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

DECEMBER 5, 2022

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Council President Cohen to request the **SUNSHINE LAW** be read 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 29, 2021 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 30, 2021;
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:**

Recognizing Judge Boyd for his service as Municipal Court Judge

Recognizing Monroe Township's 2022 Exemplary Volunteers

* Amanda Renda, Nancy Fichtelberg, Anna Move & Edward Murrow *

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- R-12-2022-327** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

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(3-year contract: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, down 6%)

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
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9. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**

Time: _____

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **NOVEMBER 30, 2022**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

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- R-12-2022-326** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO T.L.P. CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC & ATC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.**
(1/1/23 – 12/31/24 – per fee schedule)
- R-12-2022-327** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

- R-12-2022-328 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS.**
- R-12-2022-329 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL 255 UNITED SERVICE WORKERS UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026 Blue Collar)**
- R-12-2022-330 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL 255 UNITED SERVICE WORKERS UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026 White Collar)**
- R-12-2022-331 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE PBA LOCAL 255 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026)**
- R-12-2022-332 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE LOCAL 255 SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026)**
- R-12-2022-333 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2023 - 2025. (3-year contract: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, down 6%)**

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

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

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

7. **Administrator’s Report.**

- Best Practices Inventory Discussion

8. **Engineer’s Report.**

9. **Council’s Reports.**

10. **Mayor’s Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

12. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – December 5, 2022

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

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

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

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

There were approximately twenty-five (25) members of the Public in attendance.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid 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 29, 2021 and remains posted at that location for public inspection.
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and noticed to the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 30, 2021;
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.

Mayor Dalina recognized retired judge, George Boyd, with a plaque acknowledging his 24 years of service as our Municipal Court Judge and complimented him for his patience and giving all who came before him their “fair day in court”. He went on to say that Judge Boyd has always led with fairness and equity in the law and shared that Judge Boyd would love to come into court and share stories of his many travels, sports, and his family. Mayor Dalina read aloud the plaque and once again thanked Judge Boyd for his service. Judge Boyd thanked the Mayor, Council, Court staff and the Police Department for all their hard work, support and professionalism during his time as judge and is looking forward to his retirement but will make sure to stop in to visit from time to time.

Mayor Dalina went on to recognize the Township’s 2022 Exemplary Volunteers, starting with Ms. Amanda Renda, who is fondly known as a “Vaccine Angel”. Ms. Renda helped set up appointments for those wanting To receive their Covid-19 vaccine. She is an epitome of what an angel represents has gone above and beyond volunteerism, leading with her heart and soul as she helps people. Ms. Renda has helped 223 people get their Covid-19 vaccine. Mayor Dalina proudly presented and read aloud the plaque given to her for being an exemplary volunteer.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura presented the next Volunteer Appreciation Award to Ms. Nancy Fichtelberg who began the “Soup for Rossmoor Seniors” program which delivers soup to residents of Rossmoor. She started by delivering soup once a week to those in need and has become one of our hometown heroes. Ms. Fichtelberg now serves 300 residents per week with a twice a week delivery. Council Vice-President Van Dzura presented Ms. Fichtelberg with a plaque recognizing her exemplary volunteerism.

Council President Cohen presented the next Volunteer Appreciation Award to Ms. Anna Move and Mr. Edward Murrow for their work helping the Ukrainian refugees. She noted that they have helped find homes, jobs, clothing and furniture to those in need, as well as, have asked for the Township’s support to help provide Thanksgiving dinner since it is the Ukrainians favorite American holiday. Mr. Murrow commented that over 50 tons of supplies have been shipped, including hospital supplies, tourniquets, surgical scopes with over 1,100 boxes of hospital supplies left to ship as we are awaiting funds to ship. Ms. Move shared that a film from the hardest hit areas is available for viewing at the Library and wished for all to view it to understand the devastation that has gone on since the war began in February.

Councilwoman Schneider commented that it makes her proud to recognize all the great residents and the wonderful work they have done for our community. She went on to congratulate Judge Boyd on his retirement. Councilwoman Schneider stated that it is horrendous what is going on in Ukraine as it is not humane and thanked from the bottom of her heart Ms. Move and Mr. Murrow for all they have done and continue to do to help the Ukrainians, as well as, Ms. Fichtelberg for her soup deliveries and Ms. Renda for being our “Vaccine Angel”.

Councilman Dipierro commented that Judge Boyd has always been very professional and extended thanks for his service, as well as, to our Police Department for continuing to keep us all safe. He went on to say that the volunteers make the Township an even more beautiful place to live.

Councilwoman Siegel congratulated Judge Boyd and wished him well in his retirement. She stated that she has always heard good things about his service as judge and she was pleased to have met him. Councilwoman Siegel complimented Ms. Move and Mr. Murrow for their work with the Ukrainian refugees adding that she also went to the library to watch the film of what is happening and suggested all to go see it. She went on to congratulate all of the volunteers for their exemplary work and commitment to making Monroe the community that it is.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura thanked Judge Boyd for his service and stated that he has always given a fair chance to everyone. He shared that he has been on Council now for almost 2 years and this is the most heartfelt meeting, he has been to, as it is always heartwarming to see people receive recognition for the things they do out of the goodness of their heart to make a difference. He stated that the volunteers all are deserving to be recognized and he is proud of Monroe.

A brief recess was taken with the meeting reconvening at 7:15pm.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022** Regular Council Meeting:

- O-11-2022-023** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE FROM 94 UNION VALLEY ROAD, LLC OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONCERNING PROPERTY AT LOT 7, BLOCK 18 AND A ROAD WIDENING DEED CONCERNING PORTIONS OF PROPERTY AT LOTS 7.01 AND 7.02, BLOCK 18.**
- O-11-2022-024** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PROPERTY AT BLOCK 41, LOT 14.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING AND THE EXECUTION OF AN OPTION TO LEASE.**
(Veteran’s Housing Project – Cranbury Half Acre Rd.)

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022** Regular Council Meeting: (R-12-2022-280– R-12-2022-333)

- R-12-2022-280** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH DONNELLY ENERGY, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO BOILERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER UNDER THE DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.** (Direct Install Program – Total Cost \$117,912.73; Township Share \$32,106.73 to be paid over sixty months)
- R-12-2022-281** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE.**
(\$10,000 Grant)
- R-12-2022-282** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
(Dispatch Software - \$47,755)
- R-12-2022-283** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (per unit pricing)

