credits received; Attorney Rainone answered that a total of 689 market units will be built. Mrs. Arminio asked further if this settlement agreement had anything to do with the dispute resolution that was filed, to which Attorney Rainone answered yes that it is all included in this settlement agreement. Mrs. Arminio and Attorney Rainone discussed further the Township’s affordable housing obligations.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro 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 Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:41pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Absent
	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 Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Markel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:41pm.

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 Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Councilman Markel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **12/17/2025** were approved for payment 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 MOTION made by Councilman Markel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:

December 1, 2025 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA**:
(R-12-2025-261– R-12-2025-305 except R-12-2025-279 which will be considered separately)

R-12-2025-261	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE THROUGH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.
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WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program (the 1033 “Program”) to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (“LEAs”); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county law enforcement agencies to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to the municipal and county law enforcement agencies, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; 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 Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for one year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medial and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection and supplies, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the Monroe Township Police Department, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolution authorize, based on the needs of the Monroe Township Police Department, without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following (DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available within the period of time for which this Resolutions authorizes without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property available through the Program, “DEMIL B through Q” is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire (1) “DEMIL A” property that may be available through the 1033 Program and (2) “DEMIL B through Q” property both of which that may be available through the 1033 Program during the time period for which this Resolution authorizes, with program participation and all property requests authorization terminating on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-261						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-262 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D.) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$58,508.50)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, had purchased Q.E.D. Software for the Monroe Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to enter into an annual Maintenance Agreement with Queues Enforth Development, Inc. (Q.E.D.); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) authorizes the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software, except that this provision shall not be utilized to acquire or upgrade non-proprietary hardware or to acquire or update non-proprietary software; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of the Software Maintenance Agreement for calendar year 2026 shall not exceed Fifty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (**\$58,508.50**); and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.C-2600024, 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, that the Software Maintenance Agreement, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with **Q.E.D., Inc., 400 Tradecenter Drive, Suite 5900, Woburn, MA 01801** in an amount not to exceed Fifty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (**\$58,508.50**).

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-262						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-263 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO ALEN SECURITY TO SECURE DOOR HARDWARE AND ENTRY SYSTEMS FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS ADDITION & ALTERATIONS PROJECT. (\$116,636.57)

WHEREAS, the general contractor for the Monroe Township Police Headquarters Addition & Alterations Project is no longer working on the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advised of the urgent need of emergency repairs to secure door hardware and entry systems needed for the Monroe Township Police Headquarters Addition & Alterations Project; and

WHEREAS, these repairs were deemed necessary as the building security is critical and continuous operation of the Monroe Township Police Station is crucial for the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergent nature, this response required the immediate performance of services and pursuant to the provisions in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1, the emergency response was authorized and contracted to Alen Security. to respond and complete the referenced work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer reviewed the summary of costs for the proposed repairs and, by copy of letter dated December 3, 2025, recommends the award of contract to **Alen Security, 1010 Eastpark Blvd Cranbury, N.J. 08512** for Quote No. 969 – Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$91,936.12 and Quote No. 970 – Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$24,700.45 for a total contract price **not to exceed \$116,636.57**; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2500056, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to *Alen Security* for the emergency repairs to secure door hardware and entry systems needed for the Monroe Township Police Headquarters Addition & Alterations Project for a total contract price not to exceed **\$116,636.57**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-263						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-264 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH JAMES P. NOLAN FOR 2025 TAX APPEAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Additional \$8,500)

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-12-2024-301, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 18, 2024, authorized a Professional Service Contract with James P. Nolan and Associates for Tax Appeal Legal Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$8,500.00 is needed to close out 2025 Tax Appeal Legal Services, making the new contract amount **not to exceed \$53,500.00**; 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-2500003, copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorization is hereby given to increase and modify the 2025 Tax Appeal Legal Services contract in the amount of Eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the amendments to the agreements attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-264						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-265 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES LLC. FOR 2025 LICENSED TREE EXPERT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Additional \$6,300)

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-12-2024-306, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on December 18, 2024, authorized a Professional Service Contract with Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services LLC. for 2025 Licensed Tree Expert Services required by the Township of Monroe in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$6,300.00 is needed to close out 2025 Tree Expert Services, making the new contract amount **not to exceed \$36,300.00**; 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 Nos. C-2500008, copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorization is hereby given to increase and modify the 2025 Licensed Tree Expert Services contract in the amount of Six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the amendments to the agreements attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-265						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-266 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICE FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP’S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.
 (As needed basis per fee schedule)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire medical, educational and administrative services related to the Township's compliance with Federal laws and regulations in the development of its Substance and Alcohol Misuse policy and testing, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, **Dynamic Testing Service** has submitted a proposal indicating the fees for such services shall be in accordance with the attached fee schedule and payment for such services shall be made on an “as needed” basis; and

