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

**JANUARY 14, 2019**

**AGENDA**

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Council President Dalina to request the following **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record:

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

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on January 2, 2019 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on January 4, 2019;
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. **ORDINANCE(S)** for **INTRODUCTION** at the Monday, January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting:

**O-1-2019-001**                    **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT"** (Clarification of annual meeting schedule)

**O-1-2019-002**                    **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO CREATE A SIDEWALK AND CURBING CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND.**

**O-1-2019-003**                    **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**. (Increasing penalty for Costco Drive violations)

**O-1-2019-004**                    **ORDINANCE FIXING WHITE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

**O-1-2019-005**                    **ORDINANCE FIXING BLUE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

**O-1-2019-006**                    **ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC USE.**

**O-1-2019-007**                    **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-7-2017-020 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP") ON AUGUST 7, 2017 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP), TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$570,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$542,800 AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT THEREIN BY \$27,200.**

6.     **RESOLUTIONS for CONSIDERATION under CONSENT AGENDA at the Monday, January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting: (R-1-2019-018 – R-1-2019-030)**

**R-1-2019-018**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019.**

**R-1-2019-019**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

**R-1-2019-020**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

**R-1-2019-021**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

**R-1-2019-022**                    **Removed.**

**R-1-2019-023**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE.**

**R-1-2019-024**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT #1 FOR THE TRANSFER OF TWO UNUSABLE VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR FIRE SAFETY TRAINING.**

**R-1-2019-025**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TORO WORKMAN HD FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PARKS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. (\$19,026.16)**

**R-1-2019-026**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

**R-1-2019-027**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019.**

**R-1-2019-028**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.**

**R-1-2019-029**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ECOVANTA, LLC. FOR 2019 ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES.**

**R-1-2019-030**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D.) (\$39,468.00)**

7.     Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)

8.     Agenda Meeting Adjournment.                    Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 14, 2019**

**AGENDA**

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS –**

**Proclamation** presented to the League of Women Voters:

**2019 Human Trafficking Awareness Day**

**Presentation:**

**Honoring Retiree Michael Dipierro  
37 years of service**

**Proclamations:**

**India Republic Day at Rossmoor  
January 26, 2019**

**India US Forum of Monroe Township – IFM**  
Recognizing their efforts and thanking them for their food pantry donations

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

- **December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting**
- **December 26, 2018 Special and Agenda Meeting**

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

4. **ORDINANCE(S) for INTRODUCTION:**

**O-1-2019-001 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”.  
(Clarification of annual meeting schedule)**

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

**O-1-2019-002**                    **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO CREATE A SIDEWALK AND CURBING CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND.**

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

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

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

**O-1-2019-003**                    **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC". (Increasing penalty for Costco Drive violations)**

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

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

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

**O-1-2019-004**                    **ORDINANCE FIXING WHITE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

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

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

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

**O-1-2019-005**                    **ORDINANCE FIXING BLUE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

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

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

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

**O-1-2019-006**                    **ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC USE.**

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

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

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

**O-1-2019-007**                    **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-7-2017-020 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP") ON AUGUST 7, 2017 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP), TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$570,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$542,800 AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT THEREIN BY \$27,200.**

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

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

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

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- R-1-2019-022** Removed.
- R-1-2019-023** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE.
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- MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_
- SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_
- ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

6. **RESOLUTIONS** removed from **CONSENT AGENDA**:

- R-1-2019-024** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT #1 FOR THE TRANSFER OF TWO UNUSABLE VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR FIRE SAFETY TRAINING.
- R-1-2019-028** RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.
- MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_
- SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_
- ROLL CALL: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mayor's Report.
8. Administrator's Report.
9. Engineer's Report.
10. Council's Reports.
11. Public. (5 Minutes per Speaker)
12. Adjournment. Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2019**

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

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Township Clerk Christine Robbins.

**ABSENT:** Council President Stephen Dalina.

There were approximately twenty (20) members of the Public present in the audience.