- R-12-2022-284** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH GREENCHIP, INC. FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES. (1 yr. extension 1/1/23 – 12/31/23)**
- R-12-2022-285** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 15 CASSELBERRY WAY.**
- R-12-2022-286** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 68, LOT 41.20.**
- R-12-2022-287** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 35, LOT 10. (2010 Agreement)**
- R-12-2022-288** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 35, LOT 10. (2012 Agreement)**
- R-12-2022-289** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 166, LOTS 36 & 37.**
- R-12-2022-290** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 169.01, LOT 10.**
- R-12-2022-291** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FOR THE SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2. (Engelhard Drive)**
- R-12-2022-292** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (4 refunds totaling \$1,917)**
- R-12-2022-293** **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 2023.**
- R-12-2022-294** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022-2023 FUNDING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. (James Monroe Park Restroom & ADA Improvements - \$166,380)**
- R-12-2022-295** **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 2023. (1 yr. contract – per unit pricing)**
- R-12-2022-296** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (1 yr. contract – per unit pricing)**
- R-12-2022-297** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN, PARTICIPATE IN, AND PURCHASE VARIOUS GOODS AND/OR SERVICES THROUGH THE OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE.**
- R-12-2022-298** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 SUBMITTED BY ALLIED PAINTING, INC. TO CONTRACT 491 “HALF ACRE ROAD TANK, 615 WATER STORAGE TANK MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (no cost extension of contract)**

- R-12-2022-299** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CONCEPT PRINTING, INC. FOR CONTRACT 518 “WATER/SEWER INVOICE PRINTING” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (per unit pricing)**
- R-12-2022-300** **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). (\$4,935 – 2022 Middlesex County Recycling Enhancement Grant)**
- R-12-2022-301** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2022-302** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 9 PB-1108-11. (Federal Rd.)**
- R-12-2022-303** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 8B PB-1094-10. (Federal Rd.)**
- R-12-2022-304** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 8A PB-1080-10. (Federal Rd.)**
- R-12-2022-305** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
- R-12-2022-306** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX REFUNDS AND/OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS.**
- R-12-2022-307** **RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. (Joseph A. Lombardi – Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23)**
- R-12-2022-308** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AMBASSADOR MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP’S SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (As needed basis - \$65.00 per collection)**
- R-12-2022-309** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HACKENSACK MERIDIAN WORKS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (As needed basis per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2022-310** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH ONE SOURCE FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Not to exceed \$5,580.00)**
- R-12-2022-311** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH, INC. FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (As needed basis per fee schedule)**
- R-12-2022-312** **RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**
- R-12-2022-313** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**
- R-12-2022-314** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 DODGE CHARGER AND ACCESSORIES USING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$52,773.39)**
- R-12-2022-315** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON THE TOWNSHIP’S BEHALF CONCERNING TAX APPEALS.**

- R-12-2022-316 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER. (Alan Weinberg)**
- R-12-2022-317 RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.**
- R-12-2022-318 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2023.**
- R-12-2022-319 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2023.**
- R-12-2022-320 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**
- R-12-2022-321 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE TOWN PLAZA BASIN #2 – PB-1063-08. (Beachwood Dr.)**
- R-12-2022-322 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2022-323 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
- R-12-2022-324 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF F. KEVIN LYNCH, COUNSELOR AT LAW AS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**
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(3-year contract: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, down 6%)

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

Public Comments:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked about R-12-2022-293 what kind of equipment was being purchased from the Department of Defense; Administrator Weinberg stated that this was only an authorization to participate in the program that would allow us to get free surplus equipment if the Police Department determines is needed.

Mrs. Arminio asked what R-12-2022-316 PACO is; Administrator Weinberg answered that he is the Public Agency Compliance Officer which he does not receive an additional compensation for, and he has been doing it for years.

Lastly, Mrs. Arminio asked in regard to R-12-2022-325 what fund the \$950,000 was being paid out of; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is bonded through Township but \$167,000 is a County grant.

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 Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:21pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:21pm.

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

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **11/30/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the **MINUTES** of the **November 2, 2022 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

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

O-11-2022-023 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE FROM 94 UNION VALLEY ROAD, LLC OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONCERNING PROPERTY AT LOT 7, BLOCK 18 AND A ROAD WIDENING DEED CONCERNING PORTIONS OF PROPERTY AT LOTS 7.01 AND 7.02, BLOCK 18.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4(a) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, the Township is authorized to acquire any real property, or interests therein, by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, 94 Union Valley Road, LLC (the “Grantor”) is the owner of a certain tract of land identified on the Township’s Official Tax Map as Block 18, Lots 7, 7.01, and 7.02; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor has agreed to dedicate to the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) a Conservation Easement under, across, and over portions of Lot 7, as specifically described in the Schedules A through E to the Conservation Easement attached hereto as Attachment A (the Conservation Easement Area”); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed form of an Easement Agreement appended hereto as Attachment A will preserve the Conservation Easement Area to prevent the removal of trees and ground cover, subject to certain conditions, and maintain open space in as close to its natural state as possible; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, the Township has determined it is in its best interest to accept the Conservation Easement over Lot 7 and enter into the aforementioned Easement Agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has also agreed to dedicate to the Township a portion of Block 18, Lots 7.01 and 7.02, as specifically described in Schedule A to the Road Widening Deed attached hereto as Attachment B (the “Lots 7.01 and 7.02 Premise”); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed form of Road Widening Deed will dedicate the Lots 7.01 and 7.02 Premise for any and all lawful public purposes including but not limited to widening of public rights of way and installation and maintenance of improvements; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, the Township has determined it is in its best interest to accept the Conservation Easement over Lot 7, Block 18, as well as the Road Widening Deed conveying a portion of Lots 7.01 and 7.02, Block 18, and to enter into the aforementioned Easement Agreement and Road Widening Deed in forms substantially similar to the forms attached hereto as Attachment A and B, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the conveyance of the Conservation Easement, which shall include a Conservation Easement Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions pertaining to the Conservation Easement, in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the conveyance of the Lots 7.01 and 7.02 Premises, which shall include a Road Widening Deed, in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment B, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
3. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-11-2022-023** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked for an explanation on the conservation easement, asking what the size is and if there are any basins; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is for approximately 55 acres of land, with 33 acres being wetlands, and went on to explain that there are no basins.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-11-2022-023** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-11-2022-023 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE FROM 94 UNION VALLEY ROAD, LLC OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONCERNING PROPERTY AT LOT 7, BLOCK 18 AND A ROAD WIDENING DEED CONCERNING PORTIONS OF PROPERTY AT LOTS 7.01 AND 7.02, BLOCK 18.

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-11-2022-023

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

O-11-2022-024 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PROPERTY AT BLOCK 41, LOT 14.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING AND THE EXECUTION OF AN OPTION TO LEASE.
(Veteran’s Housing Project – Cranbury Half Acre Rd.)