WHEREAS, **Dynamic Testing Service** has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure which certifies that **Dynamic Testing Service** has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Monroe in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit **Dynamic Testing Service** from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Utility Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. M-260001, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with **Dynamic Testing Service, 230 Main St., Toms River, NJ 08753** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit “C”, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by **Dynamic Testing Service** on a unit price, open-ended contract basis;
- (3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the **Dynamic Testing Service** contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township of Monroe all appropriate documentation within the time period prescribed by law;
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-266						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

**R-12-2025-267 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
 McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND
 COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR
 CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed basis - per fee schedule)**

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-4 – MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL**, for various bond services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Firm **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** satisfy the established criteria for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600008, 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 and State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC., 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, N.J. 07068**, effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto; and
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached proposal;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-267						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-268 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$2,500)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-8 WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY**, for various workers compensation claims as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Brause, Esq. of the Firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.** satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025 has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600009 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 and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C., 244 Fernwood Avenue, Edison, N.J. 08837**, effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-268						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-269 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Not to exceed \$56,308.00)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-16 – TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES** required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Jaffe Communications satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **Jaffe Communications, Inc. 312 North Ave. E, Suite 5, Cranford, N.J. 07016** in accordance with the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$56,308.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2600010, 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 enter into a one (1) one year professional service contract with Jaffe Communications Inc., commencing January 1, 2026;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Jaffe Communications Inc. in an amount not to exceed **\$56,308.00**; and
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Jaffe Communications Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-269						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-270 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.**
 (Sholk Appraisal, Sterling Disanto & Associates and Timothy Hoffman Inc. as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-9 – APPRAISAL SERVICES**, for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the review committee has, based on the judging criteria, thoroughly reviewed each proposal and made its selections for each solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, recommends the Council approve and qualify the following firms:

- Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal - 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816***
- Sterling Disanto & Associates – 145 W. End Avenue, Somerville, N.J. 08876***
- Timothy Hoffman, Inc. - P.O. Box 3030, Westfield, N.J. 07091***

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025 also recommends the award of contract for **Open Space Appraisals** to **Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisal**, 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,0000** to be paid out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2600011, 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 that Monroe Township is hereby authorized to solicit proposals as necessary for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township from the above selected firms for Calendar Year 2026 and authorize the award of contract to Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisals for Open Space Appraisals, not to exceed \$20,000, out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-270						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-271 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (not to exceed \$30,000)

WHEREAS, for calendar year 2026, the Township and the Monroe Township Shade Tree Commission seek professional consultant services in connection with the survey and evaluation of dead trees and the selection, identification, and planting of new stock, the inspection of proposed new development sites, the examination of citizen requests for planting and removal of trees, for general advice at Commission meetings, and advice regarding the planting of trees on municipal property and in connection with the administration and enforcement of Chapter 97 of the Monroe Township Code governing the preservation, protection and removal of trees; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-14 – LICENSED TREE EXPERT**, for various professional forestry/arboricultural advice and services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC, possesses professional expertise as a certified tree expert, holding State Certificate #273 and otherwise meets the established criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025 recommends that Council approve and award a professional service contract to Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee shall not exceed \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.C-2600012, 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, and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC, 151 Route 516 (P.O. Box 564), Old Bridge, NJ 08857**, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “B” commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC in an amount **not to exceed \$30,000.00**;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-271						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-272 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.
 (As needed basis per fee schedule)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-17 - FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES** for various financial advisory services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC. satisfy the established criteria for said professional financial advisory services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, in accordance with the fee schedule contained within the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600013, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, NJ 08691 commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, on an as needed basis in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Phoenix Advisors, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-272						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.
 (Not to exceed \$162,302)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-15 INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES/INSURANCE PRODUCER SERVICES** for various general employment law and collective negotiation services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, North American Insurance Management Corporation (hereinafter NAIMC), 1460 US Route 9 North, Suite 210, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 possesses the technical expertise required for such an engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 11, 2025, recommends the Council approve and award the contract to NAIMC; and

WHEREAS, North American Insurance Management Corporation has indicated that the flat fee for their service will be **\$162,302.00** payable in equal monthly installments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600014, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-260002, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (1) one-year contract with NAIMC for Insurance Consulting & Producer Services, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit C, commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NAIMC for the Township at a cost **not to exceed \$130,000.00** and **not to exceed \$32,302.00** for MTUD – **Totaling \$162,302.00** payable in equal monthly installments; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that North American Insurance Management Corporation shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-273						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-274 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PKF O’CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Not to exceed \$120,000)

