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

**JANUARY 4, 2023**

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

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Miriam Cohen  
Councilman Charles Dipierro  
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider  
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel  
Councilman Terence Van Dzura

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:

1. Posted on the Bulletin Boards within the Municipal Building on December 30, 2022 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and the **CRANBURY PRESS** on December 30, 2022;
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 and PRESENTATIONS:**

*Recognizing Lisa Robinson for her 25 years with the Monroe Township Police Department*

*Recognizing Carl D. Vogt for his 25 years with the Monroe Township Utility Department*

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*Safe Place Program – Presented by Detective Steven Menhart*

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(Councilman Dipierro)
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- R-1-2023-039**                    **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**  
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- R-1-2023-040**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (\$91,000)**
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- R-1-2023-046**                    **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948).** (2022 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, End of year Holiday Crackdown - \$7,000.00)
- R-1-2023-047**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOES FROM MALL CHEVROLET USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**  
(Vehicles - \$142,896.85; Equipment - \$39,691.28)
- R-1-2023-048**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS' OFFICE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.**
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- R-1-2023-052**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT.**



3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**December 5, 2022 - Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**

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

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- R-1-2023-057** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1168.2, VILLAGES @ COUNTRYVIEW PHASE 2, PB#1213-18 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.),
- R-1-2023-058** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$145,000)

**R-1-2023-059                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ANNUAL  
COMPENSATION FOR BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE YEAR 2023. (FD#1 \$8200; FD#2 \$8000; FD#3 \$7500)**

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

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

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

7.    **Administrator’s Report.**

8.    **Engineer’s Report.**

9.    **Council’s Reports.**

10.   **Mayor’s Report.**

11.   **Public Comments.**      (5 Minutes per Speaker)

12.   **Adjournment.**            MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING –FEBRUARY 6, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – January 4, 2023**

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

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

**UPON ROLL CALL** by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman 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, Assistant Business Administrator Kevin McGowan, Township Attorney Sapana Shah, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins.

There were approximately twenty-eight (28) members of the Public in attendance.

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 30, 2022 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, 2022;

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.

Mayor Dalina presented Captain Lisa Robinson a plaque for her 25 years of service with the Monroe Township Police Department. He shared that Captain Robinson is a Monroe Township resident and attended Monroe Township High School. She graduated the Police Academy on January 1, 1997 and became a D.A.R.E. officer in 1999, receiving a promotion to Sergeant in May of 2005. In 2014 she was promoted the Lieutenant and in 2019 was promoted to Captain. He also stated that Captain Robinson has served in the United States Army and the New Jersey National Guard and it has been an honor and privilege working with her as he has worked hand in hand with Captain Robinson in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Recreation Advisory Council and the Human Relations Commission, as well as, during Tropical Storm Henri working in the command center. He noted that her hard work and passion does not and will not ever go unnoticed and wished her nothing but the best during her retirement. Captain Robinson thanked all of the officers and first responders for coming out to wish her well in retirement and she stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve her hometown along with her fellow officers.

Mayor Dalina presented Carl Vogt a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service with the Monroe Township Utility Department. He shared that Mr. Vogt started with the Utility Department in 1997 and was always ready to take on any task handed to him. He went on to share that for the first 20 years Mr. Vogt worked with both water and wastewater and performed operator's duties in the treatment plants and pump stations. For the last 5 years, Carl took a management position which included the duties of running the water sampling program and the water meter changeout program. Mayor Dalina added that Carl has always been dependable and knowledgeable to all his colleagues and extended thanks for his service and congratulated him on his retirement. Mr. Vogt shared that in his time working for Monroe Township he has watched the Utility Department exponentially grow over the years and he has enjoyed the 25 years he has been with the Township and expressed his gratitude to all.

Mayor Dalina noted that that Amy Antellis was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he wanted to present a plaque for her 27 years of service with the Monroe Township Police Department working in the Information Technology Department. He shared that Ms. Antellis was hired in 1995 as a telecommunicator and then was promoted in 2007 to the Police Department's IT Administrator. He extended thanks for her 27 years of dedicated service and wished her well on her retirement.