WHEREAS, Southern Burlington County NAACP vs. Mount Laurel, 92 N.J. 158 (1983) (“Mount Laurel II”) and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52: 27D-301, et seq. (“FHA”) require the Township of Monroe (the “Township”), as well as most other municipalities in New Jersey, to create a realistic opportunity for the provision of low- and moderate-income housing; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have a number of options to satisfy their affordable housing obligations, including, but not limited to, a municipally-sponsored and 100% affordable rental program if the community makes a suitable property available to an experienced housing sponsor that is willing to construct, own, operate, and maintain affordable rental units which will assist the municipality in meeting its rental obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Township is aware of the need to provide affordable rental housing to veterans and their families within the Township and the housing region. To address this need for affordable housing, as well as a portion of the Township's affordable housing obligation, the Township has undertaken an initiative to partner with an affordable housing developer and operator to design, build, operate, and maintain an affordable housing project on a parcel of land owned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township, pursuant to a request for proposal process, selected Conifer Realty, LLC, a New York limited liability company (“Conifer”) and People for People Foundation of Gloucester County, Inc. a New Jersey nonprofit corporation (“People” together with Conifer, the “Sponsor”), collectively experienced in constructing, owning, operating, and maintaining affordable rental developments for veterans and their families to assist the Township, in whole or in part, in addressing its third cycle affordable housing obligations if the Township will make a suitable property available for a municipally sponsored 100% affordable rental project; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor and the Township have entered into a Development and Affordable Housing Agreement to develop a 100% affordable housing project (the “Project”) on a site described as Block 41, Lot 14.02 as shown on the Official Assessment Map of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County and located on Cranbury Half Acre Road (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has caused Monroe Veterans Urban Renewal Associates, LLC (the “Developer”) to be formed to effectuate the development and operation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Developer to finance a portion of the development and construction of the Project, the Developer is applying to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency for construction and permanent financing as well as Low Income Housing Tax Credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the Developer’s Application and per the Affordable Housing Agreement dated December 16, 2020, the Township wishes to grant the Developer for the nominal consideration of \$1.00 an option to lease the Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 and -15, the Township may, by ordinance, lease or sell any real property, capital improvements, or personal property not needed for public use to a non-profit association for a public purpose, and may do so for nominal consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Township has thus negotiated an Option to Lease attached hereto as Attachment A, which establishes the terms of a future ground lease, including but not limited to a ninety-nine (99) year lease term, annual rent in the amount of \$1.00, and the obligation to operate the affordable housing units in accordance with applicable law and any recorded restrictive covenants recorded; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and review, the Township has determined that the Property is not required for public use and that a ground lease with the Developer will benefit the public purpose of facilitating the provision of affordable rental housing in the Township to veterans and their families, and that it is in its best interest to execute and convey the Option to Lease in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is to submit all necessary reports to the Township’s Business Administrator in order to comply with the annual reporting requirements set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter a ground lease with the Developer and to execute an Option to Lease setting forth the terms and conditions of said lease, in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey the ground lease to Developer, subject to the Township Attorney’s review and approval.
3. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-11-2022-024** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if this is Township owned; Attorney Rainone answered that the Township owns the property and will be leasing it to Conifer who will be building the affordable housing. He explained that this is 100% Township sponsored and will be all rental units with Conifer building and running it. Mrs. Arminio asked when this is set to start; Attorney Rainone answered that this is in the last phase to get funding in place and is hopeful that they will break ground in the Spring. He added that there is a mechanism to get funding for the project, which has been approved for 80 units of affordable Veteran’s housing to which Mrs. Arminio commented that this is nice to do for our Veteran’s.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-11-2022-024** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-11-2022-024 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PROPERTY AT BLOCK 41, LOT 14.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING AND THE EXECUTION OF AN OPTION TO LEASE.**
(Veteran’s Housing Project – Cranbury Half Acre Rd.)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-11-2022-024

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-12-2022-280 – R-12-2022-333)

R-12-2022-280 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH DONNELLY ENERGY, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO BOILERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER UNDER THE DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.** (Direct Install Program – Total Cost \$117,912.73; Township Share \$32,106.73 to be paid over sixty months)

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, the Monroe Township Council adopted Resolution No. R-9-2022-222, authorizing a contract with Donnelly Energy for the replacement of two boilers at the Monroe Township Senior Center under the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Direct Install Program; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost was \$122,832.72, with the BPU providing \$98,266.18 and the Township’s share being \$24,566.54, to be paid at the rate of \$409.44 per month in sixty (60) equal monthly payments with no interest; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2022, Donnelly Energy notified the Township that the project cost was modified by PSE&G to \$117,912.73 and that the Direct Install Program would provide \$85,806 in grant funds and the Township’s share would be \$32,106.73 to be paid at the rate of \$535.11 in sixty (60) equal monthly installments with no interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Resolution R-9-2022-222 is hereby amended to include the revised terms stated above and that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Donnelly Energy, 557 Route 23 South Wayne, N.J. 07470 for the replacement of two boilers at the Senior Center located at 12 Halsey Reed Road Monroe Township, N.J. 08831.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-281 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE.**
(\$10,000 Grant)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY22-EMPG-EMAA-1212 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of a \$10,000.00 Federal Award, with zero match, is for the purpose of enhancing and sustaining the Township’s all-hazards emergency management capabilities and enhancing the Township’s ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management will use these funds to enhance the Emergency Management Program and the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management.

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

1. That the Township Council does accept the award of the FFY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
2. That the Mayor and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
3. That copies of this resolutions shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the Township Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-282 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.
(Dispatch Software - \$47,755)

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 2023 shall not exceed Forty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Five dollars (**\$47,755.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300001, 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with **Q.E.D., Inc., 400 Tradecenter Drive, Suite 5900, Woburn, MA 01801** in an amount not to exceed Forty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Five dollars (**\$47,755.00**).

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-283 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (per unit pricing)

WHEREAS, the Township of Old Bridge owns and operates a municipal animal shelter (the "Shelter"); and

WHEREAS, the Shelter complies with all New Jersey State Health Department regulations and Middlesex County Health Department regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire services related to the housing and feeding of stray animals found within the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Old Bridge and the Township of Monroe would like to enter into a shared services agreement wherein the Township of Old Bridge will provide animal impoundment services to the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 of the Uniform Shared Services Act, the Township of Old Bridge and Township of Monroe are authorized to enter into a shared services agreement provided the agreement is duly authorized by the governing bodies of each municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Old Bridge and Township of Monroe have each adopted resolution authorizing the execution of this shared services agreement (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with the cost of service being \$12,000.00 per year (\$1,000.00 per month) as an administrative fee and \$10.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee, \$12.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee (Quarantine), \$45.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee (vicious/potentially dangerous dog) and transportation to the Township of Monroe’s veterinarian at \$25.00 per occurrence; 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-2300002 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;

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 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Old Bridge, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857 in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by the Township of Old Bridge in the amounts outlined within the Agreement.

(3) This Agreement is entered into without competitive bidding as a shared service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 of the Uniform Shared Services Act;

(4) A certified copy of this Resolution and Agreement shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services;

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-284 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH GREENCHIP, INC. FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES. (1 yr. extension 1/1/23 – 12/31/23)

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021 per Resolution No. R-12-2021-281, Monroe Township entered into a contract with Greenchip, Inc. for Electronic Waste Recycling Services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract expires on December 31, 2022 and the Township has an option to extend for two additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Township Recycling Coordinator inquired as to the willingness of Greenchip, Inc. to extend their current contract through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter dated October 27, 2022, indicates the willingness of **Greenchip, Inc.** to extend the current contract from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with applicable Law, there are no charges for the services that Greenchip Inc. will provide to the Township and a check will be issued to Monroe Township within 10 days of pickup for payable weights on eligible material as set forth in the attached agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement with Greenchip, Inc., 540 Kingsland Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222 for a contract period effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-285 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 15 CASSELBERRY WAY.

