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

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**AGENDA**

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

CLOSE: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**

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

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_

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**REGULAR MEETING  
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**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**AGENDA**

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

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

2. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 et seq, the Monroe Township Democratic County Committee has submitted to this Governing Body three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy of Council Member At-Large.

**NOMINATION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**FURTHER NOMINATION (if needed):**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**If no further nomination MOTION to CLOSE NOMINATIONS.**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote

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

**\*\*\*\*\*OATH OF OFFICE- Administered by the Township Clerk**

3. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **January 27, 2021**.

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- January 11, 2021** – **Agenda and Reorganization/Regular Combined Meeting**
- January 20, 2021** - **Special Meeting**

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



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

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

9.        Administrator's Report.

10.      Engineer's Report.

11.      Council's Reports.

12.      Mayor's Report

13.      Public Comments.        (5 Minutes per Speaker)

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

CLOSE:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

14.      Adjournment.              MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom for a Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting.

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

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

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

There were approximately seventy-two (72) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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Township Attorney Rainone stated that resolution R-2-2021-045 will be voted on separately at the beginning of the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Dipierro asked that resolutions R-2-2021-059 and R-2-2021-060 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Roslyn Brodsky, 57C Yorkshire Dr.** – Ms. Brodsky thanked the Council for putting together a Board of Health Advisory Board.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked several questions regarding various resolutions: in regard to R-2-2021-054 he asked what the purpose is; R-2-2021-062 he asked who is financing and lastly, R-2-2021-064 what improvements are being done.

Administrator Weinberg deferred to Director Joe Stroin regarding R-2-2021-054; Director Joe Stroin answered that bioxide is a biochemical solution utilized in the sanitary sewer system to control odors and corrosion and to knock down the level of H<sub>2</sub>S, as well as, utilized to stop the formation of sulfuric acid which promotes corrosion within the main.

Regarding R-2-2021-062, Administrator Weinberg answered that the solar project will hopefully encourage more solar throughout the state and is encouraged by the entity who is looking to do solar work on a warehouse located on Costco Drive. He noted that our resolution does preserve our requirements for Planning and Zoning.

Administrator Weinberg stated that R-2-2021-064 is for \$484,000 to replace a fire panel and HVAC system in the library with the other half of the cost coming from state because we received a library grant. He noted its importance to extend the life of the library for decades to come.

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos asked for some background information on O-2-2021-002, including the mission and duties of the Board. Administrator Weinberg stated that the Board will consist of 6 member, 3 of which will be appointed by Council and 3 by the Mayor. He stated that we do many shared services with the County and engagement with the County Health Department. Council President Cohen added that under the form of government that we have and continue receiving assistance with the County Health Department, as well as, being a long practicing public health nurse, it is important we engage with the community to learn, benefit and be well informed about public health issues that effect our community.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to solar if there were any ground fields where a massive solar farm could be. Administrator Weinberg stated that the Township was approached about the landfill area by Lani and Spotswood Englishtown Road but he is unaware of any other ground fields.

**Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St.** – Mr. Paluri asked what is being changed and why is O-2-2021-003 being repealed and replaced; Township Attorney Rainone stated that this was a requirement by the State so we can adopt their new model ordinance as they rewrote it. He added that it needs to be adopted by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Paluri asked if the traffic improvement signs noted in R-2-2021-057 were the solar flashing ones for the area of Perrineville and Schoolhouse Road. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that these were indeed those signs which are solar powered speed limit signs which will tell drivers their speed and be placed at all 4 approaches of the high school. Mr. Paluri asked what the timeframe is to which Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a shared services agreement giving money to the school and driven by the school district as they are implementing this project.

**Catherine Hunt, 121P Lowell Ln.** – Mrs. Hunt stated she was interested in the Board of Health Advisory Board and asked how she could go about applying; Council President Cohen replied that she can send her resume to Administration who will then give to the Mayor for review. She added that it has to be submitted electronically as the building is still closed to the public and the email addresses can be found on the website. Township Clerk Patricia Reid added that the form can be found on the Township website under “Boards & Commissions”, and a resume can be attached as well and submitted.

**Lucille DiPasquale, 70 Ave K** – Ms. DiPasquale noted that the Shade Tree Commission meeting is tomorrow and will discuss the importance of protecting and planting not only trees but natural flora and shrubs to keep the native animals and insects such as the Monarch Butterfly from becoming extinct.