Council Vice-President Schneider requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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Council Vice-President Schneider read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019** Regular Council Meeting:

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Council Vice-President Schneider requested the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA** at the **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019** Regular Council meeting be reviewed, and any questions will be addressed:  
(R-1-2019-018 - R-1-2019-030)

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**PUBLIC:**

**Roger Meaney, 22 Harrigan Ave.** – Mr. Meaney asked if O-1-2019-007 was to approve payment for the driving range property which the Township is acquiring to be given to the Board of Education to build the new middle school; Administrator Weinberg answered yes this is for the final payment to be made for that property. Mr. Meaney asked how much was the final purchase price to which Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer responded \$3,000,000 which has to be approved by the Court but is most likely what the cost will be.

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked if there are any other costs attached to O-1-2019-007 such as a tenancy fee and/or relocation fee since there is currently someone operating on that property; Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer answered that the relationship between the Township and the tenant will remain as is and the tenant will continue to operate through December 1<sup>st</sup> and continue to pay taxes through that period. Mrs. Arminio clarified that the Township does not have any other costs associated with this such as relocation to which Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer answered that we do not. Mrs. Arminio asked if we were going to receive rent from the tenant or is that going to the owner; Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer clarified and answered that the rent will be going to the owner and the Township will be receiving the taxes.

Mrs. Arminio asked if there was a resolution done regarding state impact fees; Administrator Weinberg answered that the resolution was done two meetings ago. Mrs. Arminio asked if we request the state to change the legislation regarding impact fees, do we know if they are open to doing that, because for decades we have been told that we cannot require developers to pay impact fees but instead we can ask for consideration and believes that there has been a precedent in Monroe where developers had given money for the Senior Center. She added that it may be a shallow request if we have not received confirmation that the legislature is on board and it needs to be done quickly. She then asked if our representatives have responded back. Mayor Tamburro clarified that developers did not pay impact fees to the Senior Center and it was actually a lawsuit that involved three communities who were not abiding by our ordinance regarding age-restriction. The settlement of that litigation required that the communities pay penalties to assist in building the Senior Center. Mrs. Arminio asked if there is a copy of that settlement available to be reviewed; Township Attorney Marguerite Schaffer stated that she was not familiar with that specific litigation.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked in regards to O-1-2019-007 how much is the Township paying for the property; Administrator Weinberg answered that the total cost is \$3,000,000 which is the amount that was recommended through the court process with the court making the final determination. Administrator Weinberg also clarified that we have always owned the land and have come to a settlement agreement allowing the property owner to stay on the property. The argument of cost has gone to the court and with their recommendation and final determination we have come to the \$3,000,000 total.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the Agenda Meeting of January 14, 2019 Adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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

Council Vice-President Schneider announced that a five-minute recess will be taken and reconvening with the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019 Reconvened at 6:55 PM.

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

Mayor Tamburro mentioned that longtime Township Attorney, Joel Shain has retired and Peg Schaffer from Shain Schaffer has been appointed as the Township Attorney will now be attending the meetings.

Mayor Tamburro read aloud and presented a proclamation to the League of Women Voters for 2019 Human Trafficking Awareness Day. On January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Library a panel of experts will hold an information session to educate the community on the dangers of human trafficking and ways to prevent it from happening.

Mayor Tamburro read aloud a proclamation for India Republic Day at Rossmoor which will be held on January 26, 2019, as well as, a proclamation for the India US Forum of Monroe Township "IFM", in recognition of their efforts for their food pantry donations.

Mayor Tamburro presented Michael Dipierro with a plaque honoring him for his 37 years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

Council Vice-President Schneider requested a two-minute recess so pictures could be taken.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **MINUTES** of the **December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting and December 26, 2018 Special and Agenda Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2019-001 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT"** (Clarification of annual meeting schedule)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-001

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2019-002 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO CREATE A SIDEWALK AND CURBING CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-002

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**O-1-2019-003 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".** (Increasing penalty for Costco Drive violations)

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-003

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2019-004 ORDINANCE FIXING WHITE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-004

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2019-005 ORDINANCE FIXING BLUE COLLAR WORKER SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2019-2022.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-005

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**O-1-2019-006 ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC USE.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-006

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was introduced on first reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2019-007 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-7-2017-020 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP") ON AUGUST 7, 2017 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 25, LOTS 14.1 AND 16 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP), TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$570,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$542,800 AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT THEREIN BY \$27,200.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-1-2019-007