WHEREAS, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et seq., requires the Township Council to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within six (6) months after the close of its fiscal year, and for that purpose to employ a registered municipal accountant of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-18 MUNICIPAL AUDITOR SERVICES** for auditing services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP., satisfy the established criteria for said professional auditing services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP., 300 Tices Blvd. Suite 315 Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677** in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$120,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2600015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available for the Utility Department, as set forth in Certificate No. M-260003, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.**, commencing January 1, 2026;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.** in an amount not to exceed **\$120,000.00**; and
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.** shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-274						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-275 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.
 (Township Engineer not to exceed \$27,000 & General Engineering/Tax Map Maintenance not to exceed \$328,600)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-19 TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES/ TAX MAP MAINTENANCE**, for various professional engineering services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mark Rasimowicz of the Firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer shall be paid **\$27,000.00 annually**; and

WHEREAS, the General engineering services and tax map maintenance fees shall not exceed **\$328,600.00 per year**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600016, and C-2600017, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “B” commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. accordance with the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-275						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-276 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$45,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-3 – TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various tax appeal legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC satisfies the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, legal services shall be billed at the rate of \$195.00 per hour not to exceed **\$45,000**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, 61 Green Street, Woodbridge, N.J. 07095 in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “B” commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-276						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-277 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM OF ANTONELLI KANTOR, RIVERA P.C. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$50,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-3 – TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various legal tax appeal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate shall be \$195.00/hour; not to exceed \$50,000 for various legal tax appeal services as may be assigned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C., 354 Eisenhower Pkwy, Suite 100 Livingston, N.J., commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, Rivera P.C. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-277						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-278 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$205/hr not to exceed \$428,400)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-1 – TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY- GENERAL LEGAL**, for various legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Louis Rainone, Esq. of Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone, Esq. and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Township Attorney shall be paid **\$27,347.00 annually**; and

WHEREAS, the General legal fees shall not exceed **\$428,400.00 per year**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate Nos. C-2600020 and C-2600025, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-278						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-280 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR 2026 TOWNSHIP ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (Arcari Iovino Architects, PC, Alaimo Group, H2M Architects & Engineers, Connolly & Hickey, Michael V. Testa, Architect, LLC)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for **ID # 26-24 TOWNSHIP ARCHITECT**, for professional architectural services as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to create a pool of qualified professionals to serve as Architect for the Township as the need arises, using a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the "Township") received and reviewed statements of qualifications from engineering and architectural firms determined to pre-qualify those firms that possess the professional and administrative capabilities to provide such services and that they offer the terms and conditions determined by the Township to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Township, so that the Township may engage any one or more of the Qualified Firms when the need for such services arises; and

WHEREAS, such services are to be performed and rendered by a person or persons licensed and authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and accordingly constitute professional series exempt from public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer at the time that services, if any, are requested from the qualified professional; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the following qualified firms are hereby approved to provide Township Architect Services:

Arcari Iovino Architects, PC
 One Katherine St.
 Little Ferry, N.J. 07643

Alaimo Group
 218 High St.
 Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

H2M Architects & Engineers
 4810 Belmar Blvd., Ste 201
 Wall Twp., N.J. 07753

Connolly & Hickey
 2 N. Union Ave.
 P.O. Box 1726
 Cranford, N.J. 07016

Michael V. Testa, Architect, LLC
 701 Tennent Rd., Ste 201
 Manalapan, N.J. 07726

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

- 1- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts by and between the Township and the Qualified Firms, which contracts shall set forth the terms and conditions of, among other things, payment for services at such time as the Firms are called upon by the Township to render services; and
- 2- That the Contracts shall be awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and
- 3- That a copy of this resolution and the Contracts upon the execution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk; and
- 4- That a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in a local newspaper within (10) days of passage of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-280						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-281 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H2M ASSOCIATES INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (not to exceed \$225,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications **ID# 26-25 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER**, for various engineering professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, H2M ASSOCIATES INC. and other engineers within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to H2M ASSOCIATES INC. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, the services performed shall not exceed **\$225,000.00 per year** unless additional services are requested by the Township in writing and approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-260006, 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 enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with H2M ASSOCIATES INC., 4810 Belmar Blvd. Wall Twp, N.J. 07753, commencing January 1, 2026.
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by H2M ASSOCIATES INC. in accordance with the attached agreement.
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law.

- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that H2M ASSOCIATES INC., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-281						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-282 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (\$205/hr not to exceed \$78,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for **ID# 26-27 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY**, for various legal professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, legal fees shall not exceed **\$78,000.00 per year**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-260007, 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 enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., 1 Woodbridge Center, Suite 515, Woodbridge Twp., N.J. 07095, commencing January 1, 2026;
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the attached agreement;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law;
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-282						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-283 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2026 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (Center State Engineering, CME Engineering, Alaimo Group and R3M Engineering, Inc.)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-26 TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT CONFLICT/ALTERNATE ENGINEER**, for utility engineering services as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to create a pool of qualified professionals to serve as Township Utility Department Conflict or Alternate Engineer as the need arises, using a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) received and reviewed statements of qualifications from engineering firms determined to pre-qualify those firms that possess the professional and administrative capabilities to provide such services and that they offer the terms and conditions determined by the Township to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Township, so that the Township may engage any one or more of the Qualified Firms when the need for such services arises; and