Council President Cohen introduced Detective Menhart who shared a new program being offered to members of the LGBTQ community who are victims of bias crimes called the "Safe Place Program" Detective Menhart thanked Chief Biennas for bringing this to the community and went on to explain the 3 components involved in becoming a "Safe Place". He explained that there is a highly visible sticker that is placed on the front door or window of a business that states it is a "Safe Place" for the LGBTQ community; the owner of the business will call 911 if a member of the LGBTQ community comes in and states that they are the victim of a bias crime and agrees to have the person experiencing the crime shelter there until help arrives. Detective Menhart went on to explain that this program was created in Seattle, Washington to help prevent people from being the targets of bias crimes. He stated that this program is aimed to help bridge the gap and reinforce trust between the LGBTQ community and Police Departments, which Monroe Township shown the utmost respect for not only this community but other minority groups as well. Lastly, he mentioned that Monroe Township is the 304<sup>th</sup> agency to join the program.

Councilwoman Siegel extended thanks and well wishes to both Mr. Vogt and Ms. Antellis, as well as Captain Robinson for their years of service to the Monroe Township community. She shared that Captain Robinson was one of the first people she had met and noted that her impact with the children of Monroe with her work in the D.A.R.E. program has made a positive lasting impression that will never be forgotten.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura commented that Lisa, Carl and Amy make Monroe what it is and went on to say that we have one of the best police forces in the entire country and thanked all of them for their efforts and attendance tonight to recognize another fellow officer. Lastly, he commented that it is great to see the "Safe Place Program" being implemented, although it should not be necessary, he is very happy to see it starting here in Monroe.

Councilman Dipierro commented that he remembers when Lisa started working for the Police Department and the beauty of living in Monroe for most of his life is that he has watched many people come and go and the leadership and legacy they all leave behind. He extended well wishes to Lisa, Carl and Amy in their retirement and thanked them for their years of service. Councilman Dipierro commented that he is proud to have the "Safe Place Program" implemented in our Township as it is our job to keep an eye on all and keep everyone safe. He wished everyone good luck on their retirement.

Councilwoman Schneider commented that it has been a pleasure to serve with Lisa as liaison on the Human Relations Commission and wished her the best of luck in her retirement. She went on to wish Carl and Amy well in their retirement and thanked them for their years of service and dedication to the Township. She also extended thanks to Detective Menhart and our Police Department for bringing the “Safe Place Program” to Monroe Township.

Council President Cohen commented that Captain Robinson is also the president of her homeowner’s association which shows that she continues to take on challenges and congratulated her for all of her hard work. Council President Cohen commented to Mr. Vogt that it is a very important job to work with wastewater and thanked him for his hard work during his employment with Monroe. Lastly, commented that she is delighted by Detective Menhart’s implementation of the “Safe Place Program” and thanked everyone for their commitment to the community.

A five-minute recess was taken with the meeting resuming at 7:03pm.

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read the following entitled **ORDINANCES** for **INTRODUCTION** at the **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023** Regular Council Meeting:

- O-1-2023-001**            **SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2023 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.**
  
- O-1-2023-002**            **ORDINANCE FIXING 2023-2026 SALARIES AND WAGES FOR PRIVATE PARTY BILLING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.**
  
- O-1-2023-003**            **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF FORSGATE DRIVE AND ROSSMOOR DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (Middlesex County Improvement)**
  
- O-1-2023-004**            **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER” TO INCLUDE SECTION 76-1(A)(31) PROHIBITING THE TRESPASS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAMPERING WITH OR COMMITTING THE THEFT OR UNLAWFUL TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES THEREFORE.**
  
- O-1-2023-005**            **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ALIGN WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) & MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES.**  
(Codifying new State Law)

