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THE FOLLOWING IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA AND THERE MAY BE CHANGES MADE TO THE AGENDA BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

#### **FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

#### **AGENDA**

Agenda Meeting Called to Order 1.

(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 Cohen

4. Township Clerk Patricia Reid reads the SUNSHINE LAW into the record.

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

- 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:**

School Board Recognition Month – January 2022

American Heart Month – February 2022

St. James Knights of Columbus #6336 50th Anniversary – February 5, 2022

Justine Gribbon, 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration – February 12, 2022

6. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting:

O-1-2022-001 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2022 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX

COUNTY.

O-1-2022-002

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$24,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24,000,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF. (enables the refinancing of existing debt at a lower interest rate)

O-1-2022-003

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "FEES" (MTUD Connection fees)

- 7. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **INTRODUCTION** at the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting:
  - O-2-2022-004 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED "DIVISION OF POLICE" (up to 14 Sergeants)
  - O-2-2022-005 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES. (Standard Title fee change from \$2.00 to \$3.00)
  - O-2-2022-006

    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,737,120 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (Roadway Improvements, Ambulance)
  - O-2-2022-007

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  - O-2-2022-008

    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO JCP & L AND VERIZON IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND POLES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 485 SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 77.01, LOT 3.01 IN MONROE, NEW JERSEY. (Well 25)
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R-2-2022-077	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PARKE, SECTION 1 PHASE 1 PB-1167-15. (Mounts Mills Rd.)
R-2-2022-078	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$300,200)
R-2-2022-079	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. (\$17,000)

9.	<b>Public Comments.</b>	(Limited to	Agenda	items only -	5 Minutes per	r Speaker)	
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Mayor's Report.			
<b>Public Comments.</b>	(5 Minutes per Speaker)		
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#### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 7, 2022

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

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President 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, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Utility Director Joseph Stroin and Chief Michael Biennas.

There were approximately forty (40) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud the titles for each of this month's proclamations:

School Board Recognition Month - January 2022

American Heart Month – February 2022

St. James Knights of Columbus #6336 50th Anniversary – February 5, 2022

Justine Gribbon, 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration – February 12, 2022

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **SECOND READING** at the **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022** Regular Council Meeting:

O-1-2022-001 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2022 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O-1-2022-002 MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$24,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL **AMOUNT OF** NOT EXCEEDING \$24,000,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST **THEREOF.** (enables the refinancing of existing debt at a lower interest rate)

O-2-2022-006

O-2-2022-007

O-2-2022-008

O-1-2022-003	ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE
	TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "FEES" (MTUD Connection

fees)

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022** Regular Council Meeting:

O-2-2022-004	ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE
	TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
	ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT",
	SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED "DIVISION OF
	POLICE" (up to 14 Sergeants)

O-2-2022-005 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES. (Standard Title fee change from \$2.00 to \$3.00)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,737,120 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (Roadway Improvements, Ambulance)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$823,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (James Monroe Park and Patriots Park Improvements)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO JCP & L AND VERIZON IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND POLES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 485 SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 77.01, LOT 3.01 IN MONROE, NEW JERSEY. (Well 25)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022** Regular Council Meeting: (R-2-2022-050 – R-2-2022-079)

R-2-2022-050	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (\$344.00)
R-2-2022-051	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (Ash Tree removal \$11,605)
R-2-2022-052	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022. (not to exceed \$7,500)
R-2-2022-053	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT RUSSO OF THE FIRM CME ASSOCIATES AS PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (\$2500/month – not to exceed \$30,000/yr)
R-2-2022-054	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION TO THE BOARD OF WARD COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REWARDING MONROE TOWNSHIP. (\$4,995)
R-2-2022-055	RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (Benjamin Baum, Alton Kinsey)
R-2-2022-056	RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND FIRST

	MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION. (Mark Rasimowicz, Joseph Stroin, Wayne Horbatt)
R-2-2022-057	RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD. (Council Pres. Miriam Cohen, Randy Beverly, Andrea Pellezzi, Arnold Riback)
R-2-2022-058	RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION. (Samuel Landy, Joseph Stroin, George Gunkelman, John Riggs)
R-2-2022-059	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.
R-2-2022-060	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTING THE LOW BID FOR SECTION "A" OF KENNEDY CULVERT AND SUPPLY CO, INC. AS NON-RESPONSIVE, AND THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RIO SUPPLY, INC. FOR SECTIONS "A" OF CONTRACT 508 "WATER METERS" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing - Estimated \$281,705.00)
R-2-2022-061	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR SECTION "B" OF CONTRACT 508 "WATER METERS" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing – estimated \$9,601.50)
R-2-2022-062	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY FOR SECTION "A" OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)
R-2-2022-063	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP FOR SECTIONS C, D, J & M OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)
R-2-2022-064	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR SECTION B, D/L, E, F, H, I & L OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)
R-2-2022-065	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KENNEDY CULVERT & SUPPLY, CO., INC. FOR SECTIONS G & K OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)
R-2-2022-066	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR CONTRACT 512, "SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing – estimated \$47,500)
R-2-2022-067	RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT 510, "LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).
R-2-2022-068	RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS. SERIES 2022 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, OR SUCH OTHER AMOUNT AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF

	REFUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS TO AN UNDERWRITER AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. (Corresponds with Ordinance No. O-1-2022-002)
R-2-2022-069	RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A 2022 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION.
R-2-2022-070	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INDOOR BLEACHERS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT. (Indoor bleachers for old gymnasium @ Community Center - \$55,228.00)
R-2-2022-071	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 VETERAN'S PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS. (\$90,000)
R-2-2022-072	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FROM DELL TECHNOLOGIES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP CLERKS OFFICE (\$1,542.36)
R-2-2022-073	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
R-2-2022-074	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ALLIED PAINTING, INC. FOR CONTRACT 491 "HALF ACRE ROAD TANK, 615 WATER STORAGE TANK MISCELLANEIOUS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") (\$108,100 – exterior tank repairs prior to painting)
R-2-2022-075	RESOLUTION APPROVING EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH GARRISON ENTERPRISE, INC. TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A 20" HYDRA STOP INSERTION VALVE AT THE HALF ACRE ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK ("M.T.U.D.") (\$40,000)
R-2-2022-076	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY PM CONSTRUCTION CORP. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
R-2-2022-077	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PARKE, SECTION 1 PHASE 1 PB-1167-15. (Mounts Mills Rd.)
R-2-2022-078	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$300,200)
R-2-2022-079	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. (\$17,000)

FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ACCOMPLISH THE REFUNDING ON THE TERMS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 AND CONSISTENT WITH THE

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-2-2022-051, R-2-2022-054, R-2-2022-058 and R-2-2022-076 be removed and considered separately.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

<u>Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.</u> Mr. Parab commented regarding Resolution R-2-2022-066, which is for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite, stating that this equates to approximately \$47,500 per year and this solution is used in hospitals and is safe. He noted that the equipment to produce it in house is approximately \$5,000 with the units surviving for about 7-10 years which would be a cost savings for the Township in just a few years and asked Council to consider this information.

<u>Tim Eosso, 2 Allison Ct.</u> Mr. Eosso asked regarding Resolution R-2-2022-071, which is for a professional services contract with Center State, if that encompassed the construction as well or if this is just for clerical purposes, as well as, how large the facility is. He commented that \$90,000 of taxpayer monies went to design which does not include a single brick. He asked if the bid specs were open to the public, as well as how many bids went out; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is for design, bidding, and construction management. He stated that this is similar in size to the Daniel Ryan field and soccer complex facilities and stated that he anticipates that once the documents are complete, they would be available as a public document just like any other building. He added that we have yet to go out to bid, but Center State is prequalified to conduct engineering work within the Township.