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2016, Jigarkumar Desai and Purvi Desai (“Desai’s”) gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe requiring the Desai’s to pay the sum of \$65,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 15 Casselberry Way, (the “Property”) as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on September 8, 2016, in Mortgage Book 16458 on Page 823 *et seq.* (the “Desai Affordable Housing Lien”); a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2022, the Desai’s sold the Property to Ramesh Rajana, (“Rajana”); the Desai’s executed a deed in the mandatory form required for ownership units subject to restrictive covenant required by N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(d) transferring title to the Property to Rajana for the sum of \$200,166.00, said deed having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on November 7, 2022 in Deed Book 19084/692, page 9 *et seq.*; a copy of said deed is attached as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2022, Rajana gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program to the Township of Monroe requiring Rajana to pay the sum of \$79,834.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 15 Casselberry Way, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on November 7, 2022, in Mortgage Book 19084/714 on Page 7 *et seq.*; a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, the Desai Affordable Housing Lien qualifies for discharge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Desai’s sold the Property to Rajana, and Rajana executed a new affordable housing recapture mortgage in favor of the Township; accordingly, the Desai’s Affordable Housing Lien should be discharged; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-286 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 68, LOT 41.20.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2004, Dawn Marie Jablonski (“Jablonski”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Jablonski from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of six years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on October 06, 2004, in Mortgage Book 10089 on Page 225; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire six (6) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-287 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 35, LOT 10. (2010 Agreement)

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2005, Loretta Kijak (“Kijak”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Kijak from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of six years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on April 3, 2006, in Mortgage Book 11452 on Page 495; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire six (6) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-288 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND
LIEN ON BLOCK 35, LOT 10. (2012 Agreement)**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2004, Loretta Kijak (“Kijak”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Kijak from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of six years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on March 14, 2006, in Mortgage Book 11412 on Page 634; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire six (6) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE
REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND
LIEN ON BLOCK 166, LOTS 36 & 37.**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2005, Frank C. & Margaret M. Marotta (“Marotta”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Marotta from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of six years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq, said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 11, 2007, in Mortgage Book 5827 on Page 716; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire six (6) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON BLOCK 169.01, LOT 10.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2005, Anthony J. Verdun, Anthony Verdun & Roberta D. Verdun (“Verdun”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Verdun from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of six years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on August 11, 2006, in Mortgage Book 11755 on Page 721; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien states that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire six (6) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FOR THE SOUTH MIDDLESEX INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2. (Engelhard Drive)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is desirous of filing an application for municipal aid under the Local Freight Impact Fund for certain municipal improvements which qualify for said funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes and approves submission of a Grant Application and execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the South Middlesex Industrial Park Roadway Improvements, Phase 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic Grant Application, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, identified as LFIF-2023-South Middlesex Industrial Park Roadway Improvements, Phase 2-00011 for Monroe Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Township of Monroe, and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and approval of the execution of the Grant Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-292 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (4 refunds totaling \$1,917)

WHEREAS, the Construction Official, by copy of letters dated October 24, 2022 and November 16, 2022, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refunds:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tesla Energy Operations 1001 Lower Landing #601 Blackwood, N.J. 08012	Permit # 20213416 Solar work at 8 Wingfoot Ct. Job moved to cancellation status	\$514.00
Tesla Energy Operations 1001 Lower Landing #601 Blackwood, N.J. 08012	Permit # 20220737 Solar work at 16 Freedom Circle Job moved to cancellation status	\$531.00
Tesla Energy Operations 1001 Lower Landing #601 Blackwood, N.J. 08012	Permit # 20223165 Solar work at 382 Morning Glory Dr. Job moved to cancellation status	\$541.00

SunnyMac LLC.
413 8th Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19805

Permit #20222251
Solar work at 15 Nicholas Avenue
Job moved to cancellation status

\$331.00

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Construction Official and finds the requests for the above refunds to be reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the requests are hereby authorized and that refunds be made to **Tesla Energy Operations in the amount of \$1,586.00 and SunnyMac LLC. in the amount of \$331.00.**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-293

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 2023.

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, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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, medical 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, 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-294 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022-2023 FUNDING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.
(James Monroe Park Restroom & ADA Improvements - \$166,380)

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners approved and authorized the submission of an Action Plan for the Use of Funds for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, said Action Plan included projected funding for various projects submitted by the Municipal Subgrantees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has accepted the County’s Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for Program Years 2022 - 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe applied for **\$166,380.00** in Program Years 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Funds for the James Monroe Park Restrooms and ADA Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual promises and other conditions, covenants and obligations made and agreed to by and between the parties, it is hereby agreed that the Township of Monroe will be responsible for the administration of the above project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Monroe Council, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Subgrant Agreement on behalf of the Township of Monroe for the **James Monroe Park Restrooms and ADA Improvements Project** utilizing the award of **\$166,380.00** from the Program Years 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-295 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 2023. (1 yr. contract – 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 2023, 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, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; 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-230003, 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, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

(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 2022 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.

**R-12-2022-296 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
NORTHSTAR VETS FOR MEDICAL CARE OF STRAY ANIMALS FOUND
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(1 yr. contract – 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 2023, 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, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 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-2300004, 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 NorthStar VETS, 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691 in accordance with the contract attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NorthStar VETS, as outlined within the Contract during the 2023 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 NorthStar VETS 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.

**R-12-2022-297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN, PARTICIPATE IN, AND
PURCHASE VARIOUS GOODS AND/OR SERVICES THROUGH THE
OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE.**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.139 allows for local government contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe intends to use the Omnia Partners as an option to purchase various goods and/or services when found to be in the best interest of the Township, based on price and other factors; and

WHEREAS, there is no membership fee, or obligation to purchase through the Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the only requirement is to complete the membership application, and agree to the terms and conditions (which have passed attorney review), a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township will follow the guidelines provided to contracting units seeking to implement the national cooperative contracting option issued in the Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 to purchase any goods or services from this or other national purchasing cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, any contract which exceeds the current bid threshold at the time of purchase in aggregate, per annum, must be authorized by resolution of the Township Council: and

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

- (1) Authorizes joining and participation in the Omnia Partners national purchasing cooperative as a contracting option for various goods and service required by the Township pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2011, c.139; and
- (2) Authorizes the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent to complete and submit the membership application and agree to the terms and conditions; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-298 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 SUBMITTED BY ALLIED PAINTING, INC. TO CONTRACT 491 "HALF ACRE ROAD TANK, 615 WATER STORAGE TANK MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.").
(no cost extension of contract)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-2-2022-074, adopted by the Monroe Township Council; at its meeting held on February 7, 2022, the "Half Acre Road 615 Miscellaneous Improvements Project" contract was awarded to Allied Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$108,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor, Allied Painting, Inc. has submitted a proposal to the Consulting Engineers R3M Engineering for Change Order No. 1 which consists of a No-Cost time extension to the contract due to unforeseen delays as described in the proposal at a net price change of zero (\$00.00) dollars and a contract extension of 276 days due to materials supply chain issues resulting in the delaying of the start of the project; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D.'s Consulting Engineer CME Associates, by a letter dated October 3, 2022 has requested the Township's Council's consideration in approving Change Order No. 1, which results in a contract net price change of zero dollars, and extend contract time described in the attached Change Order #1, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has found said proposed Change Order #1 to be fair and reasonable; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the M.T.U.D. Director is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 in the total amount of Zero Dollars (\$00.00);