WHEREAS, such services are to be performed and rendered by a person or persons licensed and authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and accordingly constitute professional series exempt from public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer at the time that services, if any, are requested from the qualified professional; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the following qualified firms are hereby approved to provide Township Utility Department Conflict or Alternate Engineering Services:

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| Center State Engineering
481 Spotswood-Englishtown Rd.
Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831 | CME Associates
3141 Bordentown Avenue
Parlin, N.J. 08859 | Alaimo Group
200 High St.
Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060 |
| R3M Engineering, Inc.
1405 NJ 18, Ste. 208
Old Bridge, N.J. 08857 | | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

- 1- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts by and between the Township and the Qualified Firms, which contracts shall set forth the terms and conditions of, among other things, payment for services at such time as the Firms are called upon by the Township to render services; and
- 2- That the Contracts shall be awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and
- 3- That a copy of this resolution and the Contracts upon the execution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk; and
- 4- That a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in a local newspaper within (10) days of passage of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-283						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-284 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MICHAEL J. LETIZIA, DO INC. AS TOWNSHIP MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (not to exceed \$24,000)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-28 – TOWNSHIP MEDICAL DIRECTOR**, for services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Letizia, DO Inc., satisfies the established criteria for said professional medical director services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 11, 2025, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Michael J. Letizia, DO Inc. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate shall be \$195.00/hour; not to exceed \$24,000 for medical director services as may be assigned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Michael J. Letizia, DO Inc., 32 Peterson Place, Mahwah, NJ 07430, commencing January 1, 2026;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Michael J. Letizia, DO Inc. in accordance with the attached Agreement;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation Michael J. Letizia, DO Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-284						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-285 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE CAMPBELL AS DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, , the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 20, 2025, has reappointed **CHRISTINE CAMPBELL** to serve as **DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR** for the Township of Monroe for a term of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent to the reappointment of **CHRISTINE CAMPBELL** as **DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR** for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-285						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-286 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 20, 2025, has appointed **JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ.** as **MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Monroe requires the advice and consent of the Township Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby grants its advice and consents to the reappointment of **JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ.** as **MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-286						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-287 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF F. KEVIN LYNCH, COUNSELOR AT LAW AS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 20, 2025, has appointed **F. KEVIN LYNCH, COUNSELOR AT LAW** as **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the reappointment of **F. KEVIN LYNCH, COUNSELOR AT LAW** as **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-287						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-288 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD A. PARRA ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 20, 2025, has appointed **HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Monroe requires the advice and consent of the Township Council for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby grants its advice and consents to the appointment of **HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-288						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-289 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. (Kate Rattner, Member – 3yr term, Cathleen Norback, Member – 3yr. term, Savita Saxena, Alternate 1 – 2 yr. term)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 12, 2025, has appointed the following members:

Kate Rattner	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028
Cathleen Norback	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028
Savita Saxena	Alternate 1	2-Year Term	1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for the above appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the above new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-289						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-290 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD. (Randy R. Beverly Sr, Member – 2 yr. term, Arnold Riback, Alternate 1 – 2 yr. term)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated November 20, 2025, has reappointed the following members to serve on the Affordable Housing Board commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2027:

Randy R. Beverly Sr. – Member – 2 year term

Arnold Riback – Alternate 1 – 2 year term

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for such appointments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the reappointment of **Randy R. Beverly Sr, Member and Arnold Riback, Alternate 1** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for a two (2) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2027.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-290						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$24,975.17) as described on Schedule A attached hereto; and

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

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-291						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-292 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATED ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission has adopted policies and procedures for the collection and acceptance of donated personal property; and

WHEREAS, several Monroe families have approached representatives of the Historic Preservation Commission seeking to donate items of personal property identified in Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is seeking authority from the Monroe Township Council to accept the donations of items of personal property identified in Attachment A, and thereafter appropriate the items of personal property identified in Attachment A for use by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to accept all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A to this resolution, at no cost to the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to appropriate all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A for use and appropriate caretaking by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-292						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-293 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BULK PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT UNDER THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM. (Morton Salt \$62.97/ton; Atlantic Salt Inc. \$79.00/ton)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, is a member of the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex entered into an agreement for Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt with Morton Salt, Inc., 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL. 60606, as primary vendor and Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 210, Lowell, MA 01852 as secondary vendor, effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize Morton Salt, Inc. and Atlantic Salt Inc. for Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt immediately and expiring November 30, 2026, under the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Bid B-25-560 as follows:

<u>Bid No.</u>	<u>Bid/Contract Title</u>	<u>Pricing Info.</u>
B-25-560	Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt	
Primary Vendor: Morton Salt Inc.		\$62.97/ton
Secondary Vendor: Atlantic Salt Inc.		\$79.00/ton

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units without public bidding is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2500057, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Inc. and Atlantic Salt, Inc. for the bulk purchase of rock salt for the Township of Monroe effective immediately and expiring on November 30, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-293						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-294 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TWIN RIVERS ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (As needed - per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire services related to the Medical Care of stray animals found within the Township of Monroe for Calendar Year 2026, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Contract will be open-ended and based on unit pricing as outlined in the Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year, effective January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Twin Rivers Animal Hospital, 650 NJ 33, East Windsor, NJ 08520 has submitted a Contract indicating they will provide the referenced services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2600022 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;

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 to enter into a contract with Twin Rivers Animal Hospital, 650 NJ 33, East Windsor, NJ 08520 in accordance with the contract attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Twin Rivers Animal Hospital, as outlined within the Contract during the 2026 contractual year;

(3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that the Twin Rivers Animal Hospital contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-294						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-295 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A STATE RECREATION GRANT. (Design and construction of indoor recreation facility)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to obtain a grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$1,500,000.00 to carry out a project to design and construct an indoor recreation facility; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that the Township should apply for the aforementioned Recreation Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Monroe Township Council that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the application and any other documents necessary in connection with the State of New Jersey Recreation Grant.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-295						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-296 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL UNDER THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, is a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System #2-SOCCP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset awarded a one-year agreement with a one-year optional extension for Deer Carcass Removal with Kelly Winthrop LLC, 800 Franklin St., Delanco, NJ 08075 effective October 22, 2024 through October 21, 2025 with the one-year optional extension expiring October 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize Kelly Winthrop LLC for deer carcass removal effective October 23, 2024 through the initial and extension term of October 20, 2026, under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP for the removal and sanitary disposal at a disposal facility licensed to receive carcasses as follows:

Bid No.	Bid/Contract Title	Pricing Info.
CC-0058-24	Deer Carcass Removal	\$50.00 per deer carcass

; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units without public bidding is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to utilize Kelly Winthrop LLC for deer carcass removal within the Township of Monroe, under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System effective October 23, 2024 and expiring on the expiration date.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-296						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (29% increase)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 that Monroe Township and the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) may procure a professional service without the necessity of advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (“Horizon BCBSNJ”), 1427 Wyckoff Road, Wall, NJ 07727 has prepared a proposal and schedule of rates and services which shall be the basis for payment for Healthcare Insurance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law Regulations N.J.A.C. 5:34-1 et seq. the Township desires to retain Horizon BCBSNJ as the Healthcare provider, this Contract will be for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said services provided by Horizon BCBSNJ would be subject to contracting requirements for Extraordinary Unspecified Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq. only if they exceed the threshold amount established by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget per attached unit pricing, as evidenced by Certification No. C-2600023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has further determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township Utility budget, per attached unit pricing, as evidenced by Certification No. M-260008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Prescription Rate Renewal Summary and Health Rate Renewal Summary with Horizon BCBSNJ Insurance for Healthcare services and prescription coverage for Calendar year 2025.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-297						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-298 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED DISCOVER CONSTRUCTION LLC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Discover Construction LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the 2024 Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, Discover Construction LLC. has requested release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated December 10, 2025, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the 2024 Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$167,184.90**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-298						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-299 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED YANNUZZI GROUP INC. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT (GARVEYS).

WHEREAS, Yannuzzi Group, Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Building Demolition at 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd. (Garveys); and

WHEREAS, Yannuzzi Group, Inc. has requested release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated December 16, 2025, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Building Demolition at 405 Spotswood Gravel Hill Rd. (Garveys), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$15,685.18**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-299						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-300 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. (4.5% decrease)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 that Monroe Township and the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) may procure a professional service without the necessity of advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., 1639 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054 has prepared a proposal and schedule of rates and services which shall be the basis for payment for Dental Insurance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law Regulations N.J.A.C. 5:34-1 et seq. the Township desires to retain Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. as the Dental provider, this Contract will be for a period of one-year effective January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said services provided by Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. would be subject to contracting requirements for Extraordinary Unspecified Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq. only if they exceed the threshold amount established by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township budget in the amount of \$307,000.00 annually, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2600026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit ”A”; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has further determined that sufficient funds are available in the Township Utility budget in the amount of \$52,000.00 annually, as evidenced by Certificate No. M-260009, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit ”B”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. for Dental Insurance for a period of one-year effective January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-300						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-301

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2025 is to be adopted on the 7th day of May, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said capital budget section.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget be made:

FROM
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 AMOUNTS RESERVED IN PRIOR YEARS	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025					6 TO BE FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
				5a 2025 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year					
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		\$ -							
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
	\$ -									
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TO
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	5 PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025						6 To Be Funded in Future Years
				5a 2025 Budget Appropriations	5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized		
Acquisition of North Disbrow Road for Use as Open Space		\$ 2,635,000		\$ 125,500				\$ 2,509,500		
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 2,635,000	\$ -	\$ 125,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,509,500	\$ -	

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025- 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year					
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Acquisition of North Disbrow Road for Use as Open Space		\$ 2,635,000	2025	\$ 2,635,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 2,635,000		\$ 2,635,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid and Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
Acquisition of North Disbrow Road for Use as Open Space	\$ 2,635,000			\$ 125,500			\$ 2,509,500			
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS	\$ 2,635,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,509,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-301						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2025 is to be adopted on the 7th day of May, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said capital budget section.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget be made:

FROM
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 AMOUNTS RESERVED IN PRIOR YEARS	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025					6 TO BE FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
				5a 2025 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year					
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		\$ -							
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
	\$ -									
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TO
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	5a 2025 Budget Appro- priations	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025					6 To Be Funded in Future Years
					5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized		
Refunding Bond Ord. - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation Improvements - ESIP		\$ 11,500,000							\$ 11,500,000	
Bond Ordinance - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation Improvements - ESIP		4,600,000		\$ 220,000					4,380,000	
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 16,100,000	\$ -	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,880,000	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025- 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year						
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
Refunding Bond Ord. - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation		\$ 11,500,000		\$ 11,500,000						
Bond Ordinance - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation		4,600,000		4,600,000						
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 16,100,000		\$ 16,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid and Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES				
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				Self				
							General	Liquidating	Assessment	School	
Refunding Bond Ord. - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation											
Improvements - ESIP	\$ 11,500,000						\$ 11,500,000				
Bond Ordinance - Acquis, Construction, and Installation of Energy Conservation											
Improvements - ESIP	4,600,000	\$ 220,000					4,380,000				
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS	\$ 16,100,000	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,880,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-302

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-303

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2025 is to be adopted on the 7th day of May, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said capital budget section.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex that the following amendment(s) to the adopted capital budget be made:

FROM
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 AMOUNTS RESERVED IN PRIOR YEARS	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025					6 TO BE FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
				5a 2025 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
General Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,780,508			\$ 100,058		\$ 33,000	\$ 2,647,450	
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		6,310,000						6,310,000	
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ 9,090,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,058	\$ -	\$ 33,000	\$ 8,957,450	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	4 ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR Budget Year					
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
General Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,780,508		\$ 2,780,508					
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		6,310,000		6,310,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 9,090,508	\$ -	\$ 9,090,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				Self			
							General	Liquidating	Assessment	School
General Improvements										
Various Capital Improvements	\$ 2,780,508			\$ 100,058		\$ 33,000	\$ 2,647,450			
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements										
Various Capital Improvements	6,310,000						6,310,000			
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 9,090,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,058	\$ -	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,647,450	\$ 6,310,000	\$ -	\$ -

TO
 CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
 2025

1 PROJECT	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	5a 2025 Budget Appro- priations	PLANNED FUNDING SERVICES FOR CURRENT YEAR 2025				
					5b Capital Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	6 To Be Funded in Future Years
General Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,772,200			\$ 133,700			\$ 2,638,500	
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		8,520,000						8,520,000	
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 11,292,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,158,500	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025- 2030
 Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 PROJECT	2 PROJECT NUMBER	3 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	5 FUNDING AMOUNTS PER YEAR					
				Budget Year 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
General Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,772,200	2025	\$ 2,772,200					
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements									
Various Capital Improvements		8,520,000	2025	8,520,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$ 11,292,200		\$ 11,292,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2025 - 2030
 SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid and Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES Self			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Liquidating	Assessment	School
General Improvements										
Various Capital Improvements	\$ 2,772,200			\$ 133,700		\$ 2,638,500				
Water- Sewer Utility Improvements										
Various Capital Improvements	8,520,000						8,520,000			
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS	\$ 11,292,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,700	\$ -	\$ 2,638,500	\$ 8,520,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-303							
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Councilman Dipierro		X	X				
Councilman Markel			X				
Councilwoman Siegel			X				
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X				
Council President Cohen			X				

R-12-2025-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, there are certain 2025 budget appropriations of the Township of Monroe which may be insufficient to meet the requirements of the Township's affairs; and

WHEREAS, there are certain other budget appropriations where there are unexpended balances which will not be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-59 provides for the transfer from such accounts that have unexpended balances to those accounts which have deficiencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the transfers itemized below are hereby authorized among the following 2025 accounts:

<u>CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>TRANSFER AMOUNT</u>
Central Mailing	\$ 10,000.00
Division of Planning S&W	\$ 10,000.00
Group Health OE	\$ 25,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	\$ 25,000.00
Police OE	\$ 110,000.00