Council President Cohen read the following entitled **RESOLUTIONS** for **CONSIDERATION** at the **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023** Regular Council Meeting:

(R-1-2023-001 – R-1-2023-059) **(1/3/23 - Resolution No. R-1-2023-032 Removed)**

- R-1-2023-001**            **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.**
  
- R-1-2023-002**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
  
- R-1-2023-003**            **AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$195/hr not to exceed \$381,307)**

- R-1-2023-004**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM ANTONELLI KANTOR AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$110,000)**
- R-1-2023-005**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN, WITH THE FIRM JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$40,000)**
- R-1-2023-006**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (as needed basis - per fee schedule)**
- R-1-2023-007**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$10,000)**
- R-1-2023-008**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Sholk Appraisal, Timothy Hoffman Inc. and Stern & Dragoset Appraisal Group as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)**
- R-1-2023-009**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (not to exceed \$30,000)**
- R-1-2023-010**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Not to exceed \$156,000)**
- R-1-2023-011**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (as needed basis per fee schedule)**
- R-1-2023-012**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Not to exceed \$114,000)**
- R-1-2023-013**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Director of Engineering not to exceed \$27,000; General Engineering Services and Tax Map Maintenance not to exceed \$310,000)**

- R-1-2023-014**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (CME, Delaware Raritan, Alaimo Group, Remington & Vernick and Prestige Environmental)
- R-1-2023-015**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ALAIMO GROUP AS ARCHITECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(Police Building Addition and Improvements - Not to exceed \$205,000)
- R-1-2023-016**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO R3M ENGINEERING INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(Not to exceed \$204,000)
- R-1-2023-017**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(Not to exceed \$76,500)
- R-1-2023-018**                    **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM WATER AND/OR SEWER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**  
(R3M Engineering Inc., Weston & Sampson, H2M Associates, CME Associates, as needed)
- R-1-2023-019**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (Not to exceed \$53,060.00)
- R-1-2023-020**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.** (Nancie Gunkelman – 3 yr term, Kate Rattner – 3 yr term, Nancy R. Mitrocsak, Alt.II – 2-yr. term)
- R-1-2023-021**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD.** (Joseph Stroin, Christopher Bevins, Louis Buonocore)
- R-1-2023-022**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.** (Samuel Landy – 2 yr term, Joseph Stroin – 1 yr term, John Riggs – 1 yr term)
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- R-1-2023-024**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.** (Hemant Patel, Kenneth Hilyard, Richard Lans – 2 yr terms)
- R-1-2023-025**                    **RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH STROIN AS DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.** (1/1/23 – 12/31/23)
- R-1-2023-026**                    **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.** (Councilman Dipierro 1 yr term; Oruj Qureshi and Steven Bloom 3 yr terms)



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- R-1-2023-048** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.
- R-1-2023-049** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 10 PARTIAL STORM – PB-1108-11.
- R-1-2023-050** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2, SECTION 10 – PB-1125-12.
- R-1-2023-051** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GABLES AT APPEGARTH VILLAGE – COMMERCIAL – BA-5099-14.
- R-1-2023-052** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT.
- R-1-2023-053** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT RUSSO OF THE FIRM CME ASSOCIATES AS PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE. (Not to exceed \$30,000)
- R-1-2023-054** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF THE BERM AND LANDSCAPING GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GEORGETOWN ESTATES – PHASE 1 – PB-1213-18.
- R-1-2023-055** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Administrative fee increased to \$1200 per month from \$1000)
- R-1-2023-056** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STOUT'S CHARTER SERVICE, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CHARTER BUS SERVICE. (1/1/23 – 12/31/24 – Year 1: \$76,664.64; Year 2: \$83,592.01)
- R-1-2023-057** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1168.2, VILLAGES @ COUNTRYVIEW PHASE 2, PB#1213-18 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.),
- R-1-2023-058** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$145,000)

**R-1-2023-059**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ANNUAL  
COMPENSATION FOR BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE YEAR 2023. (FD#1 \$8200; FD#2 \$8000; FD#3 \$7500)**

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-1-2023-014, R-1-2023-022, R-1-2023-053 and R-1-2023-059 to be considered separately.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz.** – Mrs. Panos thanked the Clerk’s Office for their hard work during the last election commenting that they not only do excellent work, but they have patience and are very compassionate.