**Brian Fabiano, 19 Patricia Pl.** – Mr. Fabiano asked what the plans are to open up the Township buildings, since kids are now going back to school and other departments seem to be open as well. Mr. Fabiano also asked if Mayor Dalina could give a few words explaining his plan as Mayor from here until the election. Township Attorney Rainone stated that the Mayor will go over his plans during his report. Administrator Weinberg answered that although the building is not open to the public yet, the Township staff has been working to continue operations ongoing. He noted that our Clerk does marriage license via zoom and couples have been getting married by our judge in the parking lot, employees have been coming in and getting their jobs done. He noted that large gatherings at the Senior Center and Recreation Center have been limited and has been successful. He added that we will continue to keep an eye on the next couple of weeks to see how cases develop. He thanked the employees for their hard work during this tough time, nothing that it has been a complicated venture that both the former and current mayor have been dealing with.

**Terry Van Dzura, 18 Guinevere Rd.** – Mr. Van Dzura commented that he fully supports the solar project as it results into savings for some taxpayers and he encouraged the Council to approve the resolution in hopes that it may be expanded on by other businesses and will help more residents save on their energy bills.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin 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 Council Vice-President Schneider, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:56pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:57pm.

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

Council President Miriam Cohen stated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 et seq, the Monroe Township Democratic County Committee has submitted to this Governing Body three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy of Council Member At-Large.

Council Vice-President Schneider stated that there were three excellent resumes submitted to fill this position and she would like to nominate Terry Van Dzura as she has worked with him on the Planning Board and she likes how he handles the meeting and speaks to the presenters and how he handles the residents. She added that Mr. Van Dzura is firm but fair, a team player and a great addition to fill this position of Council Member At-Large.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption:

**R-2-2021-045                      RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL VACANCY LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1, et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021 Councilman Stephen Dalina was nominated and appointed by the Monroe Township Council to fill the vacancy in the Office of Mayor for Monroe Township: and

**WHEREAS**, upon taking the oath of office as Mayor, a vacancy in the Council Member at-Large position was created; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Vacancy Law, at N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, sets forth the procedure for the selection of a Council Member at-Large to serve during the period prior to a special election to fill the unexpired term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has received three candidates for nomination from the Monroe Township Democratic Committee, as required by law, to fill the vacancy during the period prior to a special election pursuant to Municipal Vacancy Law N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11; 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 effective this day the Township Council of the Township of Monroe appoints **Terence Van Dzura** to fill the vacancy in the Council Member At-Large until a special election is held and certified to fulfill the unexpired term; and

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

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid administered the Oath of Office to Council Member At-Large Van Dzura.

Council President Cohen congratulated Council Member At-Large Van Dzura on his appointment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **1/27/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **MINUTES** of the **January 11, 2021 Agenda and Reorganization/Regular Combined Meeting** and **January 20, 2021 Special Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

**UPON ACTION** made by the Council the following Ordinance(s) were **moved on SECOND READING** for **FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

**O-1-2021-001                    ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE CHAPTER 3-52.2 ENTITLED “USE OF TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3-52.2(H) ENTITLED “ENFORCEMENT”.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 3-52.2 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, entitled “Use of Township Recreation Facilities – Policies and Procedures establishes the rules and regulations for the use of the Township’s recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to amend the Policies and Procedures for the enforcement of the use of the Township’s recreation facilities by adding a new Section 3-52.2(H) entitled “Enforcement”.

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 3-52.2 of the Township Code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Use of Township Recreation Facilities – Policies and Procedures” is hereby amended to add a new Section 3-52.2(H) entitled “Enforcement” which shall read as follows:

Section 3-52.2(H) Enforcement.

1. The Township of Monroe Police Department shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of the policies and procedures for the use of the Township’s recreation facilities.
2. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Judge. The continuation on each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2021-001** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Larry Kane, 29 George Washington Dr.** – Mr. Kane did not have a question for the Council, he was just joining the meeting.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2021-001** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-1-2021-001            ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE CHAPTER 3-52.2 ENTITLED “USE OF TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3-52.2(H) ENTITLED “ENFORCEMENT”.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2021-001

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

**O-2-2021-002            ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2021-002

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

**O-2-2021-003            ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE BY DELETING EXISTING SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2021-003

Councilman Dipierro had a question regarding R-2-2021-051 asking if these are replacements or additions and if they will be equipped with Opticom; Administrator Weinberg answered that these are replacements for three vehicles have over 200,000 miles and need to be replaced as they have hard local miles on them, and the parts are harder to replace. They will include Opticom’s as well. Councilman Dipierro asked if these were being purchased

through state contracts to which Administrator Weinberg answered that they are being purchased through the Houston Galveston Nation Coop which is very popular throughout the nation and New Jersey. Councilman Dipierro asked if the same cop was being used for the sewer vac truck to which Administrator Weinberg answered that that truck is being purchased through the Education Coop and using that process which is a bit different but fits within the State coop process.

Councilman Dipierro also added that the contract that Director Joe Stroin is recommending for the MTUD should also be posted within a newsletter or on the Township website. He added that it is important to see positive news during these crazy times, as well as, the water quality being shared with the public. Councilman Baskin commented that he believed we receive water quality reports to which Director Joe Stroin stated that the we have received water quality reports as that is a part of the Water Quality Accountability Act where all data is posted on site and required to be sent in a consumer confidence report for the entire year.