<u>Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plaza</u> – Mrs. Panos thanked the Clerk's Office for the updates made to the website as she has sent some suggestions.

Mrs. Panos asked regarding Resolution R-2-2022-074 what exactly the repairs and painting encompass that warrants a cost of \$108,000; Director Stroin responded stating that it is necessary to do repairs prior to the tank being painted which will be done in the Fall. He went on to further explain that it is a \$3.5 million pipe and is done in conjunction with the County network. He added that there will be modifications to the drainage pipe and updates to the safety ladders.

Mrs. Panos commented regarding Ordinance O-2-2022-005, that she noticed an increase in the towing and storing fees and asked if any of this trickles down to the tow truck drivers and if there is a minimum the drivers get and when the last time it was increased; Administrator Weinberg answered that this was just for the standard title fee change in accordance with the State rate. Township Clerk Patricia Reid added that this fee is part of the fee schedule, and it is part of Chapter 116 in the code which she can view online or if request sent a copy.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:50pm.

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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:50pm.

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **2/1/2022** were approved for payment 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 MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **December 24, 2021 Emergency Special Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAbstainCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the MINUTES of the December 27, 2021 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAbstainCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **January 5, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

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

O-1-2022-001 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2022 SALARY AND WAGE

ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX

COUNTY.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Township is governed by the provisions of the Faulkner Act, Mayor-Council form of government. N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1, et. seq. Under the Mayor council form certain annual salaries, wages and other compensation are set by the Township Council as attached hereto and made a part hereof, effective January 1, 2022, as hereinafter specified.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2022-001** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2022-001** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-1-2022-001 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2022 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX

COUNTY.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-1-2022-001

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

O-1-2022-002

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$24,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24,000,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

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

- Section 1. The Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to refund \$22,755,000 of the Township's outstanding principal amount of Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2015 originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$30,000,000 on August 6, 2015, which amount matures on August 1 in each of the years 2024 through 2039, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"), and which are subject to redemption on or after August 1, 2023 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed.
- Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof and the costs of issuance associated therewith, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$24,000,000 (the "Refunding Bonds") pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law").
- Section 3. The Township desires to provide for the refunding of all or a portion of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds outstanding and the interest and redemption premium, if any, thereon in order to provide for savings in debt service as a result of lower interest rates in the bond market.
- Section 4. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein.
- Section 5. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township is increased by the authorization of the Refunding Bonds provided in this refunding bond ordinance by \$24,000,000, but that the net debt of the Township determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by law.
- Section 6. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption.

Section 7. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as finally adopted, which consent will be so endorsed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2022-002** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2022-002** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-1-2022-002

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$24,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24,000,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

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-1-2022-002

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

O-1-2022-003 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "FEES" (update – MTUD Connection fees)

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 39 of the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended as follows: (new text is in red and <u>underlined</u>, text to be deleted is <del>struck</del>)

#### **Chapter 39 FEES**

§ 39-1.	Title.
§ 39-2.	Purpose.
§ 39-3.	Fees enumerated.
§ 39.4.	Board of Education exemption.

#### 39-1. Title

This chapter shall be known as the "Codification of Fees and Costs of the Township of Monroe"

#### 39-2. Purpose

This chapter is adopted in order to advise the citizens of the township, and any and all persons doing business with the township, of the various fees charged for services rendered by the departments of township government and to provide ready access to any and all such information.

#### 39-3. Fees Enumerated

The following fees shall be charged by the township for services rendered or licenses or permits issued. All license fees shall be annual unless otherwise noted.

J. Monroe Township Utility Department fees and charges.

[Added 11-30-09 by Ord. No. O-11-2009-036; amended 3-7-11 by Ord. No. O-3-2011-005; 3-5-12 by Ord. No. O-12-2012-039; 3-4-13 by Ord. No. O-3-2013-002; 5-5-14 by Ord. No. O-5-2014-007; 6-2-15 by Ord. No. O-6-2015-009; 7-6-16 by Ord. No. O-6-2016-017; 7-2-18 by Ord. No. O-6-2018-019 by Ord. No. O-9-2018-032; 6-5-2019 by Ord. No. O-5-2019-016; 6-22-2020 by Ord. No. O-5-2020-010]

#### Part I. Sewer Service

Section A. Definitions.

A. "UNIT" shall be defined as follows:

- 1. Residential:
- (a) Each single-family dwelling.
- **(b)** Each single-family apartment dwelling in a multiple-family structure or structures.
- For users, other than residential: including each tenant in a nonresidential building, an equivalent dwelling unit of sewage flow shall be deemed to equal gallons per day of sewage flow. Example:  $\frac{155\ 160}{160}$  gal/day x 365 days =  $\frac{56,575}{58,400}$  gal/year or  $\frac{14,144}{14,600}$  gallons per quarter = one UNIT.

#### Section D. Sewer Connection Fees and Charges.

2. The connection fee for each unit shall be \$3,347.00\subseteq3,201.00. Connection fees for single family homes not part of a real estate development are payable at the option of the applicant in two installments with the initial installment paid prior to the time of the connection and the second payment due within one year. Interest shall accrue and be due to the Utility Department at 1% per month on the unpaid balance. In the case where the system is under construction but not yet available for connection, connection fees can be paid at the option of the applicant in two (2) installments without interest.

#### Part Pbrt I. Water Service

**Section A**: Definitions:

A. "UNIT" shall be defined as follows:

- 1. Residential:
  - a) Each single-family dwelling.
  - **b**) Each single-family apartment dwelling in a multiple-family structure or structures.
- 2. Other than residential: includes each tenant in a nonresidential building, one equivalent dwelling unit of potable water shall equal 176 172 gallons per day of estimated water consumption or fraction thereof. In a building with more than one tenant or occupant, each separate tenant or occupant shall be calculated separately. Example: 176 172 gal/day x 365 days = 64,240 62,780 gal/year = one unit.

#### Section I. Miscellaneous.

1. Turn on and turn off fees and final meter readings.

A charge of \$75 shall be made for each turn-off or turn-on during regular working hours. Any turn-on or turn-off turn-off required outside regular working hours shall be charged at \$102.50 each unless both turn-on and turn-off are scheduled two days in advance and no more than one hour apart. A minimum notice of seven days for each turn-off and/or turn-on must be given to the Utility Department. A penalty of \$50.00 shall be assessed for each scheduled turn-on or turn-off appointment that is cancelled upon arrival of the Utility Department personnel. Under no circumstances shall any person not authorized by the Utility Department open or close the curb stops or valves in any Utility Department water line. The above fees shall also apply to each and every final water meter reading request and shall be payable as a part of the final water/sewer billing plus a \$25 administrative fee for a total final meter reading

#### 4. Hydrant Meter Rental

charge of \$100 (workday).

The use of water for building purposes, irrigation, or other construction, shall be metered at a hydrant to be determined by the Utility Department. At the time of application, the user shall pay submit a deposit for the meter as follows:

3/4" meter	\$500
3"	\$1.500

In addition, there shall be a per hydrant use fee of \$50 per month (contractor shall list all hydrants to be used) and a rental charge for the hydrant meter of \$100 per month or part thereof, payable monthly in advance. Each meter holder, by the 5th day of each month shall return the meter to the Utility Department for them to read.