Mrs. Panos asked for clarification on several items: regarding O-1-2023-004 she asked if there is an added benefit to this amendment and why it is necessary; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is a separate opportunity to add a penalty on a local level to do everything we can to deter thefts from happening in our Township. Mrs. Panos asked what cash management means according to R-1-2023-001 and if the person being appointed in R-1-2023-011 will be handling our cash management; Administrator Weinberg answered that this lays out the locations of where our funds can go which follows State statutes and that Phoenix Advisor’s does not do our cash management plan as they are the consultants for our bonds and notes. Mrs. Panos asked for clarification on the not to exceed amount noted on R-1-2023-003 and if it also encompasses the amount listed in R-1-2023-017 or is in addition to; Administrator Weinberg answered that these are two separate resolutions being funded from two separate accounts. Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-1-2023-004 and R-1-2023-005 why there are two firms needed for tax appeals as she believes it is a short window of time where appeals can be filed; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is done through a fair and open process and allows us to utilize one or more firms if necessary. Mrs. Panos asked in regard to R-1-2023-014 why are conflict engineers needed and if this is because they have exceeded that amount allowed in contributions to political funds; Administrator Weinberg answered that conflict engineers are necessary in case of a conflict and he would not address the political contribution question as Business Administrator. Council President Cohen stated that all contributions made were within limits of the law and Attorney Shah added that all contributions are also recorded with the ELEC Board. Mrs. Panos asked regarding R-1-2023-027 what changes were made, to which Administrator, Weinberg answered, that significant changes were made to health benefits as the State health plan increased by 23%. Luckily, we did not increase and are staying at 0%. Mrs. Panos asked if the residents are made aware of these reductions and releases in regard to R-1-2023-049 and R-1-2023-050; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Township sued Lennar and all punch list items were completed. Engineer Rasimowicz commented that the management and HOA were made aware of the reductions and releases.

Mrs. Panos wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:17pm.

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 Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:17pm.

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **12/28/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the **MINUTES** of the **December 5, 2022 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** were approved 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 Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2023-001                    SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL 2023 SALARY AND WAGE  
ORDINANCE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX  
COUNTY.**

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 Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2023-002                    ORDINANCE FIXING 2023-2026 SALARIES AND WAGES FOR  
PRIVATE PARTY BILLING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL.**

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 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-1-2023-003                    ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A  
TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF FORSGATE DRIVE AND ROSSMOOR  
DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (Middlesex County  
Improvement)**

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, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2023-004                    ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER” TO INCLUDE SECTION 76-1(A)(31) PROHIBITING THE TRESPASS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAMPERING WITH OR COMMITTING THE THEFT OR UNLAWFUL TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES THEREFORE.**

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-1-2023-005                    ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ALIGN WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) & MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES.**  
(Codifying new State Law)

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-1-2023-001– R-1-2023-059) with the exception of R-1-2023-014, R-1-2023-022, R-1-2023-053, R-1-2023-059. **(1-3-23 - Resolution No. R-1-2023-032 Removed)**

**R-1-2023-001                    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law; N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of each local unit's monies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2023 Cash Management Plan, copy attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and is hereby adopted.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-002                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, total appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of appropriations made for interest, debt redemption charges, and Capital Improvement Fund is the sum of \$76,215,733.03; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of appropriations made for interest, debt redemption charges and Capital Improvement Fund is the sum of \$20,006,629.92;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the following appropriations shall be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for processing:

<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
Mayor	
Salaries & Wages	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Council	
Salaries & Wages	\$9,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,800.00
Township Clerk	
Salaries & Wages	\$115,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Elections	
Salaries & Wages	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:</b>	
Administration	
Salaries & Wages	\$105,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Human Resources	
Salaries & Wages	\$66,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Transportation	
Salaries & Wages	\$165,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Citizens Review Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$500.00
Insurance	
General Liability	\$230,000.00
Recreation Insurance	\$16,100.00
Workers Compensation	\$200,000.00
Group Health	\$3,000,000.00
Group Health-Broker	\$40,000.00
Health Waiver	\$20,000.00
Public Information and Public Advocate	
Salaries & Wages	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$37,000.00
Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	\$240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$55,000.00
Human Relations	
Salaries & Wages	\$700.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Economic Development Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$700.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Parks	
Salaries & Wages	\$100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Finance	
Salaries & Wages	\$135,000.00
Annual Audit	\$41,500.00
Data Processing	\$88,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Tax Collector	

Salaries & Wages	\$86,000.00
Tax Sale Cost	\$500.00
Other Expenses	\$7,000.00
Tax Assessor	
Salaries & Wages	\$120,000.00
Other Expenses	\$45,000.00
Ambulance Service	
Salaries & Wages	\$770,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Police Department	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,600,000.00
Other Expenses	\$250,000.00
Police Department-911	
Salaries & Wages	\$240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Emergency Mgt.	
Salaries & Wages	\$11,000.00
Other Expenses	\$7,000.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:</b>	
Township Engineer	
Other Expenses	\$150,000.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	
Streets and Roads	
Salaries & Wages	\$650,000.00
Other Expenses	\$120,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	\$75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$120,000.00
Solid Waste and Recycling	
Other Expenses	\$12,000.00
Landfill	
Other Expenses	\$55,000.00
Building and Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	\$220,000.00
Other Expenses	\$250,000.00
Community Services Act	
Other Expenses	\$140,000.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF LAW:</b>	
Department of Law:	
Other Expenses	\$160,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salaries & Wages	\$17,000.00
Other Expenses	\$100.00
<b>DEPARMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:</b>	
Division of Health Contr.	
Other Expenses	\$55,000.00
Animal Control	
Salaries & Wages	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
<b>OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:</b>	
Zoning Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,800.00

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Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Division of Planning	
Salaries & Wages	\$90,000.00
Other Expenses	\$9,000.00
Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$700.00
Other Expenses	\$200.00
Shade Tree Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,400.00
Cultural Arts Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$6,400.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Historic Pres. Commission	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Health Advisory Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$700.00
Other Expenses	\$100.00
Senior Services	
Salaries & Wages	\$165,000.00
Other Expenses	\$28,000.00
Recreation Advisory Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,200.00
Construction Official	
Salaries & Wages	\$350,000.00
Other Expenses	\$11,000.00
<b>OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:</b>	
Extended Sick Leave Fund	
Salaries & Wages	\$500.00
Celeb. Pub. Event	\$10,000.00
Utilities	\$420,000.00
Central Mailing Equipment	\$22,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$10,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	\$8,000.00
Social Security System	\$460,000.00
Storm water Management	
Salaries & Wages	\$65,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	\$100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$2,500.00
Public Defender	
Salaries & Wages	\$8,000.00
Shared Services - Recycling	\$160,000.00



911	
Salaries & Wages	\$49,000.00
Other Expenses	\$12,000.00
Shared Services - Fire Dist. & Bd.	
Other Expenses	\$40,000.00
FD#3/EMS	\$32,500.00
Library	\$1,023,000.00
Ambulance Service	
Salaries & Wages	\$430,000.00
Other Expenses	\$200,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,977,900.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$100,000.00
Bond Principal	\$3,878,000.00
Bond Interest	\$500,600.00
Green Trust Loans	\$16,179.00
Middlesex County Improvement Authority-Interest	
\$16,000.00	
Subtotal	\$4,510,779.00
Water-Sewer Operations	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,400,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,546,000.00
Social Security	\$80,000.00
Bond Principal	\$1,980,000.00
Bond Interest	\$700,000.00
NJEIT Loan	\$34,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$100,000.00
Subtotal	\$7,840,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$27,328,679.00</b>