Councilman Dipierro asked for resolutions R-2-2021-059 and R-2-2021-060 be removed and considered separately.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-2-2021-046 – R-2-2021-065 with the exception of Resolutions R-2-2021-059 and R-2-2021-060 which will be voted on separately)

**R-2-2021-046                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES.** (Various refunds to Tesla Energy Operations, LLC totaling \$685.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Construction Official, by copy of letters dated January 7, 2021, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refunds:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Tesla Energy Operations, LLC 1001 Lower Landing Road Suite # 601 Blackwood, N.J. 08012	Permit # 20193290 Requests refund due to permit cancelled purchaser decided not to buy 19 Summerfield Drive due to Covid 19.	<b>\$ 247.00</b>
Tesla Energy Operations, LLC 1001 Lower Landing Road Suite #601 Blackwood, N.J. 08012	Permit # 20200253 Requests refund due to permit cancelled purchaser decided not to buy 7 Davino Drive due to Covid 19.	<b>\$ 438.00</b>

**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 request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Tesla Energy Operations, LLC in the amount of \$685.00.**

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-047                      RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY.**  
 (\$248,640.00 State and \$248,640.00 Local matching funds Grant – HVAC & Fire panel upgrades)

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act grants municipal aid for the purpose of providing funds for a capital project for construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement and furnishing of New Jersey’s public Libraries; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Monroe Library filed an application under the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act on May 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Monroe Township Library was successful in securing said grant as described hereto in the attached Grant Agreement; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes and approved submission of a Grant Application, *nunc pro tunc* and execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey State Library; 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-2-2021-048                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
("GTAC").**

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe does hereby approve and authorize the appointments of the following members to the Green Team Advisory Committee, effective January 1, 2021 *nunc pro tunc*, through December 31, 2021 as hereinbelow set forth:

Charles Dipierro, Council Representative  
Joseph Slomian, DPW, Recycling Coordinator  
Renee Haider, Sustainable Jersey and Green Team Chair  
Karen Polidoro, Environmental Commission Chair  
Theresa Zamorski, Environmental Commission Secretary  
Mihir Mujumdar, Environmental Commission and Chair of Green Fair Committee  
Lucille DiPasquale, Shade Tree Commission Chair  
Christine Sigle, Monroe Township Public Library  
Rajani Karuturi, Environmental Commission  
John Riggs, Environmental Commission  
Roger Dreyling, Resident  
Daria Ludas, Jamesburg Green Team Chair

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-049                    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 One Hundred and Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven dollars and Forty-Three cents (\$186,411.43) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-050                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
SUBORDINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1148  
MORNING GLORY DRIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2020 resolution R-10-2020-208 was approved authorizing a subordination of an affordable housing lien on 1148 Morning Glory Drive; and



**WHEREAS**, on December 28, 2020, Piazza & Associates was notified that the New Mortgage amount and rate had changed, therefore prompting the need for an amending resolution to be authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2016, Jayendrasinh and Beenaben Parmar, (“Parmar’s”), married, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring the Parmar’s to pay the sum of \$18,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1148 Morning Glory Drive, 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 August 10, 2016, in Book 16431, Pages 0486-0490 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2016, the Parmar’s gave a mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the amount of \$144,000.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on August 10, 2016 in Mortgage Book 16431, Pages 0465-0485 *et seq* (the “2016 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgage”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parmar’s have applied to refinance the 2016 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-051                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF (3) AMBULANCES TO BAY HEAD INVESTMENTS, INC. D/B/A VCI (VCI) USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (3 ambulances - \$866,934.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe EMS Dept. requires three (3) new ambulances; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, VCI has submitted a proposal dated January 12, 2021 for the three (3) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulances, which meet the requirements of the Township, at a total price of \$866,934.00, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the HGACBuy award documentation and VCI required form submittals are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$40,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. **C-2100020** copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Purchasing agent has followed the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative has recommended this award in a letter dated 1/28/2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”:

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

- (1) Authorizes the Township to purchase three (3) Horton ambulances as referred to above from VCI using the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-052                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 481, “WATER & WASTEWATER LABORATORY ANALYSIS SERVICES” WITH GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**  
(unit pricing, approximately- \$80,000 annually)

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) is currently under contract with Garden State Laboratories Inc. (GS LABS) for as required water and wastewater laboratory analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8.0 “Contract Award and & Term Lengths” of the current contract Specifications, allows for (2) two (12) twelve-month extensions, with the agreement of the vendor; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2020 the Council approved a resolution extending the contract for the first 12-month extension option; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent and W&S Superintendents have determined that GS LABS has continued to perform satisfactorily during the initial contract extension term, and feel it is in the best interest of the Monroe Township Utility Department to extend the current contract for the second and final (12) twelve-month extension term, and has notified GS LABS of the M.T.U.D.’s intention to extend said contract via a letter dated January 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, GS LABS has indicated their acceptance of the extension by signing and returning the above referenced letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.’s Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-190007 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 it hereby authorizes and approves the M.T.U.D. extending its open-ended contract for Wastewater Laboratory Analysis Services with GS LABS, based on the unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the second and final (12) twelve-month extension term. The new expiration date shall be February 14, 2022. The unit pricing, terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged (est. \$80,000.00).