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-299 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO
CONCEPT PRINTING, INC. FOR CONTRACT 518 “WATER/SEWER
INVOICE PRINTING” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY
DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (per unit pricing)**

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM, one (1) sealed bid was received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 518, “WATER/SEWER INVOICE PRINTING”, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, Concept Printing, Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated November 2, 2022, has recommended that a 9-month contract be awarded to Concept Printing, Inc. of Nyack, New York, based on unit pricing and estimated quantities (estimated 9-month total \$2,691.00), a copy of which is attached as exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220029 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Concept Printing, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; 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 9-month contract Concept Printing, Inc.in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Concept Printing, Inc.in accordance with their bid;

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-300 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). (\$4,935 – 2022 Middlesex County Recycling
Enhancement Grant)**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2022 in the sum of \$4,935.00, which is now available as a revenue from the 2022 Recycling Enhancement Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,935.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

“2022 RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT”

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-301 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN
PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Three Thousand Five-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$3,500.00),

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 9
PB-1108-11. (Federal Rd.)**

WHEREAS, Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Phase 2, Section 9 of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1108-11; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, no maintenance guarantee is required pursuant to the settlement agreement between the parties as approved by the Superior Court; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted by Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. for the Phase 2, Section 9 of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1108-11 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 21, 2022, and attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such action be conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration of this project by Township Officials.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-303 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 8B
PB-1094-10. (Federal Rd.)**

WHEREAS, Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Phase 2, Section 8B of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1094-10; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, no maintenance guarantee is required pursuant to the settlement agreement between the parties as approved by the Superior Court; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted by Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. for the Phase 2, Section 8B of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1094-10 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 21, 2022 and attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such action be conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration of this project by Township Officials.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 8A
PB-1080-10. (Federal Rd.)**

WHEREAS, Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Phase 2, Section 8A of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1080-10; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, no maintenance guarantee is required pursuant to the settlement agreement between the parties as approved by the Superior Court; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted by Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. for the Phase 2, Section 8A of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1080-10 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated November 21, 2022 and attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such action be conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration of this project by Township Officials.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-305 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and One dollars and Twenty Nine cents (\$2,501.29) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-306 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX
REFUNDS AND/OR DELINQUENCIES OF LESS THAN THREE (\$3.00)
DOLLARS.**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40:5-17-1 empowers authorized municipal employees to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Three (\$3.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Three (\$3.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Monroe for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellation of tax credits and/or delinquencies of less than Three (\$3.00) Dollars in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds or delinquencies of less than Three (\$3.00) Dollars during the Calendar Year 2021 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-307 RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.**
(Joseph A. Lombardi – Term 1/1/23 – 12/31/23)

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed **JOSEPH A. LOMBARDI** to the position of **Acting Municipal Court Judge** for a one (1) year term expiring on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council of such 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 Consent to the appointment of **JOSEPH A. LOMBARDI** for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-308 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
AMBASSADOR MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR MEDICAL,
EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SUBSTANCE AND
ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**
(As needed basis - \$65.00 per collection)

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, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, **Ambassador Medical Services, Inc.** 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, the fee for drug collection as-needed services shall be \$65.00 per collection; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; 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-230005, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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 for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-220031, 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with **Ambassador Medical Services, Inc. 651 Route 73 North, Suite 308, Marlton, N.J. 08053** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit "C", effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by **Ambassador Medical Services, Inc.** 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 **Ambassador Medical Services, Inc.** 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.

R-12-2022-309 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HACKENSACK MERIDIAN WORKS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(As needed basis per fee schedule)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire Professional Medical Services specifically workers compensation injury and illness treatment for its Employees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Hackensack Meridian Works (HM Works) has submitted a proposal indicating the fees for such services which shall be in accordance with the attached fee schedule and payment for such services shall be made on an “as needed” basis; 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-2300006, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; 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 for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-220032, 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for occupational medical services with **Hackensack Meridian Works, 2-12 Corbett Way, Suite 101, Eatontown, NJ 07724** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit “B”, effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by Hackensack Meridian Works 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 Hackensack Meridian Works contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township 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.

R-12-2022-310 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH ONE SOURCE FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(Not to exceed \$5,580.00)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire an Employee Assistance Program for the Monroe Township employees; and

WHEREAS, the One Source Employee Assistance Program through RWJ Barnabas Health is a problem-solving company that uses customized clinical, wellness, consultative and educational services to help create a friendly, healthy and productive work environment; and

WHEREAS, RWJ Barnabas Health One Source has submitted a proposal indicating the offered services and programs and the fees for such services; and

WHEREAS, the total fee for contracted one (1) year period is not to exceed \$5,580.00; 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-2300007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; 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 for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-220034, 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with **RWJ Barnabas One Source 1691 US Hwy 9 Toms River, N.J. 08755** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit "C", effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay RWJ Barnabas One Source in an amount **not to exceed \$5,580.00**.

(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 **RWJ Barnabas One Source** 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.

R-12-2022-311 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH, INC. FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(As needed basis per fee schedule)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire Occupational Medical Services for its Employees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.** has submitted a proposal indicating the fee schedule for such services and payment for such services shall be made on an "as needed" basis; 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-230008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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 for the Township Utility Dept. in Certificate No. M-220035, 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for occupational medical services with **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc., 95 Old Short Hills Road West Orange, N.J. 07052** in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto as Exhibit "B", effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for as-needed services rendered by **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.** on a per 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 **Barnabas Health, Inc., d/b/a RWJBH Corporate Services, Inc.**, contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and shall submit to the Township 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.

