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

**JANUARY 5, 2026**

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.** (6:30 p.m.)

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 26, 2025 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 26, 2025;
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. **NOMINATIONS for the position of COUNCIL PRESIDENT to serve for a term of two (2) years:**

NOMINATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for Motion to Close the Nominations.

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

**CONSIDERATION of the following RESOLUTION of APPOINTMENT:**  
(2 year term January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027)

**R-1-2026-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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

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

**OATH OF OFFICE** administered to Council President.

6. Meeting is officially turned over the Council President.

7. **NOMINATIONS for the position of COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT to serve for a term of two (2) years:**

NOMINATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOMINATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for Motion to Close the Nominations.

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

**CONSIDERATION of the following RESOLUTION of APPOINTMENT:**  
(2 year term January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027)

**R-1-2026-002 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE** administered to Council Vice-President.

8. **Reorganization Meeting Adjournment.** MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**AGENDA MEETING**

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

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS:**

*Congratulating Lisa G. Hodi, EMS on her retirement and recognizing her 34 years with Monroe Township*

**Presentations:**

*Congratulating Tim Stoessler on his retirement and recognizing his 35 years with Monroe Township*

*Congratulating Angela Ciaston on her retirement and recognizing her 17 years with Monroe Township*

**Proclamations:**

**January 27, 2026 “International Holocaust Remembrance Day”**

**January, 2026 “Muslim Heritage Month”**

3. **ORDINANCE(S) for INTRODUCTION at the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting:**

**O-1-2026-001 SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2026 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**

4. **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under CONSENT AGENDA at the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting: (R-1-2026-003 – R-1-2026-030)**

**R-1-2026-003 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**R-1-2026-004 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

- R-1-2026-005**                    **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF DOG KENNEL LICENSES FOR THE 2026 LICENSE TERM. (Puppy Paradise, Sycamore Acres, Raise the Woof)**
- R-1-2026-006**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AUTO WRECKING/JUNK YARD LICENSES FOR THE 2026 LICENSE TERM. (Red & Black Auto Wreckers)**
- R-1-2026-007**                    **RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARY RANGES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**
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- R-1-2026-011**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD. (Kevin McGowan, Christopher Bevins, Louis Buonocore)**
- R-1-2026-012**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (Lisa Chen – 5 yr. term)**
- R-1-2026-013**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION. (George Gunkelman – 1 yr term, Kevin McGowan – 1 yr term)**
- R-1-2026-014**                    **RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND. (Kevin McGowan, Alternates: Lori Olah, Danielle Racioppi)**
- R-1-2026-015**                    **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CHARLES DIPIERRO AS COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.**
- R-1-2026-016**                    **RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS III COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD FOR YEAR 2026. (Councilman Markel)**
- R-1-2026-017**                    **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD. (Councilman Markel – 1 yr term, Svasti Rao Harita – 2 yr term, Steven Bloom – 3 yr term, Marina Shapiro – 3 yr term, Ali Rizvi – 1 yr term)**
- R-1-2026-018**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT S. LAMOUNTAIN, ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (1 yr term)**
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- R-1-2026-020**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PAST DUE TAXES FOR TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 ASSESSED ON BLOCK 31, LOT 9.**

- R-1-2026-021                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**
  
- R-1-2026-022                    RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES BE DESIGNATED AS AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THERETO.**
  
- R-1-2026-023                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID TO SUNSET CREATIONS INC. FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTING SERVICES. (per unit pricing)**
  
- R-1-2026-024                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. (\$198,062.05)**
  
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- R-1-2026-030                    RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEXANDRIA UHRIG AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

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

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

6. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**

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

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

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**AGENDA**

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MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **ORDINANCE(S) for FIRST READING:**  
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4. **RESOLUTIONS removed** from consent agenda for **CONSIDERATION (if needed)**.  
MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. **Administrator’s Report.**
  
6. **Engineer’s Report.**
  
7. **Council’s Reports.**
  
8. **Mayor’s Report.**
  
9. **Public Comments.** (5 Minutes per Speaker)  
OPEN: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLOSE: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. **Adjournment.** MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_