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-053                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT LABS OF DE, INC. FOR CONTRACT 494, “SODIUM CHLORIDE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**  
(unit pricing, approximately \$55,000 annually)

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2021, one (1) sealed bids was received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for Contract 494, “Sodium Chloride”, required by the M.T.U.D.

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent by copy of a letter dated January 22, 2021 has recommended that a (2) two-year open-ended contract be awarded to the low bidder Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. based on estimated annual quantities of 500 tons at \$111.00 per ton bid (estimated annual total \$55,500.00), a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent regarding said bid; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210010 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(1)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body.

**WHEREAS**, Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, 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 two (2) year contract with Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc., in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc. shall provide the required insurance certificate as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-054                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO  
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR CONTRACT 497 -  
"BIOXIDE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
(“M.T.U.D.”). (unit pricing, approximately \$475,000 annually)**

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2021 at 10:00AM one (1) sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent for proprietary Bid No. 497, "BIOXIDE", required by the M.T.U.D for sewage treatment.

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has recommended in a letter dated December 15, 2017, a two (2) year contract be awarded to the low bidder EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC based upon the unit pricing and estimated quantities contained within their bid documents with an estimated annual total cost of \$475,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210009 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(1)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body.

**WHEREAS**, EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a two (2) year contract with an M.T.U.D. option for an extension of an additional one (1) year term with the consent of the EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC for BIOXIDE for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract to EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC for "BIOXIDE", for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a two (2) year contract EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC in accordance with their submitted bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC in accordance with their bid;

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

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

(5) Payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by the governing body.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-055                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) ONE  
AQUATECH B-10 COMBINATION SEWER MACHINE FROM W.E.  
TIMMERMAN CO., INC. USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
PROGRAM (ESCNJ) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D”). (Sewer Jet Vac - \$363,887.99 in connection  
with R-2-2021-056)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for one (1) Combination Sewer Machine; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESSCCPS) has awarded a contract for the required truck under its contract numbers MRESC 17/18-30 titled “Trucks - 26,000 lbs. GVW or Greater” to W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. and require options to Pacific Tek through Timmerman as a pass through on MRESC 18/19-42 titled “Class 4 and 5 Trucks), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. has provided an ESCNJ approved (#BD-678) proposal dated January 4, 2021 for the required Combination Sewer Machine, including options, as per the ESCNJ contracts in the amount of \$363,887.99, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Combination Sewer Machine will be mounted on a Cab and Chassis awarded to, and provided by, Campbell Freightliner under separated resolution: and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the ESCNJ award documentation and W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc. required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210012 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said Combination Sewer Machine, with options, from, W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc using the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESSCCPS); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said Machine delivered by W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc; 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-2-2021-056                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1)  
FREIGHTLINER 114SD CAB & CHASSIS FROM CAMPBELL  
FREIGHTLINER, LLC USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
PROGRAM (ESCNJ) FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Cab and Chassis for Sewer Jet Vac -  
\$114,949.92)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for one (1) Cab and Chassis for its Combination Sewer Machine; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCECCPS) has awarded a contract for the required Cab and Chassis under its contract numbers MRESC 17/18-30 titled "Trucks - 26,000 lbs. GVW or Greater" to Campbell Freightliner, LLC.; and

**WHEREAS**, Campbell Freightliner, LLC. has provided an ESCNJ approved (#CH-321) proposal dated January 4, 2021 for the required Cab and Chassis, including options, as per the ESCNJ contracts in the amount of \$114,949.92, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cab and Chassis will be mounted under a Combination Sewer Machine awarded to, and provided by, W.E. Timmerman Co, Inc. under separated resolution: and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the ESCNJ award documentation and Campbell Freightliner, LLC required forms are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210011 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

(1) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said Cab & Chassis, with options, from, Campbell Freightliner, LLC using the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCECCPS); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said Machine delivered to Aquatech by Campbell Freightliner, LLC; 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-2-2021-057                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF  
A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC  
IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY. (\$138,000.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the need for Flashing School Zone Signs and Radar Speed Signs along Perrineville Road in the vicinity of the Monroe Township High School and Monroe Township Middle School has been determined by the Township of Monroe Board of Education (the "Board of Education"); and