If the meter holder fails to provide a meter reading by the date specified, then the meter will be confiscated by the Utility Department and the deposit will be forfeited. The charge for water usage will be made on the basis of Section C hereof. The application for such water services shall be made by the owner of the property on which said water is to be used. The Utility Department shall have its statutory lien on such property for the collection of said charges.

**Section K**. Potable Water Connection Fees and Charges.

- 2. The potable water connection fee for each equivalent unit shall be \$3,271.00 \$2,968.00 and the irrigation connection fee using potable water with a separate meter shall be \$1,000.00 per equivalent unit. Connection fees for single family homes not part of a real estate development are payable at the option of the applicant in two (2) installments with the initial installation paid prior to the time of the connection and the second payment due within one year. Interest shall accrue and be due to the Utility Department at 1% per month on the unpaid balance. In case the system is under construction but not yet available for connection, connection fees can be paid at the option of the applicant in two (2) installments without interest. In the case of real estate developers, the connection fees for the development shall be payable at the time of final approval.
- 3. For a user other than residential with estimated potable water consumption in excess of  $\frac{183}{172}$  gallons per day and/or 483 gallons per day for non potable irrigation water, then the connection fee shall be based on the number of units as defined in Subsection  $\underline{A(2)}$  above. Fractional number of units shall be calculated to the next highest unit
- **SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.
- **SECTION 3.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- **SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication as 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-1-2022-003** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-1-2022-003** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

O-1-2022-003 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED, "FEES" (update – MTUD

Connection fees)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-1-2022-003

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

O-2-2022-004 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED "DIVISION OF

**POLICE".** (up to 14 Sergeants)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.

O-2-2022-004

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

O-2-2022-005 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES. (Standard Title fee change from \$2.00 to \$3.00)

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-2-2022-005

Councilman Dipierro commented on Ordinance O-2-2022-006 that he is confused as to why the estimated cost listed is a million more than what we are bonding for and asked for an explanation; Administrator Weinberg answered that for grants there is a down payment requirement as part of the process.

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

O-2-2022-006 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING

### THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,737,120 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

(Roadway Improvements, Ambulance)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-2-2022-006

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

O-2-2022-007 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,

IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY,

APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$823,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

(James Monroe Park and Patriots Park Improvements)

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Aye

Councilwoman Elizabeth SchneiderAyeCouncilwoman Rupa P. SiegelAyeCouncil Vice-President Terence Van DzuraAyeCouncil President Miriam CohenAye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed. O-2-2022-007

Councilman Dipierro asked in regard to Ordinance O-2-2022-008 if anything has been paid to Verizon and are there any transformers on site; Director Stroin answered that nothing has been paid out yet. JCP&L and Verizon will refund us once the easement agreement goes through and it will be a combination of underground and above ground. He added that he is unaware of any transformers on site.

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

O-2-2022-008 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND

RECORDING OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO JCP & L AND VERIZON IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND POLES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 485 SPOTSWOOD-

ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 77.01, LOT 3.01 IN MONROE,

NEW JERSEY.

(Well 25)

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-2-2022-008

**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-2-2022-050– R-2-2022-079 with the exception of R-2-2022-051, R-2-2022-054, R-2-2022-058 and R-2-2022-076 which were removed to be considered separately)

R-2-2022-050 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES. (\$344.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Construction Official, by copy of letters dated January 20, 2022, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refunds:

Refund to:

Reason

Amount

Trinity Solar

Permit # 20213830

Requests refund due to permit cancelled.

Wall, N.J. 07719

Homeowner at 187 Old Forge Rd.
cancelled solar panel installation.

**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 **Trinity Solar in the amount of \$344.00.** 

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-052

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022. (not to exceed \$7,500)

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Monroe requires the services of a qualified agency as entity to serve as Administrative Agent as defined in the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls ("UHAC") Manual and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26; and

**WHEREAS,** Piazza and Associates, a New Jersey firm, possesses the expertise required for such an engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board hereby recommends to the Township Council, that PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES be designated Administrative Agent for the Township of Monroe;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that it hereby consents to the recommendation of the Affordable Housing Board and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute an Agreement between the Township of Monroe and Piazza and Associates, a copy of which is attached hereto, to insure Township compliance with all Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") rules and regulations concerning the sales and rental of affordable housing units and the Rehabilitation program within the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2022.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-053

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT RUSSO OF THE FIRM CME ASSOCIATES AS PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (\$2500/month – not to exceed \$30,000/yr)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-1, et. seq., has appointed Robert Russo as Planning Administrator/ Administrative Officer for a term to expire on December 31, 2022, 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 \$30,000.00 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. <u>C-2200023</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment as Planning Administrator shall be effective January 1, 2022, *nunc pro tunc*, and shall expire on December 31, 2022; 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 in accordance with the Contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE R-2-2022-055 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF

TRUSTEES. (Benjamin Baum, Alton Kinsey)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 5, 2022 has appointed Benjamin Baum to the LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2026, nunc pro tunc; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 10, 2022 has appointed Alton Kinsey to the LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES to serve the unexpired five (5) year term of Helaine Evans, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the appointments to the LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Benjamin Baum for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2026, nunc pro tunc and Alton Kinsey to serve the unexpired five (5) year term of Helaine Evans commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-056

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER AND FIRST ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION.

(Mark Rasimowicz, Joseph Stroin, Wayne Horbatt)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint, Mark Rasimowicz as a Member to the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2025, nunc pro tunc; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint, Joseph Stroin as a Member to the **South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission** to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2025, nunc pro tunc; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council would like to appoint Wayne Horbatt, as **First** Alternate Representative to the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission to serve for a term of one (1) year effective January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Mark Rasimowicz and Joseph Stroin are hereby appointed as members of the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission to serve for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2025, nunc pro tunc and Wayne Horbatt is hereby appointed as First Alternate Representative to the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control **Commission** for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022.

R-2-2022-057

RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD. (Council Pres. Miriam Cohen, Randy Beverly, Andrea Pellezzi, Arnold Riback)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 29, 2021, has made the following appointments to serve on the AFFORDABLE **HOUSING BOARD,** commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*:

Council President Miriam Cohen - Chairperson/Council Representative - 2 yr. term

#### Andrea Pellezzi – Alternate I – 2 yr. term

#### Arnold Riback – Alternate II – 2 yr. 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 appointment of **Council President Miriam Cohen, Randy R. Beverly Sr., Andrea Pellezzi and Arnold Riback** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for a two (2) year term, commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

### R-2-2022-059 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 Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Three dollars and Fifty-Three cents (\$31,803.53) 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-2-2022-060

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTING THE LOW BID FOR SECTION "A" OF KENNEDY CULVERT AND SUPPLY CO, INC. AS NON-RESPONSIVE, AND THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RIO SUPPLY, INC. FOR SECTIONS "A" OF CONTRACT 508 "WATER METERS" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing - Estimated \$281,705.00)

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM, three (3) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 508, "Water Meters", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Kennedy Culvert & Supply Company's low bid of \$216,645.60 for section A is hereby rejected as non-responsive, as they did not take exception to the specification as required when bidding an alternate meter to that specified, and provided no information or documentation for the alternate meter bid as the bid requires when bidding a non-approved meter; and

**WHEREAS**, Rio Supply, Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for Section A of \$281,705.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder Rio Supply, Inc. of 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ, based on unit pricing and estimated quantities (estimated contract total \$281,705.00), for section A, 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-220008 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(l)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) month 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 one (1) year are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body; and