R-12-2022-312 RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes, assessment, or other municipal liens or charges on or before the dates when they would become delinquent; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the fixing of said rate at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

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

- (1) The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any delinquency in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date that actual payment to the Tax Collector is made, and if delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged.
- (2) A Delinquency shall mean the sum of all taxes, assessments, municipal liens and charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years.
- (3) Effective January 1, 2023, there will be a ten (10) day grace period for quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
- (4) Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph three of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-313 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct Tax Sales during Calendar Year 2023 for all prior year's delinquent taxes, pursuant to New Jersey Law, Chapter 99.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-314 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 DODGE CHARGER AND ACCESSORIES USING THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$52,773.39)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase one (1) police vehicle under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing Agreement No. 47-CPCPS, from **Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. 1427 Bay Road Milford, DE 19963** an authorized vendor under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System as follow:

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| (1) 2023 Dodge Charger, Sedan, AWD, 6 cylinder
(black/white painted doors included) | \$37,318.00 |
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WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200068 a copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *emergency lights* to outfit the new vehicle from **East Coast Emergency Lighting 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535** under **Whelan New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00761** for the Monroe Township Police Department at a total cost of **\$15,005.39**:

WHEREAS, the detailed accessories for the vehicle are attached hereto; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200069 copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *graphics* to outfit the new vehicle from *Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc. 566 Highway 33 West Mercergville, N.J. 08619* for the Monroe Township Police Department at a total cost of **\$450.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200070 copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C";

WHEREAS, the total cost for the new Police vehicle, accessories and graphics is \$52,773.39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with *Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. 1427 Bay Road Milford, DE 19963* for the purchase of *one (1) 2023 Dodge Charger* at a total contract price in the amount of **\$37,318.00**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535* is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of *emergency lights* to outfit the new Police vehicle at a total contract price of **\$15,005.39**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that *Cranbury Custom Lettering Inc. 566 Highway 33 West Mercergville, N.J. 08619* is hereby awarded a contract for the graphics to outfit the new Police Vehicle at a total contract price of **\$450.00**;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-315 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO
MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON THE TOWNSHIP'S BEHALF CONCERNING
TAX APPEALS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding the valuation and assessment of properties in the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to 36 to set assessments for properties in the Township of Monroe under the Local Property Tax, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality.

WHEREAS, The Township of Monroe has tax appeals pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey and the Middlesex County Tax Board in the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor must be consulted on any settlement of a tax appeal pending in the Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe desires to grant the authority to the Township Tax Assessor to settle Tax Appeals on behalf of the Township of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Taxing District without further governing body approval to:

- (a) Determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regarding to any property located in the Township of Monroe and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate.
- (b) Resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlement in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board, so long as such settlement does not result in a refund in excess of \$100,000.00.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-316 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER. (Alan Weinberg)

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Office of Administrative Action, the Township is required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, said position shall act as the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and must have the authority to make the appropriate corrections to the Township's contracting procedures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby appoints **Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator**, to the position Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Office of Affirmative Action, CN 209, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209;

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-317 RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, requests authorization from the Mayor and Council to sign applications for eligibility to purchase surplus property from the NJ State Agency for Surplus Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council agree this authorization is warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that it hereby grants authorization to Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator to acquire Federal Surplus Property and will comply with the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions which will apply to the receipt and use of Federal Surplus Property by the Township of Monroe.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-318 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, various departments/divisions utilize open-ended contracts for routine, recurring items which may, in the aggregate, exceed \$44,000.00 per annum; and

WHEREAS, these purchases are permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, these purchases are made on a unit price basis with the certification of availability of funds being provided by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer on each Purchase Order/Voucher for such items; and

WHEREAS, any contract for a purchase price of over \$44,000.00 must be approved by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe authorizes purchases of various materials and services through the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-319 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that during the year 2023 the Combined Agenda and Regular meetings of the Township Council will be held each month at **6:30 p.m.** starting with the Agenda Meeting and Regular Meeting to immediately follow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township meetings will be held in the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., New Jersey, as provided in the **2023 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information regarding the proposed agenda is available on the Township of Monroe website www.monroetwp.com under the Mayor and Council tab/Council Minutes and Agendas.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-320 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, CRANBURY PRESS AND/OR THE STAR LEDGER** are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Monroe for Year 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ are hereby designated as the place where **ALL** official notices are to be posted.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-321 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR MONROE TOWN PLAZA BASIN #2 – PB-1063-08. (Beachwood Dr.)

WHEREAS, Monroe 33 Developers, LLC has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 1, Lot 13.02 project (PB-1063-08); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 21, 2022, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total (\$317,003.30), or \$47,550.50. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-322 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 December 1, 2022, has appointed **JENNIFER A. BURGESS, ESQ.** as **MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023; 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, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-323 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 December 1, 2022, has appointed **HAROLD A. PARRA, ESQ.** as **ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS** for the Township of Monroe for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023; 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, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-324 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 Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 1, 2022, 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, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; 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, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-325 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO SCOZZARI BUILDERS INCORPORATED FOR THE VETERAN'S PARK ADA RESTROOM, PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (\$950,998.00) (Avenue K)

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2022 four (4) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the **Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements Project** which includes ADA bathrooms and changing area for the spray park, office for spray park and parks employees and a maintenance and operations facility for park equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated November 21, 2022, has recommended **Scozzari Builders, Incorporated**, to be awarded the bid based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$950,998.00**; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2200071, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to ***Scozzari Builders, Incorporated*** for the **Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$950,998.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with ***Scozzari Builders, Incorporated***; and

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-326 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO T.L.P. CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP HVAC & ATC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.
(1/1/23 – 12/31/24 – per fee schedule)

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022 one (1) sealed bid were received by Monroe Township for Monroe Township HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator recommends in a letter dated November 29, 2022 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that a two (2) year contract with the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year contract, be awarded to **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.**, at the unit pricing provided on the attached Proposal Form and Price Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby consents to the recommendations made by the Township Business Administrator, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No C-2300009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D.'s Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220036, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a two (2) year contract with the option to extend for an additional year for Monroe Township HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a two (2) year contract with **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.**, for Monroe Township for **HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs**, with said contract becoming effective January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc. 400 Rike Drive, Suite A, Millstone, NJ 08535** in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **T.L.P. Climate Control Systems, Inc.** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a Certificate of Employee Information Report or a completed Form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-327 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HORIZON
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR HEALTHCARE
INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2023.**

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, 2023 until December 31, 2023; 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-2300010, 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-220033, 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 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-328 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION
RESERVE TRANSFERS.**

WHEREAS, there are certain 2022 budget appropriation reserves 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 appropriation reserves 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 2022 accounts:

<u>CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER AMOUNT</u>
Police Department OE	\$ 95,000.00
Health Benefits Waiver	\$ 60,000.00
Assessments OE	\$ 43,800.00
Recreation S & W	\$ 60,000.00
Parks S & W	\$ 30,000.00
Public Information OE	\$ 15,000.00
EMS OE	\$ 50,000.00
Data Processing	\$ 20,000.00
Division of Planning S & W	\$ 30,000.00
Construction S & W	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	\$453,800.00
<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Elections OE	\$ 3,800.00
Employee Group Health	\$150,000.00
Utilities	\$300,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND:	\$453,800.00
<u>UTILITY FUND TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER AMOUNT</u>
Water Sewer Utility OE	\$252,712.00
TOTAL UTILITY FUND:	\$252,712.00
<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Interest on Bonds	\$ 93,070.00
Interest on Notes	\$159,642.00
TOTAL:	\$252,712.00