Streets & Roads OE	\$	25,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	\$	205,000.00

TRANSFER TO:	AMOUNT
Police S&W	\$ 75,000.00
Streets & Roads S&W	\$ 80,000.00
Buildings & Grounds S&W	\$ 20,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	\$ 205,000.00

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-304						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

R-12-2025-305 RESOLUTION RATIFYING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE’S FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amends the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, P.L. 1985, c.222, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq. (the “**Amended FHA**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended FHA, municipalities were authorized to participate in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the “**Program**”), which serves as a forum to determine each municipality’s share of the regional need for low- and moderate-income housing for the ten (10) year period beginning July 1, 2025 (the “**Fourth Round**”), and to review a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan setting forth how the municipality will satisfy that obligation; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the “**Township Council**”) adopted a resolution to participate in the Program, which afforded the Township automatic, continuing immunity from all inclusionary lawsuits, including “builder’s remedy” lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2025, the Township submitted its Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the “**HEFSP**”) to the Program under Docket No. MID-L-638-25 pursuant to the Amended FHA’s requirements and timelines; and

WHEREAS, prior to the statutory deadline to file challenges, Fair Share Housing Center (“**FSHC**”) and multiple developers filed challenges opposing the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Township and FSHC have negotiated the Settlement Agreement attached hereto at Exhibit A, to resolve the challenge and permit the Township to seek the Program’s review of its HEFSP prior to the statutory deadline of December 31, 2025, so that it can receive a Compliance Certification and immunity from exclusionary zoning litigation for the Fourth Round (2025-2035); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to ratify the execution of the Settlement Agreement and to authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate its terms, subject to the review of legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Monroe (the “**Township Council**”) as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Township Council hereby ratifies the Settlement Agreement attached hereto at Exhibit A to resolve the pending Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution matter filed under Docket No. MID-L-638-25 concerning the Township’s Fourth Round affordable housing obligations (2025-2035), and to authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate its terms, subject to the review of legal counsel.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-305						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were removed from **CONSENT AGENDA** to be considered separately:

R-12-2025-279 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2026 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (Center State Engineering, CME Engineering, Delaware Raritan Engineering, H2M Engineering, Morgan Engineering & Surveying, Najarian Associates and Alaimo Group)

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2025, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 26-20 TOWNSHIP CONFLICT/ALTERNATE ENGINEER**, for municipal engineering services as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe desires to create a pool of qualified professionals to serve as Township Conflict or Alternate Engineer for the Township as the need arises, using a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) received and reviewed statements of qualifications from engineering firms determined to pre-qualify those firms that possess the professional and administrative capabilities to provide such services and that they offer the terms and conditions determined by the Township to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Township, so that the Township may engage any one or more of the Qualified Firms when the need for such services arises; and

WHEREAS, such services are to be performed and rendered by a person or persons licensed and authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and accordingly constitute professional series exempt from public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer at the time that services, if any, are requested from the qualified professional; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the following qualified firms are hereby approved to provide Conflict or Alternate Engineering Services:

Center State Engineering
 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Rd.
 Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831

CME Associates
 3141 Bordentown Avenue
 Parlin, N.J. 08859

Delaware-Raritan Engineering
 200 Daniels Way, Suite 230
 Freehold Twp., N.J. 07728

Morgan Engineering, LLC.
 130 Central Avenue
 Island Heights, N.J. 08732

H2M Engineering
 4810 Belmar Blvd., Ste. 201
 Wall Twp., N.J. 07753

Najarian Associates
 One Industrial Way, Bldg. D
 Ste. H
 Eatontown, NJ 07724

Alaimo Group
 200 High Street
 Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

- 1- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts by and between the Township and the Qualified Firms, which contracts shall set forth the terms and conditions of, among other things, payment for services at such time as the Firms are called upon by the Township to render services; and
- 2- That the Contracts shall be awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

- 3- That a copy of this resolution and the Contracts upon the execution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk; and
- 4- That a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in a local newspaper within (10) days of passage of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RECORDED VOTE: R-12-2025-279						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro					X	
Councilman Markel			X			
Councilwoman Siegel	X		X			
Council V. President VanDzura		X	X			
Council President Cohen			X			

Administrator’s Report – Thanked the DPW, MTUD and Parks Departments for their hard work removing the snow.

Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Engineer’s Report – Reported that the cold weather has impacted a lot of the projects with the exception of the James Monroe Park project which has been ongoing.