WHEREAS, Rio Supply, 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 twelve (12) month contract Rio Supply, Inc. in accordance with their submitted bid submitted for sections A;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Rio Supply, Inc. in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Rio Supply, Inc. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-061

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR SECTION "B" OF CONTRACT 508 "WATER METERS" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing – estimated \$9,601.50)

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021at 10:00 AM, three (3) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 508, "Water Meters", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for Section B (3, 4 & 6" meters); and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. of 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ, based on unit pricing and estimated quantities (estimated contract total \$9,601.50), for section B, 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-220009 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

WHEREAS, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC.. 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 twelve (12) month contract Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. in accordance with their submitted bid submitted for section B;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Ferguson Enterprises, 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 Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-062

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY FOR SECTION "A" OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:15 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 509, "Water & Sewer System Appurtenances", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Atlantic Plumbing Supply has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for section "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Atlantic Plumbing Supply based in unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, 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. <u>M-220013</u> a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Plumbing Supply 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 contract Atlantic Plumbing Supply in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Atlantic Plumbing Supply 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 Atlantic Plumbing Supply shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-063

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP FOR SECTIONS C, D, J & M OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:15 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 509, "Water & Sewer System Appurtenances", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Core & Main LP. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for C, D, J & M; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Core & Main LP. based in unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, 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-220011 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Core & Main LP 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 contract Core & Main LP in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Core & Main LP 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 Core & Main LP shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-064

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR SECTION B, D/L, E, F, H, I & L OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES"
BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

(Per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:15 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 509, "Water & Sewer System Appurtenances", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for B, D/L, E, F, H, I & L; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. based in unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, 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. <u>M-220012</u> a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC 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 contract Ferguson Enterprises, LLC in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by Ferguson Enterprises, 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 Ferguson Enterprises, LLC shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-065

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KENNEDY CULVERT & SUPPLY, CO., INC. FOR SECTIONS G & K OF CONTRACT 509, "WATER & SEWER SYSTEM APPURTENANCES" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.). (Per unit pricing)

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:15 AM, five (5) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 509, "Water & Sewer System Appurtenances", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bids for G & K; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022, has recommended that a contract should be awarded to Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., Inc. based in unit pricing and estimated quantities, for the sections listed above, 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. <u>M-220010</u> a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., 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 contract Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., 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 Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., Inc. in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Kennedy Culvert & Supply, Co., Inc. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-066

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR CONTRACT 512, "SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

(Per unit pricing – estimated \$47,500)

**WHEREAS,** on January 11, 2022, one (1) sealed bids were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department for Contract 512, "Sodium Hypochlorite Solution" which also included granular and tablet chlorine, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the only bid received was submitted by Miracle Chemical Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. has reviewed the sole bid, and by copy of a letter dated January 11, 2022, recommends an open ended (1) one-year contract be awarded to the low bidder Miracle Chemical Company of 1151B Highway 33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 based on unit pricing with an annual estimated annual total of: \$47,500.00, 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. <u>M-220014</u> a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Miracle Chemical Company 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 three (3) year contract with an M.T.U.D. for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution 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 (3) three year contract with Miracle Chemical Company in accordance with their bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for materials supplied by Miracle Chemical Company 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 Miracle Chemical Company shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond, 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-2-2022-067

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT 510, "LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).

**WHEREAS,** on December 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM, three (3) sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 510, "Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate", required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is stated in the Notice to Bidders that "The M.T.U.D. reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality, or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, best serves its interest." and the Local Public Contract Laws (L.P.C.L.) Section 40A:11-13.2 Rejection of bids; reasons, subsection d. states "The contracting unit wants to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Utility Department wishes to substantially revise the specifications to account for the current market supply chain issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. by copy of a letter dated January 5, 2022 has, after review of the (3) bids submitted and the current volatile raw materials market, and consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director has determined it to be in the best interest of the Monroe Township Utility Department to reject all bids, and rebid the contract with substantial revisions; 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 reject all bids based Local Public Contract Laws (L.P.C.L.) Section 40A:11-13.2.b as stated above;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-068

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, OR SUCH OTHER AMOUNT AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ACCOMPLISH THE REFUNDING ON THE TERMS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 AND CONSISTENT WITH THE REFUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS TO AN UNDERWRITER AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. (Corresponds with Ordinance No. O-1-2022-002)

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

Section 1. An amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 General Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds") of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), (the specific par amount to be determined as provided herein), as more fully described in the refunding bond ordinance, finally adopted by the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law on February 7, 2022, and entitled, "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the General Improvement Bonds, Series 2015 and all or a Portion of Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2015, of the Township, Appropriating \$24,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance by the Township of Water-Sewer Utility Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$24,000,000 for Financing the Cost Thereof", and shall be issued in one or more series as designated above.

Section 2. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to an underwriter to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Financial Advisor (the "Underwriter") at a purchase price determined by the parameters set forth below and otherwise consistent with the parameters set by the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Finance Board") pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 (the "LFB Refunding Parameters"):

- (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$24,000,000;
- (b) the net present value savings is at least three percent;
- (c) the debt service on the Bonds shall be structured such that no annual debt service payment is more than the annual debt service payment on the Refunded Bonds (as defined herein) in the same year;
- (d) the final years of maturity of the Bonds do not exceed the final years of maturity of the Refunded Bonds;
- (e) the debt service savings are substantially level in each year across the life of the refunding;

- (f) the true interest cost of the Bonds does not exceed an interest rate that would enable the Township to complete the refunding within the LFB Refunding Parameters; and
- (g) the Underwriter's discount does not exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of Bonds issued.
- Section 3. The Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed, without further authorization, to enter into and execute a bond purchase contract (the "Purchase Contract") on behalf of the Township with the Underwriter, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel (as defined herein) to the Township and upon terms consistent with the above parameters. Upon execution of the Purchase Contract, the signature of the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer shall be conclusively presumed to evidence any necessary approvals for the sale of the Bonds. If the Chief Financial Officer, after consultation with the Financial Advisor and Underwriter, determines that the above parameters cannot be satisfied in the present market, the Bonds shall not be sold until such time as said parameters may be amended, in whole or in part, or a sale on different terms is otherwise approved by resolution of this Township Council.
- Section 4. (a) The Bonds shall be issued in the par amounts consistent with the parameters set forth in Section 2 hereof and determined by the Chief Financial Officer to be necessary to pay the costs of issuance and to provide an escrow fund that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payment of the principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on all or a portion of the \$22,755,000 outstanding principal amount of the Township's Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, dated August 6, 2015, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$30,000,0000, which outstanding principal amount matures on August 1 in each of the years 2024 through 2039, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds").
- (b) The Bonds shall be dated and shall bear interest at the rates per annum as the Chief Financial Officer shall determine.
- (c) The Bonds shall be numbered and have such prefix or prefixes as determined necessary by the Chief Financial Officer and be sold and issued with such serial maturities or with such term bond maturities payable from mandatory sinking fund payments made by the Township as determined in the Purchase Contract.
- (d) The Bonds shall mature in each of the years 2023 through 2039, inclusive, or such other years, as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and deemed consistent with the LFB Refunding Parameters and in the principal amounts as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall bear interest on the dates as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.
  - (e) The Bonds shall have redemption provisions as are set forth in the Purchase Contract.
- (f) The Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest due on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of the Securities Depository and its participants, except that an amount maturing in any one year in excess of the largest principal amount thereof equaling a multiple of \$5,000 will be in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof.
- (g) The principal of and interest due on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township on the respective principal and interest payment dates and will be credited on the respective principal and interest payment dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository 15 days prior to such principal and interest payment dates (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal of the Township (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk.
- Section 5. The Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized and directed to pay all costs of issuance in connection with the sale of the Bonds pursuant to a certificate of the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer to be executed upon delivery of the Bonds. Fees for Bond Council, the Financial Advisor, Auditor and Township Attorney shall be determined by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the various professional agreements. All other fees shall be determined by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Financial Advisor and in accordance with the various negotiations with the other professionals.