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-1-2019-018 – R-1-2019-030 except R-1-2019-024 and R-1-2019-028)

**R-1-2019-018 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD TAX SALES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct Tax Sales during Calendar Year 2019 for all prior year's delinquent taxes, pursuant to New Jersey Law, Chapter 99.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-019                    RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

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

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

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-020                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for homestead rebates in the amount of Five thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars and thirteen cents (\$5,566.13) 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-1-2019-021                    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 Twenty-two thousand three hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,300.00),

**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-1-2019-022                    Removed.**

**R-1-2019-023                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official, by copy of a letter dated January 4, 2019, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", has recommended the Council approve the following construction permit refund:

<u>Refund to:</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Coastal Air Conditioning 6 Phyllis Street Hazlet, N.J. 07730	Permit # 20183362 Request to void permit/ Work no longer being performed at 22 Stanley Court, Monroe	\$ 85.00

**WHEREAS**, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Construction Official and finds the request 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 **Coastal Air Conditioning in the amount of \$85.00.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-025            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TORO WORKMAN HD FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PARKS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. (\$19,026.16)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase the following equipment under **Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative purchasing** for the Monroe Township Parks Department as hereinbelow set forth:

**ESC15/16-08 #65ESCCPS**

<b>(1) Toro Workman HD 07369</b>	<b>\$17,935.20</b>
<b>Canopy 07372</b>	<b>\$ 499.20</b>
<b>Receiver Hitch 117-4831</b>	<b>\$ 110.68</b>
<b>Speedometer/Tachometer 115-4831</b>	<b>\$ 481.08</b>
	<b><u>\$19,026.16</u></b>

**WHEREAS**, *Storr Tractor Company* is an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

**WHEREAS**, *Storr Tractor Company, 3191 Route 22, Somerville, N.J. 08876* has been awarded New Jersey State Contract, No. ESC15/16-08 in connection with the above referenced equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No.C-1900001, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that *Storr Tractor Company* is hereby awarded a contract for the purchase of (1) Toro Workman HD and accessories as described above for a total contract price of **\$19,026.16.**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-026            RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 21, 2018 has made the following 2019 appointments to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**:

<b>Robert Hudak</b>	<b>Planning Director</b>	<b>1 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019</b>
<b>Samuel Landy</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>2 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020</b>
<b>Joseph Gurney</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>1 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019</b>
<b>James Etsch</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>5 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2019 – 12/31/2023</b>

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

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

**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 **Robert Hudak** as Planning Director to serve a one (1) term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2019, **Samuel Landy** as Member to serve a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2020, **Joseph Gurney** as Member to serve a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2019, and **James Etsch** as Member to serve a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2023 on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-027                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA AND ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019.**

**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.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-029                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ECOVANTA, LLC. FOR 2019 ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS** effective January 1, 2011, recycling of certain consumer electronics is mandatory in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, hereinafter “Township”, has requested to enter into an Agreement with ECOvanta, LLC for the proper recycling of consumer electronics; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial term of the agreement shall commence January 1, 2019, *nunc pro tunc*, and shall expire December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, upon mutual written agreements of both parties the term of this agreement may be extended for up to three (3) successive one year periods; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a cost neutral agreement for acceptable recyclable items however, ECOvanta, LLC, in compliance with applicable Law, will be charging \$0.25 /lb for electronic devices not covered under the New Jersey state electronics law during the proposed contract period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 as set forth in the agreement attached hereto as Appendix A; 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 an agreement with ECOvanta, LLC, located at 2209 South 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19143 is hereby authorized for a one-year contract period effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the proper recycling of consumer electronics.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-030                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. (Q.E.D.) (\$39,468.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, had purchased Q.E.D. Software for the Monroe Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe wishes to enter into an annual Maintenance Agreement with Queues Enforth Development, Inc. (Q.E.D.); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1(dd) authorizes the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software, except that this provision shall not be utilized to acquire or upgrade non-proprietary hardware or to acquire or update non-proprietary software; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost of the Software Maintenance Agreement for calendar year 2019 shall not exceed Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Eight dollars (**\$39,468.00**); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-1900002, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the Software Maintenance Agreement, effective January 1, 2019, *nunc pro tunc*, through December 31, 2019, with **Q.E.D., Inc., 92 Montvale Ave., Suite 4350, Stoneham, MA 02180-3647** in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Eight dollars (**\$39,468.00**).