Council’s Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Inquired if the proposal from JCP&L has been received regarding the streetlight outages; Administrator McGowan answered that they have reported to JCP&L all streetlight outages and all but 70 have been done which are held because of complications. He went on to say that a full report is expected by the beginning of the year, which will give more answers to the power outage questions.
- Received complaints from residents regarding discolored water and then a Nixle was received notating the issue, asked if the problem has since been resolved to which Administrator McGowan answered that they have identified the issue which was unauthorized use of a fire hydrant near the Venue and flushing of the system has taken place and the water is safe.
- Thanked DPW and MTUD for their hard work in removing the snow.
- Inquired if we had a list of guardrails with scheduled repairs noted; Engineer Rasimowicz responded that by mid-end of January it will be done.
- Inquired is Well 21 was complete and on budget; Director Stroin answered yes.
- Inquired about the status of the painting and refurbishment of the 522 water heater; Director Stroin answered that the contractor has been mobilized and is testing paint specs.
- Inquired as to the status of the fencing going up near the autobody shop; Director Stroin answered that the owner of the autobody shop is still completing the survey necessary in order to have that done.
- Thanked the Recreation, Police and Fire Departments for a successful car parade and tree lighting ceremony.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Councilman Markel –

- Noted that he has received a lot of questions regarding ANCHOR checks; the NJ Treasury has said that ANCHOR checks are taking approximately 30 days to process, and more information regarding your status can be found by checking their website.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Extended thanks to the DPW and MTUD for their hard work in removing all the snow we have received this season.
- In reflecting on the year, the Township was able to accomplish many things including the James Monroe Park expansion, walking trails, continued safety, security and receiving grant monies from the County and State.
- Thanked all the employees for their hard work throughout the year and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- With all the floods, fires and mass shootings it puts things into perspective this holiday season, noting that he is thankful that we live in a great town with many friends and family.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council President Cohen – no report

Mayor's Report – Invited all to look at the tree in our foyer that has been decorated by Ms. Vizoki's class in commemoration of the United States 250th birthday.

Extended thanks to the DPW, Police, schools and all who participated in this years Toy Drive.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Public Comments –

JoLynn Moloughney, Municipal Policy Specialist for the Watershed Institute – Ms. Moloughney stated that she was here to talk about the Upper Millstone watershed regional approach to help the town meet the Watershed Improvement Plan requirements which is part of the MS4 permit. She went on to say that she hopes that the Township Council can take the information shared and discuss Monroe's participation in the regional approach for the Upper Millstone. The Watershed Institute has been promoting working on a regional basis for the Watershed Assessment Report, which is Phase 2 of the Watershed Improvement Plan, as this is a requirement of the MS4 permit. This report is due December of 2026 and currently there are three regional approaches in progress: Lower Millstone, Stony Brook and Assunpink Watersheds. Ms. Moloughney stated that it is believed that when it comes to the Watershed Assessment Report, working with neighboring towns in the watershed leads to better and smarter plans/solutions to help the watershed, which also may be cost effective for the towns in the long run. Monroe is part of a watershed that we have been working with, the Upper Millstone. At the recent Upper Millstone regional meeting we reviewed proposals from two consultants, One Water and Princeton Hydro, for the proposed work in the Upper Millstone watershed and Monroe's participation may range from costing \$39,891.7 to \$59,618.57. This range is dependent on whether the group decides to undertake water quality monitoring to better inform the preparation of the plan and it also assumes all towns will participate. The Watershed Institute is currently looking for funding sources for the Upper Millstone. She went on to state that the next meeting will be held at the end of January with more details to come when the date is chosen and we will discuss who will participate in the regional approach for the Upper Millstone. As the Watershed Assessment Report is due at the end of December 2026, municipalities will have to decide whether they are participating by the January meeting as there needs to be sufficient time for the consultant to prepare the plan. Ms. Moloughney invited Monroe to attend the Upper Millstone meeting at the end of January and stated they are more than happy to sit down to go into more detail about the regional approaches and what is currently happening in the Upper Millstone as well as Monroe's role.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio thanked JoLynn for her comments and hopes Council takes her up on the invite.

Noted that she would like to see New Jersey's Green Amendment put on the agenda for consideration as it is an important bill.

Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation to Resolution R-12-2025-291; Administrator McGowan answered that this is a refund for tax appeals due to residents qualifying for disabled deductions.

Mrs. Arminio asked how successful the Township is in protecting against tax appeals to which Attorney Rainone answered that we are always very successful and settle for less than what the taxpayer asks.

Regarding Resolution R-12-2025-295, Mrs. Arminio asked if we have to match the DCA's \$1.5 million grant; Administrator McGowan answered that the legislature appropriates the grants in the State budget and when that passes it is given to the Department that applied for it so there is no match required. Attorney Rainone added that we file for the grant formally as required and then it is given to us.

Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on Resolution R-12-2025-278 regarding the Township Attorney annual contract, asking what the \$27,000 covers; Attorney Rainone responded that \$27,000 covers the attendance at the council meetings and the remaining amount is for hourly legal services.

Mrs. Arminio wished everyone a Happy New Year.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro 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 7:07pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on February 9, 2026..

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

COMBINED REORGANIZATION/AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.