Section 6. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds:

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[FORM OF BOND]

REGISTERED	REGISTERED
NUMBER WSRB	\$

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

#### TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

WATER-SEWER REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2022

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:
DATED DATE:
MATURITY DATE:
RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM:
INTEREST PAYMENT DATES:
INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE:
RECORD DATES:
CUSIP NUMBER:

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township"), hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, which will act as Securities Depository, on the MATURITY DATE, the PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATED DATE of this bond until the MATURITY DATE at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM semiannually on the INTEREST PAYMENT DATES in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing on the INITIAL INTEREST PAMENT DATE. Interest on this bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township and will be credited to the participants of the Securities Depository as of the RECORD DATES next preceding the respective INTEREST PAYMENT DATES. Principal of this bond, upon presentation and surrender to the Township, will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township and will be credited to the participants of the Securities Depository.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest. The participants are responsible for maintaining the records regarding the beneficial ownership interest in the bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers except to an authorized nominee of the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants.

[The bonds of this issue maturing prior to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, are not subject to optional redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, are redeemable at the option of the Township, in whole or in part, on any date on or after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ at 100% of the principal amount outstanding (the "*Redemption Price*"), plus interest accrued to the date of redemption upon notice as required herein.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days, prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed bond registrar. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township; the bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee for the Securities Depository, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the Township shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the

date fixed for redemption and no further interest shall accrue beyond the redemption date. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

As long as The Depository Trust Company is the Securities Depository for the Bonds as provided herein, the procedures of The Depository Trust Company will determine the method of selection for redemption within a maturity. Otherwise, it will be by lot or by a similar method.]

[This bond is not subject to optional redemption prior to its stated maturity.]

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds and is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a refunding bond ordinance, finally adopted by the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law on February 7, 2022, and entitled, "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2015 of the Township, Appropriating \$24,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance by the Township of Water-Sewer Utility Refunding Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$24,000,000 for Financing the Cost Thereof", and a resolution of the Township duly adopted by the Township Council on February 7, 2022.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Township has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Clerk and this bond to be dated the DATED DATE as specified above.

	TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
[SEAL]	
ATTEST:	By: [executed upon issuance] Stephen Dalina, Mayor
By: [executed upon issuance] Patricia Reid, Clerk	By: [executed upon issuance] George Lang, Chief Financial Officer

Section 7. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC ("Bond Counsel") is authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds. The proper officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Bonds and to deliver them to the Underwriter upon receipt of payment therefor.

Section 8. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel, complete except for omission of its date. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the truth and correctness of the copy of such opinion by executing on each of the Bonds by facsimile signature a certificate in form satisfactory to that law firm and to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the Clerk's office. Alternatively, each Bond may be accompanied by an executed legal opinion or copy thereof.

Section 9. The Bonds are being issued to refund the Refunded Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer shall take all steps necessary to call the Refunded Bonds on the first available call date at the applicable redemption price, deposit the proceeds of the Bonds with a bank for the purpose of defeasing the Refunded Bonds, invest the proceeds of the Bonds for this purpose and assist with the redemption of the Refunded Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to enter into an escrow deposit agreement with a bank to effectuate the purpose of this Section 12.

Section 10. The Township hereby approves the preparation and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the Township in the form approved or to be approved by the Chief Financial Officer. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Township by the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer. The Preliminary Official Statement shall be prepared in final form in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the Township are authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the Underwriter of the Bonds within the earlier

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of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the Underwriter's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds.

Section 11. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with the Securities Depository, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with the Securities Depository and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

Section 12. In the event that the Securities Depository may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Township and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds that were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to Registered Bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, except that an amount maturing in any one year in excess of the largest principal amount thereof equaling a multiple of \$5,000 will be in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in such beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of such Registered Bonds. The Township shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certificate form.

Section 13. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 14. On or prior to September 30 of each year, beginning September 30, 2023, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the Township and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township, (ii) property valuation information, and (iii) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

- (b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:
  - (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
  - (7) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
  - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
  - (9) Defeasances;
  - (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
  - (11) Rating changes;
  - (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
  - (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
  - (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
  - (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and
  - (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); *provided*, *however*, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

- (c) Notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.
- (d) If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.
- (e) The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Township prior to their offering. Such officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution; *provided*, such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.
- (f) In the event that the Township fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Township shall not be liable for monetary damages. The sole remedy is hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.
- (g) The undertaking may be amended by the Township from time to time, without the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with the Rule.
- Section 15. There can be no assurance that there will be a secondary market for the sale or purchase of the Bonds. Such factors as prevailing market conditions, financial condition or market position of firms who may make the secondary market and the financial condition of the Township may affect the future liquidity of the Bonds.
- Section 16. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Clerk and other appropriate representatives of the Township are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to provide for the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, including preparing and executing such agreements and documents on behalf of the Township, satisfying in full the requirements of notice of redemption of the Refunded Bonds and taking all steps necessary or desirable to implement this resolution and such agreements and documents as may be necessary and appropriate for the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.
- Section 17. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to submit to the Local Finance Board, within ten days of the issuance of the Bonds, the items set forth in section (b) of *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-2.5.
- Section 18. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay all costs of issuance in connection with the sale of the Bonds pursuant to a certificate of the Chief Financial Officer be executed upon delivery of the Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed the aggregate amount authorized.

Section 19. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-069

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A 2022 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION.

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks 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**, the Township of Monroe strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, and to improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and;

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe Environmental Commission has recommended that the Township should apply for a \$2,000.00 grant to support community education and outreach to encourage residents and businesses to implement sustainable practices;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Township hereby approves the submission of a grant application for \$2,000.00 under the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants program.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-070

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INDOOR BLEACHERS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

(Indoor bleachers for old gymnasium @ Community Center -\$55,228.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Monroe Township Recreation Department has the need for new indoor bleachers for the old gymnasium; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program has awarded a contract for the indoor bleachers under contract number ESCNJ 20/21-59 to Nickerson Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a quote has been received from Nickerson Corporation for the delivery, parts/materials and installation of the Hussey Maxam 26 seating system at a total cost of \$55,228.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by law that any "state contract" 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 Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. <u>C-2200024</u> 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 above delivery, parts/materials and installation at the Recreation Department by Nickerson Corporation using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 20/21-59; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said delivery, parts/materials and installation of the indoor bleachers performed by Nickerson Corporation, respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program and are considered fair and open contracts in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-071

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 VETERAN'S PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS. (\$90,000)

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *2022 Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements*; and

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

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00); and

**WHEREAS,** the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. <u>C-2200025</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

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

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering*, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.

- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with *2022 Veteran's Park Restroom Improvements* in an amount not to exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-072

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FROM DELL TECHNOLOGIES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP CLERKS OFFICE. (\$1,542.36)

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, has the need to purchase A computer for various departments within Monroe Township under the NJ State Contract No. M0483/TELE00656 from *Dell Technologies* an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract; and

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

WHEREAS, the Quotation received is for one (1) computer system with the purchase price totaling one thousand five hundred forty two dollars and thirty six cents (\$1,542.36) as reflected in the quotation attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. <u>C-2200026</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes a contract be entered into with *Dell Technologies, One Dell Way Bldg 8 Box 872 Round Rock, Texas 78682* for the purchase of computer systems to upgrade four offices, at a total contract price in the amount of \$1,542.36.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

### R-2-2022-073 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

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

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-074

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ALLIED PAINTING, INC. FOR CONTRACT 491 "HALF ACRE ROAD TANK, 615 WATER STORAGE TANK MISCELLANEIOUS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT" FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (\$108,100 – exterior tank repairs prior to painting)

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM, seven (7) sealed bids were received, publicly

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opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 491, ""Half Acre Road Tank, 615 Water Storage Tank Miscellaneous Improvements Project", as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing agent has found the low bid of Allied Painting to be fair, responsible and responsive, and after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director and Consulting Engineer R3M has recommended in a letter dated January 24, 2022, that Allied Painting, Inc. of 4 Larwin Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 be awarded a contract based on their low bid of \$108,100.00, pricing contained within their bid documents subject to them providing proper required bond and certificates of insurance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. <u>M-220015</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has deemed a certification as not necessary due to the credit;

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

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-075

RESOLUTION APPROVING EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH GARRISON ENTERPRISE, INC. TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A 20" HYDRA STOP INSERTION VALVE AT THE HALF ACRE ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK ("M.T.U.D.") (\$40,000)

WHEREAS, it was discovered that the existing isolation valves at the Half Acre Road water storage tank need to be repaired to allow for proper operation of the tank with the Township's water distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-6 authorizes the award of a contract without public bidding, notwithstanding that the contract price will exceed the bid threshold, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Department Consulting Engineer, R3M, Engineers, Inc. has indicated via a letter that the installation of an insertion valve without delay is essential, so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Monroe Township, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, R3M has solicited 3 proposals to furnish and install the insertion valve, the lowest of which being Garrison Enterprise, Inc. who has submitted a proposal dated 1-20-2022 to furnish and install said insertion valve for the amount of \$40,000.00, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B; and

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

- (1) The Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorize the emergency contract with Garrison Enterprise, Inc., *nunc pro tunc*; for the emergency insertion valve and installation; and
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Garrison Enterprise, Inc.; for the amount of; **\$40,000.00** in accordance with their

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "emergency contract" in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-6 to meet the immediate needs of the emergency caused by the failure of the existing insertion valve.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-077 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR MONROE PARKE, SECTION 1 PHASE 1 PB-1167-15. (Mounts Mills Rd.)

**WHEREAS,** JSM at Celebrations Monroe Section 1 LLC. and B & A at Monroe I, LLC has posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$1,470,250.94 for project Monroe Parke, Section 1, Phase 1 project PB-1167-15; and

WHEREAS, a request for a reduction in Performance Guarantees has been received; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the reduction of the Performance Guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated January 26, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	Bond Portion	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$1,323,225.85	\$147,025.09
Reduce to	\$ 434,212.34	\$ 48,245.82

; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Performance Guarantees posted by JSM at Celebrations Monroe Section 1 LLC. and B&A at Monroe I, LLC. for project Monroe Parke, Section 1, Phase 1 project PB-1167-15 be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter annexed hereto. This approval for reduction of Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

### R-2-2022-078 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$300,200)

**WHEREAS,** there are certain 2021 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 2021 accounts:

#### CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER AMOUNT

HEALTH WAIVER \$100,000.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT \$100,200.00

Other Expenses

RECREATION \$100,000.00

Salaries and Wages

TOTAL CURRENT FUND: \$300,200.00

TRANSFER TO:	AMOUNT
DCRP Other Expenses	\$ 200.00
GROUP INSURANCE	\$100,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00
STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	\$100,000.00
ACCUMULATED SICK Salary & Wages	\$ 50,000.00

TOTAL CURRENT FUND: \$300,200.00

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

### R-2-2022-079 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS (\$17,000)

**WHEREAS,** an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

**WHEREAS,** the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$19,295,484.07**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

ACCOUNT NAME	TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT
Senior Services Other Expenses	\$ 12,000.00
<u>Postage</u>	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$ 17,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 17,000.00

- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 Calendar Year Budget; and
- 3. That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

**SO RESOLVED** as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Charles Dipierro Nay
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.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately: (R-2-2022-051, R-2-2022, 054, R-2-2022-058 and R-2-2022-076 which were removed to be considered separately)

### R-2-2022-051 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE TREE ESCROW FUND. (Ash Tree removal \$11,605)

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 96 of the Monroe Township Code entitled "Shade Trees and Shrubbery; Landscaping", a Tree Escrow Fund has been created to hold and disburse fees paid in lieu of tree replanting by developers or property owners removing trees; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is to be used to maintain, preserve and protect the municipal tree cover; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall health and vitality of Monroe Township's tree cover is at risk due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, which has spread to ash trees throughout the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council believes that purposes of the Tree Escrow Fund are served by funding the removal of dead or diseased ash trees within the Township, which pose a danger to healthy trees and to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds within the Tree Escrow Fund in Certificate No. <u>C-2200022</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$11,605.00 for the removal of approximately 37 Ash trees, when invoices are tendered by RKD, from the Tree Escrow Fund;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay Power Saws of America, Inc. t/a RKD Tree Service from the Tree Escrow Fund, for the services provided.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

## R-2-2022-054 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION TO THE BOARD OF WARD COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REWARDING MONROE TOWNSHIP. (\$4,995)

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:44-10 applies to any municipality having adopted a charter or form of government, or ordinance, providing that he municipality shall be divided into wards, or other similar representation districts, for the purpose of the election or appointment of any municipal officers; and

**WHEREAS,** it shall constitute the exclusive method whereby the boundaries of the ward, or other similar representation districts, in municipalities shall be fixed and determined by a Board of Ward Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:44-11, the seven (7) members of the Board of Ward Commissioners are the six (6) members of the County Board of Elections together with the Municipal Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:44-12, each Ward Commissioner shall be entitled to be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and to such compensation as the governing body may provide by Resolution. In addition, the Board of Ward Commissioners in the performance of their duties may employ a surveyor or engineer and such other assistants as shall be necessary to aid them in the discharge of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Ward Commissioners has set the following compensation for the individuals listed to be paid by the municipality as follows:

Sylvia Engel	82 Winthrop Road, Edison, NJ 08817	\$ 635.00
Daniel Frankel	5204 Schindler Drive South, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852	\$ 635.00
Donald Katz	17 Buffalo Run, East Brunswick, NJ 08816	\$ 635.00
Beatrice Moskowitz	279 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840	\$ 635.00
Mohamed Jalloh	896 Kearney Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902	\$ 635.00
April Bengivenga	3112 Woodland Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080	\$ 635.00
Patricia Reid	323 Gravel Hill Road, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831	\$ 635.00
Thomas Lynch	2217 Shoe Drive, Wall Township, NJ 07719	\$ 450.00
Maria Tani	55 Terrapin Lane, Hamilton, NJ 08619	\$ 50.00
Christine Robbins	18 Hamilton Street, Englishtown, NJ 07726	\$ 50.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, authorizes the Certified Municipal Finance Officer to issue compensation to the aforementioned Board of Ward Commissioners in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:44-12

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that said compensation be charged to Account 2-01-20-120-001-599.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-058 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND

FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION. (Samuel Landy,

Joseph Stroin, George Gunkelman, John Riggs)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated January 6, 2022 has made the following appointments to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**, *nunc pro tunc*; and

Samuel A. Landy	Chairman	2 year term	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022
Joseph Stroin	Member/Acting Planning Director	1 year term	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022
George Gunkelman	Member	4 year term	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024
John Riggs	Member	1 year term	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

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

**WHEREAS,** the Council supports the names submitted by the Mayor for appointment to the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission.