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption and considered separately:

**R-1-2019-024                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT #1 FOR THE TRANSFER OF TWO UNUSABLE VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR FIRE SAFETY TRAINING.**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Monroe ("Township") owns a 2003 Dodge Durango and a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria which are no longer used or useful to the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire District #1 has requested that the Township transfer ownership of the two vehicles to it for the purpose of fire safety training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to honor the request to transfer ownership of the 2003 Dodge Durango – VIN No. 1 1D4HS38N03F559440 and the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN No. 1 2FABP7BV4AX118678 to Fire District #1 for nominal consideration, pursuant to a shared service agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire District #1 will take the vehicles in AS IS condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire District #1 agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Township, its employees, managers, elected officials, and agents harmless from any and all liability on account of any loss, damage, injury to person or property or loss of life and from all liens, claims, and demands of any kind or nature relating to or arising out of the transfer, transport and use of the vehicles and for any and all costs, fees, expenses, including counsel fees, incurred as a result of any such loss or claim; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer is valued at \$1.00 (One Dollar) as good and valuable consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately upon execution of the shared service agreement, Fire District #1 shall have the right to take possession of the 2003 Dodge Durango and the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria and to remove the vehicles from Township premises to its own premises at its own risk and cost; and

**WHEREAS**, upon taking possession of the vehicles, Fire district #1 shall bear all risk of loss regarding its possession, transport and use;

**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 Township Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute the shared service agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2019-028                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 31, 2018, has reappointed **Joseph Delaney, Kenneth Hilyard and Glen Tucker** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for terms of two (2) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring on December 31, 2020 and

**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 appointments of **Joseph Delaney, Kenneth Hilyard and Glen Tucker** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for two (2) year terms, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring on December 31, 2020.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Report** – Wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Beginning this year, the Senior Center has added more programs to their evening schedule. This was done to attract young seniors who cannot make any of the programs that are held during the day.

The Library has also agreed to keep their 10:00 am opening on Sunday which has had a very positive response as that library is always packed full of cars when you drive passed.

The Transportation Department has done 20,000 trips during 2018 and thanked the division for all of their hard work and dedication in getting our residents to and from various events and medical appointments.

Many of our residents have signed up to participate in the optional water and sewer coverage provided by American Water Resources. This provides homeowners added protection for any issues that arise from the curb to the road. Interested residents can contact Harold Klein for more information.

Mayor Tamburro reported that the Township received a Recycling Grant for \$181,000 which is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in the state. Thanked Joe Slomian and all of the Township employees involved in keeping the town green for their hard work to get this done.

Bentley Road now has a speed tracking device and signage posted which was done through the County's "Slow Down In Our Town" program.

Last week was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day; thanked Chief Lloyd and all of the officers for making Monroe Township one of the safest in Middlesex County.

The library is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. There will be special events held throughout the month to celebrate, one of which was planting a 30-year time capsule. Mayor Tamburro urged everyone to take part and celebrate the Library's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator Weinberg reported that the library has planted their time capsule and has come so far in 30 years which is really amazing. It is our crown jewel of the Township and the Mayor and Council go above and beyond to make the Library successful.

The Township will be renewing its energy aggregation program later this year. We have saved residents over \$9,000,000 from starting this program just a year and half ago. He noted that the standard tariff rate has increased for our entire region.

JCP&L will be doing tree trimming over the next few months so you may see their contractors out on the roads.

At the last meeting we did move forward to acquire 10 acres on Old Church Road.

Last month we also approved a Shared Services Agreement with Fire District #3 allows some of our EMS faculty to be staffed in their new facility and will allow for better coverage throughout the Township.

We have also approved a Shared Services Agreement with Fire District #1 allows for two vehicles to help in their training.