**WHEREAS**, the need for Flashing School Zone Signs and Radar Speed Signs along School House Road in the vicinity of the Monroe Township High School has been determined by the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has requested the assistance of the Township in the implementation of the aforementioned pedestrian improvements for school safety and the Township has agreed to provide the assistance provided for in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education and Township wish to enter in to this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education and the Township and its staff and professionals have negotiated the terms and conditions of a Shared Services Agreement, as described in substantially the form appended hereto as **Attachment A**; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 1st day of February 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-058                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE  
APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES. (Bernadette Yannacci and Lisa Chen)**

**WHEREAS**, effective December 31, 2020 Lois Kane has resigned as a member to the Library Board of Trustees leaving her unexpired term vacant: and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 21, 2021 has appointed Bernadette Yannacci to Lois Kane's unexpired term ending December 31, 2023 and reappoint Lisa Chen for another 5 year term expiring December 31, 2025 to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** effective January 1, 2021, *nunc pro tunc*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Code of the Township of Monroe requires the Advice and Consent of the Council for the following appointments:

**Bernadette Yannacci  
Lisa Chen**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the appointment of Bernadette Yannacci and reappointment of Lisa Chen to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, commencing January 1, 2021 *nunc pro tunc*;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-061                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ.  
WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO FOR 2020  
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP MONROE  
(Additional \$15,000)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1-2020-022, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 8, 2020, authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Louis Rainone Esq and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello for General Legal Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Service contract for 2020 General Legal Services was in the original amount of \$286,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a modification of said contract, pursuant to Resolution No. R-11-2020-242, was adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held November 4, 2020 for an additional \$56,000.00 in legal fees that were incurred; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone Esq and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello has requested an additional modification to said contract for legal fees incurred in excess of the budgeted amount and had requested authorization for an additional \$15,000.00; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2000005, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorization is hereby given to modify said contract in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the second amendment to the agreement attached hereto.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-062                    RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT IN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

**WHEREAS**, Solar Landscape has made the governing body aware of its year two community solar project application with the Board of Public Utilities for the industrial property located at 1 Costco Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a decade, the State of New Jersey has promoted energy policies that have created a vibrant solar energy market and Strategy 6 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the State to:

**Support community energy planning and action with an emphasis on encouraging and supporting participation by low- and moderate-income and environmental justice communities; and**

**WHEREAS**, Goal 6.2.1 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the support of community-led development of community solar projects; and

**WHEREAS**, this governing body is knowledgeable about the direct benefits of community solar projects as approved by the Board of Public Utilities, including the following:

- Local, clean power generation
- Support for active participation in the program by low- and moderate-income families
- Reduction of energy bills for all participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of this project will prevent thousands of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions for entering the atmosphere and provide clean energy and cost savings to more than 1,600 local households; and

**WHEREAS**, this project, if approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will still be required to follow the township's planning and zoning regulations for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Monroe Township supports the Solar Landscape community solar application for the project located at, 1 Costco Drive, within the municipality subject to the review and approval of the Township's land use agencies as to the land use details of the project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township will continue to collaborate with Solar Landscape in furtherance of bringing the financial and environmental benefits of this project to our residents;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council continues to support green energy alternatives within our municipality and will help make subscriber information available to our constituents for all community solar projects that meet the criteria for our residents' participation.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-063                    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 Seventeen Thousand Four-Hundred dollars and no cents (**\$17,400.00**),

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-064                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARCARI & IOVINO ARCHITECTS, P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (not to exceed \$53,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional architectural and engineering services in connection with the Monroe Township Library HVAC Improvement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C. possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional architectural and engineering services for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed fifty-three thousand dollars (**\$53,000.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2100022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C., One Katherine Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto;
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C. for the professional architectural and engineering services in connection with the Monroe Township Library HVAC Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed fifty-three thousand dollars (**\$53,000.00**);
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C.* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law;
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-065                    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET TO MARCH 1, 2021.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 provides that the governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget in the case of a municipality not later than February 10th of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1 there exists a need to extend the date upon which to introduce and approve the Monroe Township 2021 annual budget to March 1, 2021 due to the need for receipt of revenue figures;

**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 extension of the introduction and approval of the Monroe Township 2021 annual budget to March 1, 2021.