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-003            AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
 (Director of Law - \$27,347; General Legal - \$195/hr not to exceed \$381,307)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-1 – TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY- GENERAL LEGAL**, for various legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone, Esq. of Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone, Esq. and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Law, Township Attorney shall be paid **\$27,347.00 annually**; and

**WHEREAS**, the General legal fees shall not exceed **\$381,307.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300013, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone, Esq., with the firm Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-004                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DANIEL ANTONELLI, WITH THE FIRM ANTONELLI KANTOR AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (\$195/hr not to exceed \$110,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-3 – TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various legal tax appeal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Kantor in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the hourly rate shall be \$195.00/hour; not to exceed \$110,000 for various legal tax appeal services as may be assigned by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in **Certificate No. C -2300014**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, 354 Eisenhower Pkwy, Suite 100 Livingston, N.J., commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Daniel Antonelli of the firm Antonelli Kantor, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-005 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAMES P. NOLAN, WITH THE FIRM JAMES P. NOLAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(\$195/hr not to exceed \$40,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-3 – TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY**, for various tax appeal legal professional services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC satisfies the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 20, 2021, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, legal services shall be billed at the rate of \$195.00 per hour not to exceed **\$40,000**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of the firm James P. Nolan & Associates, 61 Green Street, Woodbridge, N.J. 07095 in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq. of James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that James P. Nolan & Associates, LLC, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-006 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO McMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (as needed basis - per fee schedule)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-4 – MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL**, for various bond services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Firm **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** satisfy the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.** and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300033, 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, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC., 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, N.J. 07068**, effective January 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto, subject to P.L. 2005, Chapter 271, as approved and signed into law on January 3, 2007; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-007                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RANDOLPH BRAUSE, ESQ. OF THE FIRM LEITNER TORT DEFAZIO AND BRUASE, P.C. AS WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (\$195/hr not to exceed \$10,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-8 WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY**, for various workers compensation claims as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Randolph Brause, Esq. of the Firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.** satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.;** and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300016, 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, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a professional service contract with Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C., 244 Fernwood Avenue, Edison, N.J. 08837**, effective January 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto, subject to P.L. 2005, Chapter 271, as approved and signed into law on January 3, 2007; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Randolph Brause, Esq. of the firm **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Leitner Tort Defazio and Brause, P.C.**, shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-008**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BETTINA SHOLK FOR OPEN SPACE APPRAISALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(Sholk Appraisal, Timothy Hoffman Inc. and Stern & Dragoset Appraisal Group as needed; Sholk Appraisal - Open Space Appraisals not to exceed \$20,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-9 – APPRAISAL SERVICES**, for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the review committee has, based on the judging criteria, thoroughly reviewed each proposal and made its selections for each solicitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, recommends the Council approve and qualify the following firms:

***Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal - 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816***

***Timothy Hoffman, Inc. - P.O. Box 3030, Westfield, N.J. 07091***

***Stern & Dragoset Appraisal Group – 109 Green Street Woodbridge, N.J. 07095***

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022 also recommends the award of contract for **Open Space Appraisals** to **Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisal**, 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000** to be paid out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300017, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Monroe Township is hereby authorized to solicit proposals as necessary for various real estate appraisal services required by the Township from the above selected firms for Calendar Year 2023 and authorize the award of contract to Bettina Sholk Real Estate Appraisals for Open Space Appraisals, not to exceed \$20,000, out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-009**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CHESTNUT ARBORICULTURAL & FORESTRY SERVICES, LLC. AS LICENSED TREE EXPERT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (not to exceed \$30,000)

**WHEREAS**, for calendar year 2023, the Township and the Monroe Township Shade Tree Commission seek professional consultant services in connection with the survey and evaluation of dead trees and the selection, identification, and planting of new stock, the inspection of proposed new development sites, the examination of citizen requests for planting and removal of trees, for general advice at Commission meetings, and advice regarding the planting of trees on municipal property and in connection with the administration and enforcement of Chapter 97 of the Monroe Township Code governing the preservation, protection and removal of trees; and.