Last month we also transferred a water tank over for confined space training; it is important as Business Administrator to find ways that we can all work together and this is a step in the right direction.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz gave an update on some of the Middlesex County projects; the intersection of Perrineville Road and Prospect Plains Road will have traffic control setup next week with the traffic light being made operational and the dedicated left turn now in effect. The final milling and paving will take place in the Spring.

There were some equipment issues at the intersection of 522 and Schoolhouse Road and once the issues are worked out with the electronics then the signal will be complete and operational. The county has not provided a timeline as to when that can be expected to be working.

New Jersey Natural Gas has completed most of the installation of their pipeline throughout the Township.

The Daniel Ryan ADA Restroom and Concession Stand project should be completed in the Spring.

We will be receiving \$310,000 in State Aid for Monmouth Road and will be working with the State to finalize plans. The bid opening is expected to be done in February and awarded at the March meeting.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

##### **Councilman Baskin** –

- Animal licensing is now due; there will be a \$10.00 late fee come April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The next paint drop-off will be Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Public Works yard.
- The Community Gardens applications are due before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications can be picked up at the municipal building or requested via email.
- Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Council passed a resolution regarding impact fees; reminded everyone that there is power in numbers and urged those to send letters to our legislatures to have our voices heard.

##### **Councilwoman Cohen** –

- Welcomed Township Attorney, Peg Schaffer.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> is National Wear Red Day to bring awareness for cardio health.
- Urged everyone to join the Human Trafficking Panel as the League of Women Voters have worked hard in putting this together for the Township.
- Attended two meetings, one being the KMM Transportation Forum and they are responsible in keeping traffic moving throughout Middlesex County. One of the interesting remarks was their plans to move Cranbury Road along. The other being the Cable Television Committee meeting who has been working on their final report which is nearing completion. Their recommendations will be presented to the Council in March at the March meeting.

##### **Councilman Dipierro** –

- Wished everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.
- Thanked the Mayor and Administrator Weinberg for putting construction updates on the Township website.
- Also thanked the Mayor and Administrator Weinberg for working hand in hand with all of the Fire Districts in the Township and giving their support.
- DPW has been doing a great job on our roads; also thanked Engineer Rasimowicz and his staff for their work. Signs have also been posted throughout the Township to make those traveling on our roadways to be more aware of various roadwork going on.
- Township recycling guidelines are available on the Township website.
- Tree trimming is being done throughout the Township by JCP&L.
- Reported that MTUD has been doing an update on the water and sewer capacity and asked for an update; Director Joe Stroin reported that the utility commissioned Weston & Sampson to perform a study as to what the capacity to our water and sewer system is. Their report is almost complete and will be presented to the Council once it is completed. This report is expected to show the bottlenecks in our system and areas and give recommendations on how to improve. We will see a finalized plan within the next two months and will be working with all of the developers as well.
- There is a site on Spotswood Englishtown Road that Toll Brothers has been working on Council, and Dipierro expressed his concern with where the dirt is going to, what the truck routes are, as well as, whether or not the proper chain of command is being followed by this developer. Administrator Weinberg answered that he was unable to answer all of his emails that were sent by Councilman Dipierro over the weekend; Councilman Dipierro commented that he does not look at the excessive emailing as a negative as it shows that he cares about the Township. Engineer

Rasimowicz answered that that site has been being worked on for over 18 years, with that site exporting to several different projects over the past year. The current project where the material is going to is on a project over on Texas Road. The approved truck route would be for the trucks to come out of their site, make a right and go down towards Englishtown and come up on Old Bridge-Englishtown Road. Councilman Dipierro commented that his concern is the road is newly paved and we want to keep it as long as we can in that new condition.

- Reported that New Jersey Natural Gas had a resident request reports that requested status; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that they would have to reach out to the State Board of Public Utilities for those reports as he does not receive those reports.

**Council Vice-President Schneider** –

- Thanked the new director at the Senior Center, Karen Theer. She has expanded programs because of the need and has done a wonderful job in doing so.
- December 27<sup>th</sup> was Grandparent's Day and with over 600 attendees, it made for a wonderful event. There was lunch, photos and a trip to the movie theater to see Mary Poppins Returns or Spiderman. Thanked the Recreation Department staff, the Key Club and the Gardens at Monroe for all of their generosity.
- Attended the Library's time capsule event on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some of the items that were put into the capsule were photos, calendars, library cards and information about the library and the book mobile.
- On January 30<sup>th</sup> there will be an all-day film festival of movies from 1989 at the Library.
- The Library will be taking food donations in lieu of late fees for books; added that it is a sad reality that 1 in 5 children go to bed hungry. Thanked everyone who has donated thus far.