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



**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption and considered separately:

**R-2-2021-059                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.** (Kenneth Hilyard, Richard Lans and Hemant Patel)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 21, 2021, has reappointed the following members to serve on the Affordable Housing Board commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2022:

**Kenneth Hilyard – Member – 2 year term**

**Richard Lans – Member – 2 year term**

**Hemant Patel – Member – 2 year term**

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the reappointment of **Kenneth Hilyard, Richard Lans and Hermant Patel** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for two (2) year terms, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2022.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-2-2021-060                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT RUSSO OF THE FIRM CME ENGINEERING, INC AS PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (not to exceed \$27,500.00 a year)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et. seq., has appointed Robert Russo as Planning Administrator/ Administrative Officer for a term to expire on December 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended by the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Administrator services will be paid \$2,500.00 a month and shall not exceed **\$27,500.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. **C-2100021**, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment as Planning Administrator shall be effective February 1, 2021, and shall expire on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Administrator shall serve pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract annexed hereto as **Exhibit 1**, which shall be subject to the review and comment of the Township Attorney; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into professional service contract with Robert Russo of the firm CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859 not to exceed eleven (11) months in accordance with the Contract attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** effective February 1, 2021.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator Weinberg gave an update with the snow plowing endeavors as we have been working since early evening and this morning clearing up the snow from this 48-hour snow event. He noted that this is a significant amount of snow and with a large town of over 43 square miles and over 150 miles of roadways it has been quite an effort clearing. Thanked the County for plowing their roadways, as well as, the work done by both our DPW and MTUD in getting the job done. Also thanked the police and EMS, as well as, the residents, Mayor and Council for their support in purchasing new equipment.

Thanked the employees for their hard work during Covid. He noted that all of the employees are working and the buildings are operating with the employees coming in and getting their jobs done and keeping the Township operating.

Thanks to the Mayor and Council for their leadership in working to make our voices heard regarding the vaccine. Thanks to the Mayor for his letter to the State imploring them to improve their system and admonishing the inefficiency of it as it is unacceptable. Also thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the library and Senior Center to be used as call centers to ensure that our residents could speak to a live person. He added that we are one of the only municipalities in the State that is handling calls which is what our new mayor wanted. Thanked the County for administering the vaccines and the police and EMS for overseeing the operations at the Senior Center.

In regard to the BFI Landfill, Mayor Dalina sent a letter to NJDEP requesting proper oversight and he is proud to report that the regulatory agencies have been stepping up. The community update regarding the BFI Landfill is also posted on the Township website. Director Joe Stroin gave an update as to what has been happening at that site, including the installation of instrumentation that will measure levels and air pressure to ensure the safe reintroduction of leachate. This plan will be submitted to the NJDEP and shared with the residents, Mayor and Council.

Lastly, Administrator Weinberg shared that we have purchased a new sewer vac truck which is replacing an older model 1995 one which is very exciting.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz noted that most of the projects are winterized and waiting for completion when the weather is warmer in the Spring.

The traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road is still awaiting Verizon and JCP&L to finish their work with the last utility pole but with the snow this further delays the project. He added that there is a back order on lighting equipment due to Covid and manufacturing which seems to be not only statewide but nationwide as well.

Lastly, the 2020 Road Improvement Project is complete with the exception of the guiderail which will hopefully be done by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, weather permitting.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **Councilman Van Dzura –**

- Honored and humbled in confidence by the Council in selecting him to come aboard as Councilman. He assured that his goals are to do what is in the best interest of the Township. Shared his gratitude for former Mayor Tamburro as he appointed him to the Planning Board and made him Chairman, adding that he was sad to see he passed but very happy to work with Steve Dalina in his new role as Mayor. He added that he is very honored to fill Steve's seat on Council and is looking forward to working together. He shared that he has lived in the Township for 25 years and has seen so many changes both good and bad. He noted that 25 years ago there wasn't as much stuff and taxes weren't as high but he has learned through his time working on the Planning Board that everyone has their opinion and they are entitled to it. He added that some people have differences, but it is important to listen and treat everyone fairly and with respect. He believes that everyone wants what is best for the Township and he will try and do what is best to continue doing what is right for the residents and the Township.

### **Council Vice-President Schneider –**

- Welcomed Councilman Van Dzura.
- Thanked everyone for making Monroe safe – the police, DPW, EMS as this has been quite some storm.
- Asked for patience regarding the vaccination process.
- Looking forward to working with our new Mayor and Councilman.

### **Councilman Baskin –**

- Welcomed Councilman Van Dzura aboard and commented that he is looking forward to working with both him and Mayor Dalina.
- Commented on the vaccine program, stating that this is an issue that needs to be resolved and recently read where the Biden administration spent time during their first week in office trying to

track down 20 million doses that were sent to the State but unaccounted for. He shared a suggestion from several people that once we have enough doses that St. Peters Hospital provide nurses to all of the active adult communities to administer the vaccines.

