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

JUNE 5, 2024

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 29, 2023 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 29, 2023;
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. **PRESENTATIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:**

Proclamations:

- *Flag Day – June 14, 2024*
- *Monroe Township Public Library 35th Anniversary*
- *The ARC Middlesex County – Celebrating 75 years*

Presentations:

- *Recognizing Former DPW Director Wayne Horbatt for his 23 years with Monroe Township*
- *Recognition of the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee:*
Madison Adamcik, Aditi Amarnath, Matthew Bassily, Gabriella Cornett, Jayani Dutta, Ian Ferrnandes, Shethra Grende, Sahishnav Grende, Ananya Kodicherla, Ruhi Kulkarni, Arav Kumar, Anvi Kumar, Shriyaa Madineni, Tharika Madireddy, Jasmine Mudhar, Thendrel Nirmal, Ansh Patel, Paressa Rizvi, Hannah Schussler, Gurbani Singh, Akash Talluri and Jannat Zaanoun

6. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **SECOND READING** at the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting:

O-5-2024-009 **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

O-5-2024-010 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. (Privately Owned Salt Storage)**

7. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **INTRODUCTION** at the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting:

O-5-2024-011 **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “FEES”.**
(MTUD annually required developer connection fee adjustment, water & sewer, construction and certified copy fees)

8. **BUDGET RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting:

R-6-2024-151 **RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

R-6-2024-152A **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET.**
(Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA) - 5 year plan)

R-6-2024-152B **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

9. **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** under **CONSENT AGENDA** at the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting: (R-6-2024-153 – R-6-2024-167)

R-6-2024-153 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

R-6-2024-154 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HERITAGE CHASE ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

R-6-2024-155 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RIDGEWOOD ESTATES ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

R-6-2024-156 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELECTION OF ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (Selection of Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. as Monroe Twp’s Energy Savings Company to implement the no cost, first phase of our Solar program).

R-6-2024-157 **RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALLSTATE OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF CARPETING USING THE NEW JERSEY STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM NJCP1 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)**
(\$84,550.35)

R-6-2024-158 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DONNELLY ENERGY, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR (4) ROOF TOP HVAC UNITS AND INTERIOR LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LIBRARY UNDER THE DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.** (BPU Direct Install Program – Total Cost \$595,495.00; Direct Install Incentive - \$372,475.28 with Library Share \$223,019.72 to be paid over sixty months)

R-6-2024-159 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT TO FINCREDIT, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOP MONROE PROPERTY TAX REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**

R-6-2024-160 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT TO LEXIPOL, LLC. FOR ACCREDITATION IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.** (\$43,900)

R-6-2024-161 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A. C. SCHULTES, CO. FOR CONTRACT 539 - WELL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)**

- R-6-2024-162** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING OF MAINTANENCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1223 BLOCK 18, LOT 27.02 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.) (306 Federal Road)**
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- R-6-2024-165** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD-PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION (MTCEA) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTCEA PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6. (If savings don't significantly exceed the JCP&L tariff rate awards will be rejected)**
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- R-6-2024-167** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO DISCOVER CONSTRUCTION LLC. FOR THE 2024 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (\$1,599,992.94)**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

11. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____

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

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**REGULAR MEETING
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JUNE 5, 2024

AGENDA

1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ____ Nays ____

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **MAY 30, 2024**.
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ____ Nays ____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
MOTION to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
May 6, 2024 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ____ Nays ____

4. **ORDINANCE(S) for SECOND READING:**
**O-5-2024-009 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
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PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
ADOPTION: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ____ Nays ____

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

**R-6-2024-152A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET.
(Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA) - 5 year plan)**

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 6, 2024

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

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

R-6-2024-152B RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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

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

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

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

- 9. **Administrator’s Report.**

- 10. **Engineer’s Report.**

- 11. **Council’s Reports.**

- 12. **Mayor’s Report.**

- 13. **Public Comments. (5 Minutes per Speaker)**

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

- 14. **Adjournment. MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____**

Time: _____