**Council President Dalina** – Absent.

**PUBLIC:**

**Gary Busman, 7 Monarch Rd.** – Mr. Busman wanted to inform the Council and members of the public that on December 27<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the Community Garden have purchased a greenhouse. The construction will begin around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March weather permitting. He thanked the Township for their input and the members of Council who made sure the Community Garden received the proper utilities to the site, as well as, Northfield Bank for their \$10,000 donation.

**Roger Meaney, 22 Harrigan Ave.** – Mr. Meaney had a question regarding O-1-2019-007, asking why the Township was going out to bond opposed to borrowing the money from the Open Space fund. He also asked if the \$181,000 recycling grant could be used for other needs of the Township as he sees a lot of money in different areas that can be used for education. He added that the Township was able to fund \$300,000 for tennis courts without having to bond for them. Administrator Weinberg answered that the \$181,000 recycling grant money that we received is one of the highest grants received and is factored in the budget to help with the operation of that department. He added that we introduced O-1-2019-007 this evening and it was the right way to move forward in going through the bonding process and have it completed that way as well. He stated that he was unsure if using Open Space funds would be permitted to purchase land to build a school on as that would be a question for our Bond Counsel to answer. Administrator Weinberg also added that the Township spent \$525,000 for the property comprised of three separate parcels on Old Church Road. Mr. Meaney added that he hates to see \$300,000 spent on tennis courts freely but then everyone stating that a new school is necessary which now we need to go out to borrow and pay interest on. He feels that the Bond Counsel should sit down and reconsider having O-1-2019-007 go through.

**Andy Paluri, St. James St.** – Mr. Paluri stated that he is happy to see an open discussion on the traffic and construction that has been ongoing throughout the Township. He has noticed that south on Perrineville Road and Prospect Plains Road that the speed limit changes frequently going from 45mph to 25 mph and then 40mph. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that that is a County road but he can take a look at the speed limit changes as he is not aware of what they are off hand.

Shared that NJ.com has reported that Monroe Township is the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing township in the State. With this being reported it is to be noted that we do have a lot of traffic going through our town and it has been requested a few times that a township wide traffic study would be beneficial in getting some of our projects the funding from the State and County as necessary.

Mr. Paluri also noted that there has been an increase of accidents along Applegarth Road and elsewhere and education, engineering and enforcement all go hand in hand. He is concerned with the in operational traffic signals not having at least a traffic controller present. The timeline of Perrineville Road and Prospect Plains Road, as well as, Schoolhouse Road and 522 seems to be excessive in that it is taking longer than projected to have them operational. Engineer Rasimowicz stated that these are County projects which are under their control, jurisdiction, design and construction. Mr. Paluri commented back that he understood that to be true but this is still our town and our residents driving on these roadways and feels we should be able to ask the County as to why it is taking so long to complete.

In regards to the bid opening for Monmouth Road that was reported earlier, Mr. Paluri asked what that work will consist of; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the project is NJDOT funded and will be a road reconstruction of Monmouth Road, particularly from First Avenue to just beyond Cornell. It will remove and replace sidewalks, reconstruct the roadway and make it ADA compliant.

Mr. Paluri added that the push for impact fees is great step in the right direction and added that the Mayor and Council should consider how the Affordable Housing obligation is impacting our Township as well.

Lastly, he mentioned that March 12<sup>th</sup> is a very important date for the Board of Education and asked all to come out to support.

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab extended his appreciation for the library, as he has lived in the town for 16 years and has taken advantage of all of what the library offers. He recommended that the hours should be extended on Friday since currently it closes at 5:00pm and many people would enjoy being able to go there when they are home from work and school. He also extended his appreciation to the EMS, Police Department and DPW for their hard work in keeping the Township safe.

Mr. Parab commented that he is worried that recycling is not required to be separated as it has been done in the past and when it is rejected it simply goes to the dump. He asked if it could be looked into further and asked for the possibility of banning plastic bags since they have caused many environmental problems.

Thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution regarding impact fees. He added that since we are noted as being the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing township in the State it is specifically important to take a look at the ongoing construction and how much longer traveling through the Township takes. He stated that impact fees are imposed in 29 states, with many of those states looking at builders to be responsible for contributing to the construction of parks, playgrounds and recreational areas. Also, it would be important to include not on the roadways within the developments being built but the impact to the roadways outside of the them. He has spoken to the Mayor of Robbinsville who is having the same challenges and agrees that something has to be done. In addition, it is important to note the Affordable Housing obligation and that effect as well since the taxpayers will be the ones responsible to pay. He urged that we request our senator and legislators to draft a bill for this issue.

Councilwoman Cohen commented on the issue of sorting recycling and explained that the requirement to sort had been stopped many years ago, most likely directed by the NJDEP or another department higher than us. This was not a decision made by the Township but a direction taken by a higher department. She added that there exists the possibility of sorting making a comeback but that will come from the direction of a department outside of us.

Councilman Baskin commented that the process for the legislature to consider a draft bill would be for it to be added to their agenda, which is set by the Speaker of the Assembly. Simply drafting a bill does not a guarantee that it will be on the agenda so it is important that we continue to send letters urging for something to be done.

**Michele Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio requested that the videos posted on the Township website be made downloadable so the public can have access of them. She added that it would help the Township Clerk in answering OPRA requests and keep everything transparent.

Mrs. Arminio commented that in regards to R-1-2019-026, which appoints members to the Open Space Committee, that those appointed are qualified, cognizant and environmentally active. She asked the Mayor and Council to consider applicants who have the necessary qualifications and have shown engagement in the community, as well as, having attended those meetings in which they apply to be a member of.

In regards to R-1-2019-027, appointing Piazza & Associates as the Administrative Agent for the Township, Mrs. Arminio stated that she attended the Affordable Housing Board meeting the other night and saw that there was another company who gave a brief presentation regarding their processes for handling and processing applications and wondered if the Mayor and Council has considered using another Administrative Agent. She added that she asked questions at the board meeting as to how the lottery system works and no one seemed to know the answer. She asked the Mayor and Council to consider having the Affordable Housing Board have a presentation to answer those questions to keep with being transparent. Councilwoman Cohen answered that there was a presentation held a few months prior regarding affordable housing and asked if Mrs. Arminio attended, as many of her questions could have been answered then. Mrs. Arminio stated that she was unable to attend but was able to view the copy of the presentation that had been posted on the website. Administrator Weinberg added that an RFQ did go out requesting those interested to apply for the administrative agent position and there was only one respondent, that being Piazza & Associates.

**George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct.** – Mr. Gunkelman suggested that the Township considers looking into options for renewable sources of energy so the residents and Township can add that to our green portfolio.

Mr. Gunkelman commented that he has noticed that there are a number of roads throughout the Township that have somewhat poor drainage causing ice buildup on them which makes them hazardous. Engineer Rasimowicz responded that he would follow up with DPW, who has been out fixing a lot of potholes and addressing those issues. He also noted that because of how much rain we had in 2018, the groundwater is a lot higher causing a lot of the drainage issues.

Regarding O-1-2019-002, Mr. Gunkelman asked for clarification as to where the money will come from and what the actual intended use of it will be; Administrator Weinberg answered that this Ordinance allows us to create a sidewalk and curbing construction fund and basically when people come before the Planning Board and it has been determined that they do not have to build a sidewalk, they have to make a monetary compensation in lieu of being required to do that. We have been keeping that money tied to that location by and large because of how our Ordinance reads. This allows for us to use that money in that fund to benefit the residents of the Township by putting sidewalks throughout the Township where needed. Councilman Dipierro added why he felt this was an important Ordinance for the Township. He thanked the Mayor and Township Attorney for their support. Mr. Gunkelman asked how much money is currently in this fund; Administrator Weinberg answered that there is approximately \$547,000.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Cohen and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the Combined Special/Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Elizabeth Schneider*  
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ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER, Council Vice President

Minutes were adopted on: February 4, 2019.