- Suggested that when mentioning the two call centers within the Township which are the library and the Senior Center, to also mention and post prominently their phone numbers.
- As liaison to the Shade Tree Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission, Councilman Baskin shared an article written by Anne Ruthhouse which is basically a history of Monroe in a brief 5-page article. He shared a few brief highlights from the article which tells the story of the Monroe Oak and weaves in the history of the Township. The Monroe Oak is located at the intersection of Applegarth Road and Prospect Plains Road and experts say it grew from an acorn that was planted back in 1682, making the tree 339 years young. He added that 1682 so happens to be the year William Penn came to establish a quaker colony in Pennsylvania and the only residents in Monroe Township at that time were the Lenape Indians. Furthermore, Councilman Baskin shared that in 1685 James Johnstone came from Scotland and he was the first resident to build a house in Monroe. Lastly, Councilman Baskin shared that in 1832 an enterprising local farmer, James Buckelew, bought a mill and a farm on Manalapan Lake and he was Monroe's first entrepreneur bringing in the railroad and businesses. He suggested that his article be posted on the Township website so everyone can read it.

#### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Thanked Councilman Baskin for his report as he has a strong heart for the Monroe Oak and thoroughly enjoys being on that Commission with him.
- Welcomed Councilman Van Dzura and stated that with him and the Mayor being on board he is sure all will continue to do a great job in working together.
- Stated his concerns with contamination on and around the BFI Landfill site; wants to ensure that residents have protection and quality of life. He noted that over 200,000 gallons have been pumped and we do not want this to expand. He added that he would like to see the report and that it should also be posted for the residents to review as well. He suggested putting together a task force to help keep the residents informed as well, noting that he is the Councilman of Ward 3 and he is very concerned along with the Mayor and Council.
- Conducted a cleanup of the state property on Perrineville Road that included 12 volunteers working together to pick up litter along the side of the road and around the post office. Volunteers included: Lisa Bartley, Tom Bartley, Peter Tufano, Kaitlyn Bartley, Danny Haggerty, Edison Urley, Morgan McDermott, Roger West, Lance Butcher, Santino Tatore, Vinny Dipierro, Brian Marks and Alfredo Marks. He added that he felt the need to come together as a community to get this done and thinks it would be a great idea to put together a cleanup community that could do this once a month. He thanked all of the businesses for donating garbage bags and cones and also thanked the DPW as he transported the garbage there.
- Thanked the teachers and Township employees for working through these Covid days. He reminded everyone to be careful driving as school is reopening on Wednesday. He agreed with Mr. Fabiano in that a plan to open back up to the public sometime this year needs to happen and thanked the Mayor and Administrator for working on this. He noted that many people are frustrated with the vaccine rollout and the difficulty in getting an appointment but assured everyone that the Mayor and Council are doing everything possible.
- Commented that we have 150 miles of roadway in Monroe and asked that the residents stay put and stay safe while the DPW work to get the roads clear. He thanked Wayne Horbatt and his crew, as well as, Director Joe Stroin and MTUD for their help in tackling this major snowfall.
- Thanked Center State for their report, commenting that is great for the Mayor and Council to see and read through. He also thanked Engineer Rasimowicz in answering calls and emails.
- Pushed for the addition of an ADA park as he hopes this is something that can be added to our budget and moved forward on. He noted that with the school reopening this is something we need to work on accomplishing.
- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and reminded everyone to stay safe.

#### **Council President Cohen –**

- Welcomed Councilman Van Dzura and Mayor Dalina; stated that she is eager to continue to work together and proud of all the accomplishments.
- Thanked all colleagues on Council and acknowledged the great effort of the Administrator and employees.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina welcomed Councilman Van Dzura aboard and stated that he has known him for many years through various recreation programs and in discussing their favorite sports teams and he is glad he can join in on the fun of being on Council.

Reported that we are experiencing a snow storm that we have not had in quite some time. He stated that the phone calls have been pouring in and thanked Chief Biennas and Administrator Weinberg for keeping him up to date with what is happening. He also extended thanks to Wayne Horbatt and his crew at DPW for their progress. He asked for everyone to remain patient as the roads are being cleared.

In regard to the vaccine, he noted that this is of most importance as it is a matter of life and death to the residents of Monroe. He stated that we have worked hard to have our Township named a County site and in attending the opening he commented how well run and impressive it was to watch the care and coordination of it all. He noted that he was surprised to see so many out of town residents coming to receive the vaccine, adding that you cannot feel indifferent when people are coming to get vaccinated. He touched on the strongly worded letter he had written in response to some finger pointing that made Monroe look bad and has yet to receive a response back. He stated that he did receive many emails in support of his letter, adding that he has been meeting with the County Health Department, Health Commissioner, as well as, State and Federal representatives and it has been decreed from this point forward that our vaccination site will only be for Middlesex County residents. He asked for more patience as this is what we are dealing with.

Mayor Dalina stated that he is very pleased to welcome our new planner, Rob Russo. He thanked our former planner Mark Remsa for his 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Monroe. He noted that in rolling out the Master Plan review, a different set of eyes and different way of looking at things is needed. He added that this is the official record of what you want to see within the Township for now and the future.