**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 and confirms the appointment of **Samuel A. Landy** as Chairman to serve a 2 year term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022, **Joseph Stroin** to serve as Member/Acting Planning Director for a 1 year term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022, **George Gunkelman** as Member to serve a 4 year term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024 and **John Riggs** as Member to serve a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022, on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION** *nunc pro tunc*.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

R-2-2022-076

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY PM CONSTRUCTION CORP. UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

**WHEREAS, PM Construction Corp.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the 2021 Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS, PM Construction Corp.** has requested a 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 January 27, 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, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the 2021 Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 27, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$113,232.46. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

#### **SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

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 Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**Administrator's Report** – Thanked the DPW and MTUD for their hard work during the snow storm as all of the employees showed up and did a great job at alternating shifts to get the job done. He also extended thanks to the residents for their patience as well.

Regarding the refinancing bond, he likened it to refinancing a mortgage and stated that the Township has saved \$2.3 million dollars last year and this year we anticipate saving another \$700,000. In addition, the Township has received almost double in State and Local aid.

Administrator Weinberg reported that we will be moving forward with paving in the upcoming months.

Turned the meeting over to Chief Biennas who gave an update on the rash of auto thefts and home break ins that have happened throughout the Township. Chief Biennas reported that these crimes are not unique to our Township as they are happening throughout the entire State. He stated that simple steps can be implemented to prevent these thefts from happening by simply locking your vehicles, homes and the garage door that leads into your home especially. He reported that every vehicle that has been stolen had its' keys in it and has been recovered. He is asking the Community to help in the process, lock your doors, remove your keys and garage door openers and urged residents to call either the non-emergency number or 9-1-1 if they see or hear something suspicious. In addition, Chief Biennas mentioned that his department is working with all neighboring towns and local and State authorities and all information will be posted on their website and their social media sites. Lastly, he reiterated the importance of locking all doors, especially the garage door leading into your home.

Administrator Weinberg gave an update on the BFI Landfill reporting that we awarded a contract to move forward with the construction of the force main and we will go out to bid for a parallel pump station which is expected to be awarded at next month's meeting.

Lastly, Administrator Weinberg reported that the COVID numbers are coming down and the peak numbers are decreasing. He thanked the mayor and Council for their leadership and the employees for their cooperation during this time.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz gave an update on the affordable housing rehabs being done in Rossmoor, stating that 21 units are under construction with 2 units completed. He noted that some items are backordered, including building materials and appliances but the projects are all moving forward.

#### Council's Reports -

#### Councilwoman Siegel -

- Attended the Historic Preservation Commission meeting last month and reported that they have embarked on a digitization project and are creating a website to bring information to one platform.
   She mentioned they also have newsletter, Facebook and Instagram and will also have more presentations at the Library in the near future.
- Reported that the Environmental Commission will be rolling out an educational program at the Library. A stream cleanup event will be held on April 23<sup>rd,</sup> and they are hoping to do the Green Fair in person this year. Lastly, they are working on sustainable initiatives to certify the Township at Silver again. Which is an achievement few Municipalities have in Middlesex County.

#### Councilwoman Schneider -

- Reported that she has been out o her house because of the flooding for almost 6 months and hopes to be back in her home at Rossmoor by the end of the week; the assistance to Rossmoor residents ended in December but if anyone still needs assistance please reach out.
- The Commission on Aging serviced 208 people through social services and 262 people through medical transportation and goes onto to summarize all the Transportation services in December.
- Etsch Farms donated a few hundred eggs to the food pantry and we donated to Alice's Food Pantry, sharing services.
- The Human Relations Commission's last two social media spotlights were for the Chinese New Year and Black History Month, and they are currently coordinating an essay contest with awards being presented at the May council meeting.

#### Councilman Dipierro -

- Extended condolences to former Councilwoman and Monroe Township school teacher, Joanne Connelly for the loss of her mother, who recently passed the age of 104 years old.
- In regard to 9-1-1 response time, Councilman Dipierro asked if there is a specific timeframe to respond to each call, for example the Fire Department has a goal of 8 minutes for response time; Chief Biennas answered that they respond as swiftly and safely as possible.
- Asked if we can find a way to make residents more aware of the safety tips for keeping their items secure considering the recent break-ins, as he knows a lot of people have cameras on their houses so a program that we could use to access those cameras may be useful; Chief Biennas answered that there is a voluntary registry for security cameras, that can be found on the Police website.
- Regarding snow plowing, reported that the DPW were down four trucks during plowing this time around and thanked MTUD, our contractor and DPW who managed 145 miles of roadway.
- There have been a lot of complaints about the high school drop off and pickup as it is difficult to get in and out during these hours of operation. He commented that he does not know what can be done to help the school board but the number of cars dropping off students is multiplying, and we need to investigate this before it becomes a bigger problem. Chief Biennas commented that this has been an issue for the last 13 years and the department has been trying to address it. He reported that as of last Friday he has met with the Superintendent, Mr. Teague and the Principal of the high school and we are currently trying to implement a few plans but noted that if all else fails then they will have to get a traffic study done. He noted that this is being worked on aggressively as currently there is 1 officer on duty there but can ease into up to 3 officers if needed.
- Asked where we are in the Master Plan process; Director Stroin answered that the draft of the Master Plan will supposedly be in our hands within the next 10 days and then will be presented to the stakeholder group and Master Plan Subcommittee. He added that our first presentation to the Planning Board will then occur and once the feedback is received it will be included in a final report which once accepted will be brought to the Council, with the public comment during the March and April Planning Board meetings.
- Reported that the Shade Tree Commission was questioning the awareness of tree permits and gave a shoutout to Pam and Lou for their response on enforcement of cutting down trees without permits.
- Asked for guidance from Attorney Rainone on working on a moratorium on our newly paved roads like Manalapan does, as we need to protect our roads because they are an investment for the Township. It's a shame to see a new road being jack hammered.
- Noticed the water tower on Half Acre Road had a lot of excavation activity going on there and asked what work was being done and if it was being done in house; Director Stroin answered that on tonight's agenda there was a resolution to install a valve and without taking anyone out of service we are going to insert a gate valve. He further explained that we will put insulating blankets to prep the site, with the only work that is contracted out is the valve insertion itself.

- Reported that there are issues on at Route 33 Sports on Perrineville Road near Farrington Boulevard with various potholes and we need to reach out to the County about that to address it.
- Attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor with Councilwoman Schneider for Russell Fagan, extended congratulations to him once more for his achievement.

#### Council Vice-President Van Dzura -

- Commended the Administration on refinancing as this is the product of a good administration.
- Reported that we will have a lot of roadway improvements this year, which are partially funded by State grants, so we are accomplishing a lot without it being too expensive.
- Commented that it is great to see movement on the upgrades to the parks.
- Commented that it is also great to see movement on the BFI landfill with construction beginning soon to put in the force main. He commended the Mayor for taking a proactive role.
- Congratulations to Applegarth Fire District #2 on their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- DPW, MTUD, K&A on a great job with the miles of roadway and snow removal that was needed. The public needs to bear in mind that someone is always first and someone is always last and we need to be patient with the process.