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-329 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL 255 UNITED SERVICE WORKERS UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026 Blue Collar)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has negotiated a new contract with Local 255 United Service Workers Union of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Monroe Township Council that said new contract is proper and acceptable and will be subject to and incorporated in the “2023-2026 Blue Collar Worker Salary and Wage Ordinance” of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Local 255 United Service Workers Union of the Township of Monroe, including the changes which have been negotiated and agreed upon for the years 2023-2026 as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and contract are available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-330 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL 255 UNITED SERVICE WORKERS UNION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026 White Collar)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has negotiated a new contract with Local 255 United Service Workers Union of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Monroe Township Council that said new contract is proper and acceptable and will be subject to and incorporated in the “2023-2026 White Collar Worker Salary and Wage Ordinance” of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Business Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Local 255 United Service Workers Union of the Township of Monroe, including the changes which have been negotiated and agreed upon for the years 2023-2026 as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and contract are available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-12-2022-331 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE PBA LOCAL 255 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (2023-2026)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has negotiated a new contract with **Police PBA Local 255** of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Monroe Township Council that said new contract is proper and acceptable and will be subject to and incorporated in the “**2023 - 2026 Police PBA Salary and Wage Ordinance**” of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with **Police PBA Local 255** of the Township of Monroe, including the changes which have been negotiated and agreed upon for the years 2023 through 2026 as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator, Township of Monroe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Resolution and contract are available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-332 RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE LOCAL 255 SUPERIOR
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.
(2023-2026)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has negotiated a new contract with **Police PBA Local 255** of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has negotiated a new contract with the **Superior Officers' Association** of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Monroe Township Council that said new contract is proper and acceptable and will be subject to and incorporated in the **"2023 - 2026 Superior Officers' Association Salary and Wage Ordinance"** of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with **Police PBA Local 255 Superior Officers' Association** of the Township of Monroe, including the changes which have been negotiated and agreed upon for the years 2023 through 2026 as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of said agreement by Alan M. Weinberg, Business Administrator, Township of Monroe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Resolution and contract are available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-12-2022-333 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
WITH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR DENTAL
INSURANCE FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2023 - 2025.
(3 year contract: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, down 6%)**

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 three-years effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2025; 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-2300011, 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-220030, 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 three-years effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2025.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

Council President Cohen turns over the meeting to the Business Administrator to discuss Best Practices and his report.

Administrator's Report – Reported that the Township has received a \$117,000 grant to install energy efficient boilers at the Senior Center, as well as significant HVAC and lighting upgrades at the Recreation Center and significant upgrades at the Utility Department.

Reported that we have received a \$10,000 Emergency Management grant to help enhance our preparedness. He thanked the Police Department for their work in securing that.

Reported that we have renewed our contract with GreenChip for our electronic recycling program and this will give us an increase of \$6,000 paid back to the Township. He noted that the Public Works is open Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 2:30pm and on Saturday morning.

Mentioned that we have also received a grant for the Veteran Park/Avenue K ADA restrooms, as well as, the James Monroe Park bathroom and concessions.

Extended thanks to the employees and union leaders for their communication and reaching an agreement during contract negotiations. He went on to say that we have an extraordinary workforce and with our negotiations our healthcare costs will go down .07% and our dental will go down 6%. He went on to thank the Mayor and Council as well for their leadership.

Lastly, wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, as well as, a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that last month the Council awarded an emergency contract for pavement repairs for the intersection improvements done on Matchaponix Avenue and that work was completed last month.

Reported that guiderails are being done all throughout the Township with the work wrapping up at the end of the week.

Reported that the Veteran's Park/Avenue K ADA restroom improvements will include not only restrooms but a changing area for those utilizing the spray park, as well as, an office for the spray park employees and a maintenance and operation facility for the park's equipment.

Lastly, reported that the railroad crossing improvements at Gravel Hill Spotswood Road will start on Monday, December 12th. He went on to say that this is a NJDOT funded project and will have a hard closure on that roadway, with work ongoing for 24 hours for 5 days, with the anticipated completion being done by December 16th.

Council's Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Thanked Center State Engineering for their work in getting the roadway repaired at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue. He mentioned how important it was to have the paving done before the Winter weather comes and noted that the County will finish off the repairs in the Spring.
- Thanked the DPW for the snowflakes along Spotswood-Englishtown Road, it looks great when entering the town.
- Congratulated all of the election winners and wished them all luck in their next terms. He also thanked the candidates who were not successful for stepping up and trying to make a change in the community. He thanked the Clerk's Office for handling another election flawlessly.
- Asked if there was any update on the Mounts Mills Road intersection; Administrator Weinberg stated that the land has been acquired and the County is aware that we have acquired the land.

- Reported that on December 7th at the Senior Center from 6:00-8:00pm there will be a discussion regarding the truck traffic, and he implored everyone to attend.
- Shared that the Doughfather has a new place opening up in Suburban Plaza and the owner will reach out to the Mayor's Office to do a ribbon cutting. He went on to say they are a hard-working family with great food and wished them well. Implored the public to shop local when you can.
- Noted that tonight's meeting was a very warm meeting in acknowledging the volunteers. He mentioned the Feist family made a donation to Make-A-Wish for their lighting system. It has been installed and it was done in dedication to their parents Gail and Ernie Sr.
- Stated that he is still confused as to why we do not have a police blotter as it is very important to keep our residents informed as to what is happening within the Township. He went on to say that he spoke with Chief Biennas and he is not a fan of having one. Councilman Dipierro stated that it is important to decipher rumor from reality and that is why he thinks a police blotter is important.
- Received an email from a resident regarding the Park & Ride schedule and not having transportation available after 7:20; mentioned that so many people now work remote that the bus schedules have changed, he mentioned to the resident that we were having a Council meeting and invited her to attend to voice her concerns. He recommended that maybe we could put a shuttle together to help and he assured her that we would be willing to help her concerns.
- Thanked everyone who put together the Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon at the Senior Center, it was a beautiful event honoring our Veteran's which is much deserved.
- Wished everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Schneider –