Lastly, Mayor Dalina stated that inclusivity is of most importance so he has reached out to many members of the Township, as well as, all of the Board of Education members to conduct a dialogue that comes with structure.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos extended best wishes to Mayor Dalina and Councilman Van Dzura. She stated that she had several questions with the first asking what is done with the old ambulances; next she stated that at the last Council Meeting she had requested that a link to the backup documents for the resolutions be made available on the website and asked for status and lastly she asked if there was a tracking system on the missing dosages of the vaccines and commented that it is time to move into the future.

In regard to her questions regarding the ambulances, Administrator Weinberg answered that the Township holds auctions, following the fixed asset directive, with proceeds being given to the Township at whatever value we can get. Regarding her question about the link to backup documents not being on the website, Administrator Weinberg stated that the resolutions were all on the website and deferred to Township Clerk Patricia Reid for further explanation. Township Clerk Patricia Reid answered that all of the resolutions are on the website but not all of the backup is provided which could be a storage issue or due to a policy decision. Administrator Weinberg invited Mrs. Panos to call him to go over where she can find them on the website to which Mrs. Panos stated that he could call her old township of Old Bridge and ask how they are able to post all of their resolutions with backup on their website for each meeting.

**Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St.** – Mr. Paluri wished Councilman Van Dzura the best of luck commenting that they have worked together on the Planning Board and he has always been very professional and is a great asset to the Township.

Thanked Engineer Rasimowicz for the update on the traffic signal project at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood Gravel Hill Road.

Thanked the DPW for the wonderful job they are doing during this snowstorm.

Thanked Mayor Dalina for his strongly worded letter regarding the vaccines.

Lastly, Mr. Paluri mentioned that the India US Forum has been conducting their mentoring program virtually which is led by Mr. Hemant Patel's daughter, Vinisha.

**Steven Riback, 23 Riviera Dr.** – Mr. Riback congratulated both Mayor Dalina and Councilman Van Dzura in their newly appointed roles, commenting that they have done a great job and will continue to do so. Regarding the vaccine, Mr. Riback commented that this has been a huge problem for everyone. He stated that he loved Mayor Dalina's strongly worded letter demanding Monroe receive their fair share of the vaccine but also criticizing the failed system the State has implemented to register and make appointments. Mr. Riback stated that he hopes this will be remedied and suggested that if refrigeration is an issue when the vaccines are received that we work on a solution for that as well. Chief Biennas commented that once the vaccine starts becoming more available it will be delivered to Doctor's offices and instadocs to be administered but right now there is a limited supply and we are continuing to do the best we can.

**Richard Lans, 87 Beth Page Dr.** – Mr. Lans wished Mayor Dalina all the best in his new role as Mayor and also gave a shout out to Township Clerk Patricia Reid who met him outside on a freezing cold day to administer an Oath to him, adding that she does a great job.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab thanked all for the snow clean up. Congratulated Councilman Van Dzura on his appointment commenting that he has been great on the Planning Board and looks forward to new ideas and change.

Regarding the school budget, there have been ongoing discussions in Trenton as they get ready to introduce the State budget. There are 200 school districts that get about \$600 million extra and are not structured properly, with some schools working with 25-30% capacity and needing to be consolidated. He added that Monroe is not receiving our fair share and need \$2 million more. He implored our Mayor and Council to contact the legislators and make our voice heard.

Lastly, Mr. Parab commented that he feels the Governor has done a great job with handling Covid but has failed us with the vaccines and needs to do better to properly ensure there are enough vaccines for everyone.

**Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr.** – Mrs. Skurbe congratulated Councilman Van Dzura on his appointment stating that she has been tuning into the Planning Board meeting since they have been virtual and has witnessed Councilman Van Dzura's dedication to Monroe and extended best wishes to him. She also congratulated Mayor Dalina on his appointment and stated that it is important to work together to make Monroe the best place possible.

In regard to the vaccine, Mrs. Skurbe asked that when the Township advocates for more vaccines to be made available, that they also push to try and get teachers moved further to the top of the list since schools are hybrid and teachers contracting Covid are causing schools to close.

Lastly, Mrs. Skurbe thanked all of the employees working tonight during the storm.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio stated she was speaking tonight as both a private citizen and newly elected school board president and proceeded to congratulate Mayor Dalina and Councilman Van Dzura on their appointments.

Mrs. Arminio commented that the flashing street sign project for the school has been the first project that herself and Mayor Dalina have worked on together and she is looking forward to and delighted to move forward in continuing their partnership for the sake of the community and children.

Lastly, Mrs. Arminio gave a shout out to all the hardworking frontline workers who are tirelessly working through this storm and helping to move the community forward.

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

Councilman Dipierro jokingly asked Mayor Dalina before adjourning who he thinks will win the Superbowl, to which Mayor Dalina responded, the Dallas Cowboys.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: March 1, 2021