#### **Council President Cohen –**

- Grateful to our staff for their work during the snowstorm and for the level of communication we have.
- Thanks to our Police Department for what they do in making sure we live in a safe town.
- Reported that there is a virtual tour of the barns on the website for the Historic Preservation Commission and will hopefully be followed up by an in-person visit.
- Cultural Arts is doing a program with the Library around ice sculpting. Please be sure to check out the Art that is on display, especially our own Nancy Gunkelman who is on the Cultural Arts Commission.

Mayor's Report – Reported his appreciation for Chief Biennas jumping on to give an update and commented that teamwork makes the dream work, and it is a testament to how well we work together with the officers and the community. It's a scary time with break-ins. He added that there will be a presentation on the dos and don'ts and advised for all to listen to the professionals and work together to deter these issues. "Teamwork makes the dream work."

Regarding traffic, there is an overabundance of cars, as parents do not like to put their children on the buses due to the pandemic which is why we are seeing an increase of traffic during drop offs. He noted that hopefully in working together with the Board of Education and the school staff we are addressing the issues and moving forward.

Our DPW and MTUD response to the storm was great and before every storm he noted that he reaches out to the heads of the department to make sure they have what they need.

1 of 3 Bald Eagles born in the County resides in our Township with more information going out soon about this.

Reported that he is happy to see the bathroom projects move forward at the parks.

The Community Center is ongoing with the Basketball games and what a wonderful job the Coaches are doing.

Acknowledged each of the proclamations on tonight's agenda.

Mayor mentioned the Central Jersey Presidential awards was a great event.

Lastly, stated that we are moving in the right direction in terms of the pandemic and is excited to see the numbers drop and remains hopeful to get back to the normal we have all been working toward.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

<u>Tim Eosso, 2 Allison Ct.</u> – Mr. Eosso commended Mayor Dalina and his staff for their work during the snowstorm and he is pleased with how his streets in his development were done by DPW.

Mr. Eosso asked who runs the Historic Preservation Committee; to which Council President Cohen answered that Councilwoman Siegel is the liaison for that committee and Susan Rudy is the Chairperson. She added

that if that committee interests him then there is an application of the website that can be filled out and returned for consideration to serve on that committee.

Mr. Eosso stated that as being a career firefighter response time is so very important to all the residents for emergency services and last week during a situation the response time was not as fast as one would hope. He commented that the response time is imperative and asked if an actual time is noted for that incident. Chief Biennas responded that the response time is as swiftly and safely as possible and recommended that if there is a complaint about response time to call his office and it will be discussed further.

Bill Shuzman, 17 Whistling Straits Dr. (Regency)- Mr. Shuzman stated that all of his questions deal with Route 613 and the Regency complex intersection, and he would like to thank Administrator Weinberg, Mayor Dalina and Councilman Dipierro for addressing his concerns. He went on to state that his issue is with lighting as he understands there will be an additional streetlamp on that intersection since his last conversation with the Mayor. He added that his additional concern is that the layout of the intersection as there is an island with no vertical poles to highlight the islands and he does not understand the reason as to why it is there because it creates more of a hazard. The First and fourth islands are hazardous with no vertical awareness for the drivers; safety problems, people hit them constantly, re-engineering needed etc. Township Engineer Rasimowicz responded that JCP&L should be installing an additional light within 1 to 2 weeks and that lights within the Community are Toll Brothers responsibility.

<u>George Rothweiler, 12 Inter Lachen Ct. – Mr.</u> Rothweiler expressed his concern that there is only one lane each way for Route 613 and there is only one entrance for the section of the Regency in which he lives. He added that it is also very dark up Buckelew near Whistling Straits and asked if we can look in to adding telephone lights to that area.

<u>Prakash Parab</u>, 33 <u>Dayna Dr. – Mr.</u> Parab commented that he is happy to see many of the council members provide updates on the committees that they sit on.

Regarding the Master Plan, when the presentation occurs at the Planning Board in March, Mr. Parab asked if we would show the public a draft plan and how far in advance will the draft be published to the public; Director Stroin answered that the goal is to have the plan available on the website a week prior to the meeting for review.

Mr. Parab thanked Chief Biennas and that it is a good update given regarding the break ins and commented that the community has been told numerous times not to leave their keys in vehicles and commented that this is a habit that needs to be broken.

Reported that in the month of January, COVID was horrible but today we are trending lower and there is a hope that hospitalizations will start coming down. He stated that the Commissioner reported today that 5 children are in the hospital in severe condition and we need to still take precautions.

<u>Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos commented that she understands the Master Plan will be</u> on the website and asked if it will be made available at the Library as well, as she is suggesting that it should be. She asked if the public is allowed to attend a Master Plan Subcommittee meeting and if they receive input from people on the school board, ADA, etc.; Director Stroin answered that in addition to it being posted on the website it is standard to have a copy at the municipal building in the Planning & Zoning Department and will endeavor to make it available at the Library as suggested. Administrator Weinberg commented that the Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission is on the Subcommittee and there is also a Stakeholder Committee that will be reviewing the document.

Mrs. Panos stated that her property value went up and asked if there was a local reassessment done; Administrator Weinberg answered that he is not aware of any reassessment done unless an addition has been done and recommended Mrs. Panos to reach out to the Tax Assessor's Office.

<u>Lauren Dipierro, 225 Fernhead Ave.</u> – Ms. Dipierro thanked the Monroe Police Department for their response to the break ins and keeping everyone informed. She noted that she found out via social media and suggested that relaying that information in that platform would keep us informed as this is how younger generations are receiving their information. Ms. Dipierro added that the Township has 1,500 followers on Instagram and averages about 6 posts a month, whether good or bad this flow of information needs to be kept up.

<u>Gary Ramella, 14 Whistling Straits Dr.</u> – Mr. Ramella asked what the bond guarantees for Toll Brothers total was and if it will be made available to the public before it is released; Attorney Rainone answered that the release becomes subject to a resolution and there is public input during the workshop portion of the council meeting.

<u>Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe asked regarding Resolution R-2-2022-066 how many units of the machines is the Township purchasing; Director Stroin answered that we are not purchasing machines but are bulk ordering the product and it is supplied through our ground water system.</u>

Mrs. Skurbe extended thanks to Chief Biennas on behalf of the Board of Education for meeting with the school administration and taking the traffic issues seriously.

Lastly, Mrs. Skurbe commented that thieves unfortunately look for unlocked vehicles and one thing she advised in making the public aware of is that the newer model vehicles have mirrors that fold in if it is locked so it is easy for a thief to tell is a vehicle is locked or not.

<u>Frank Steinhauser, 33 Brunswick Ave. – Mr. Steinhauser commented on Chief Biennas' report and agreed that the police need to arrive as quickly and safely as possible, his motto when he worked was "arrive alive".</u>

Mr. Steinhauser stated that it has come to his attention that the EMS has been stretched thin in mutual aide calls to neighboring communities, especially now that Jamesburg First Aid has been disbanded. He commented that he fears our residents will be put at unnecessary risk due to this dilemma.

Lastly, Mr. Steinhauser reported that he saw today that Governor Murphy has lifted the mask mandate for schools and it is his understanding that the Board of Education is leaning toward keeping the mandate in place. He commented that he hopes at the very least it becomes a choice and is left up to the parents and he hopes the Mayor, Council and Board of Education meet and come to a reasonable outcome for this.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, 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 Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:30pm.

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, Council President

Miriam Cohen

Minutes were adopted on: March 7, 2022.