- Thanked the Regency Cultural Club for their donation of 200 turkeys for those in need.
- The Senior Center will be hosting the Division of Taxation at 10:30am on Wednesday, December 14th to give an overview of the various programs they offer to help alleviate property taxes, such as the Senior Tax Freeze program and the ANCHOR program. If interested in attending, you must register by calling the Senior Center.
- On December 10th the Library will be hosting a Winterfest with an ice sculptor in attendance showcasing the art of ice sculpting.
- The PBA's Annual Toy Drive ended today with all donations benefitting the RWJ Children's Hospital; thanked everyone who participated in this generous program, as well as, our Police Department for handling the transportation of all the donated gifts.
- Mentioned a few of the social services that the Senior Center offers, such as, counselling and bereavement services, caregiver concerns, nutrition counselling, home health aide programs, assisted living and housing information and many more assistance programs. She noted that our transportation services transported 434 residents to medical appointments, 102 residents to Princeton, 175 residents to Freehold, 36 residents within the Township and 134 residents to the Senior Center. She shared that a resident just moved into Rossmoor a few weeks ago and their first question was how they go about signing up at the Senior Center, so word is getting out about how great our community is in all it has to offer. Also mentioned that since July there are 1,713 members of the Senior Center.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- Attended the Veteran's Appreciation Event which a beautiful event honoring our veterans; she also noted how amazing it was to listen to their stories.
- Attended the Thanksgiving Event at the Senior Center which was a wonderful time seeing everyone and see the turnout.
- Attended the Holiday Car Parade which would have been a picturesque Hallmark moment if the weather was snow instead of rain.
- The Cultural Arts Commission has the Juried Art Show available to be seen virtually.
- Received Silver Certification from Sustainable New Jersey; extended congratulations to the Environmental Commission, Green Team and many others, as well as, the Township for their hard work in achieving this great achievement. For more information she advised that you could check out the Sustainable New Jersey website.
- Thanked all the departments and employees for welcoming her as Councilwoman and helping her acclimate to her new position and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Shared that Mr. Richard Fierro, a retired US Army Veteran who served in various wars, was at Club Q with his wife, daughter and her boyfriend watching the drag show when he heard shots being fired. He was able to get the gun away from the shooter and held him until the police arrived. His heroic actions helped save many lives and it is important to always find the heroes in the tragedies as we have seen tonight in honoring our own volunteers who have helped during times of adversity.
- Watched a program on Channel 2 News Saturday morning where a family was featured who adopted two young boys who lived in a shelter in Africa and in watching this program it reminded him of the little things that we may take for granted while these two children were now experiencing

a brand-new life here in the United States. He reminded everyone that during this season we need to remind ourselves of how much there is to be thankful for.

- Reminded everyone to thank our Veteran's for their service.
- Reminded all that today is day 285 of the wrongful invasion of Ukraine. The Ukrainian's have shown tremendous will not to give in which has resulted in Russia now attacking all the civilian buildings, apartments, churches, hospitals, schools and now utilities. It is now the coldest part of the Winter in Ukraine, and they are living with no electricity or heat as they continue to fight for their homeland.
- Thanked everyone for all they do and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council President Cohen –

- Expressed her condolences to the Ludas Family in the passing of Daria Ludas, Jamesburg Councilwoman. She was a friend to many of us on our Council and she provided a wonderful service to her community and a leader for women in politics. She was also an author with her sisters in crime publications and will be sorely missed.
- In October residents of Greenbriar were presented a safety presentation by our officers which was well received by our residents and shared that the presentation is also available to all of our communities.
- Extended her personal wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.
- Lastly, thanked her colleagues for a wonderful year in working together for the betterment of the community.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina shared that on November 5th it was a big day in the Township, as it was not only Councilman Dipierro's birthday, but trees were planted, and a trellis was put up at the Community Garden. Thanked the Shade Tree Commission, Friends of the Community Garden and the Boy Scouts for their help in coordinating this event.

Very honored to attend the Veteran's Appreciation luncheon, as well as, a number of events held throughout the Township and in our communities. These events, such as Memorial Day and 9/11 are so important to attend to learn and educate.

Was invited to be a guest lecturer for Ms. Marshall's class on the Introduction to U.S. law; it was so interesting to attend and listen to the questions from the children.

Last month he recorded an important episode of the "Mayor Dalina Show" regarding public safety. There has been an uptick in auto thefts which was discussed, and he invited all to watch as there are good statistics shared and tips to combat thefts, such as registering your ring doorbells or security cameras with the Police Department.

Braved the weather in a convertible for the Holiday Car Parade, and lucked out as there was no rain on our parade, and it was so much fun wishing all a Happy Holiday.

Pleased with the deal made on labor agreements with the Blue and White Collar Unions. He noted that the negotiations were a team effort and thanked the Administration and the Union for reaching a fair agreement, as it was and is an arduous process.

Pleased to see that the bathrooms were approved to be done at Veterans Park/Ave K, as well as, at the James Monroe Park. It is important to have these facilities at the parks and he is happy to see this being done. He extended thanks to the County for the grant money to help with this construction. Hopes to eventually have bathrooms in every park.

Thanked the Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission and the Green Team, as well as, the various departments and employees for their work in helping our Township achieve the Silver Certification for Sustainable New Jersey. Only 13% of New Jersey towns have this status so having achieved this certification is amazing.

Reported that the ANCHOR Property Rebate Program has been extended to January 31st, 2023. For more information and help in filing, residents can reach out to our Tax Collector, Senior Center and our Library.

A public meeting regarding truck traffic will take place on December 7th from 6pm-8pm at the Senior Center. He noted that it is a very important meeting to attend to have your voice heard but if you are unable to then implored all to fill out the survey which is available on the Township's website.

Wished our Monroe Wolverine Cheerleaders the best of luck as they are currently in Orlando, Florida competing in the National's.

Noted that in the theme of talking about sports, he has Scarlet Fever and for those who are Rutgers fans all he is going to say is "Who's Your Daddy?".

In speaking of the holiday season, it is a time to remember and reflect on those who may not have the ability to complain or enjoy a parade. He went on to share that he has a Zoom meeting scheduled with a professor

of the University of Eddy Don in Nigeria and in doing some research on the area and the campus he saw that the dorm windows are busted out, buses are broken down, no running water available and squalor everywhere which should remind all of us how fortunate we are.

Lastly, Mayor Dalina wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

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:

Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe complimented all who were involved with the fantastic food drives throughout the Township but one thing she has noticed is that former Senior Center Director Bonnie Leibowitz would have a number of volunteers, including school children, come out on Thanksgiving Day to serve meals earlier in the day to the seniors and since she has left that has not been done. It was a beautiful program where seniors who did not have family would get to spend it with others and suggested that this is something we bring back to be done on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Skurbe commented that the toy drive was very impressive, and it is a wonderful thing to bring to the hospitals during the time that children are spending the holidays there. She went on to thank our Police Department, as well as, all involved in donating and transporting the toys to the Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital.

Regarding the incident at the schools where they were placed on lockdown due to an attempted carjacking in Jamesburg; the schools were placed on lockdown as a precaution because our Police Department notified the schools to put the shelter in place. She went on to say that there was no notification made to our residents, whereas, Englishtown Police Department kept their residents notified via Nixle. Mrs. Skurbe stated that the school district is not allowed to share police business and feels that there should have been a Nixle sent out by our Police Department or our Administration to keep everyone up to date with what was going on as information is power and we want to be safe and keep ourselves safe. Attorney Rainone responded that we are guided by the Police Department and the County Prosecutor's Office as to what can be released as not everything is appropriate to be alerted through Nixle.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio wished the Mayor and Council a Happy Holiday and thanked them all for their work.

Mrs. Arminio commented that the volunteers are the real backbone of our community, and she is grateful for their work in bettering the community, doing so without being recognized.

Complimented Councilman Dipierro as he always puts out good information on new businesses and is a leader in our community who wants businesses to succeed. She stated that it is appreciated, and we want our businesses to thrive and to be supported.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and hopes that going into the new year that we can maintain our Silver Certification through Sustainable New Jersey as it is somewhat painful that to have that certification but yet we see bulldozers all over.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, 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 Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:20pm.

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

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on January 4, 2023.