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-14 – LICENSED TREE EXPERT**, for various professional forestry/arbicultural advice and services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arbicultural & Forestry Services, LLC, possesses professional expertise as a certified tree expert, holding State Certificate #273 and otherwise meets the established criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, recommends that Council approve and award a professional service contract to Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arbicultural & Forestry Services, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed \$30,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C -2300018, 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, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arbicultural & Forestry Services, LLC, 151 Route 516 (P.O. Box 564), Old Bridge, NJ 08857**, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arbicultural & Forestry Services, LLC in an amount **not to exceed \$30,000.00**;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Gary Lovallo, of Chestnut Arbicultural & Forestry Services, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-010                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT  
CORPORATION FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING AND  
PRODUCER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE  
RISK MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
INSURANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(Not to exceed \$156,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-15 INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES/INSURANCE PRODUCER SERVICES** for various general employment law and collective negotiation services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, North American Insurance Management Corporation (hereinafter **NAIMC**), **1460 US Route 9 North, Suite 210, Woodbridge, NJ 07095** possesses the technical expertise required for such an engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 15, 2022, recommends the Council approve and award the contract to **NAIMC**; and

**WHEREAS**, North American Insurance Management Corporation has indicated that the flat fee for their service will be **\$156,000.00**, payable in equal monthly installments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No M-230000, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;

**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 (1) one-year contract with NAIMC for Insurance Consulting & Producer Services, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit C, commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by NAIMC for the Township at a cost **not to exceed \$125,000.00** and **not to exceed \$31,000.00** for MTUD – **Totaling \$156,000.00** payable in equal monthly installments; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that North American Insurance Management Corporation shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-011                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT  
TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS  
FOR TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(as needed basis per fee schedule)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-16 - FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES** for various financial advisory services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC.** satisfy the established criteria for said professional financial advisory services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, in accordance with the fee schedule contained within the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one-year professional service contract with **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, N.J. 08505 commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **Phoenix Advisors, LLC**, on an as needed basis in accordance with the attached Agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Phoenix Advisors, LLC shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-012                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
PKF O’CONNOR DAVIES, LLP. AS MUNICIPAL AUDITORS TO  
PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL  
ADVISORY SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(Not to exceed \$114,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et seq., requires the Township Council to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within six (6) months after the close of its fiscal year, and for that purpose to employ a registered municipal accountant of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-17 MUNICIPAL AUDITOR SERVICES** for auditing services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS, PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.**, satisfy the established criteria for said professional auditing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP., 300 Tices Blvd. Suite 315 Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677** in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$114,000.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available for the Utility Department, as set forth in Certificate No. M-230001, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 one (1) one-year professional service contract with **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.**, commencing January 1, 2023;
- (2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.** in an amount not to exceed **\$114,000.00**; and
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP.** shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-013                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO  
MARK RASIMOWICZ OF THE FIRM CENTER STATE  
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER  
AND DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING IN CONNECTION WITH  
GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TAX MAP  
MAINTENANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 2023. (Director of Engineering not to exceed  
\$27,000; General Engineering Services and Tax Map Maintenance not to  
exceed \$310,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-18**



**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES and ID #23-23 TAX MAP MAINTENANCE**, for various professional engineering services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Rasimowicz of the Firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Engineering, Township Engineer shall be paid **\$27,000.00 annually**; and

**WHEREAS**, the General engineering services and tax map maintenance fees shall not exceed **\$310,000.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300022, and C-2300023, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "B" commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME of the firm Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. accordance with the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Center State Engineering Associates, Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-015                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT  
TO ALAIMO GROUP AS ARCHITECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP  
OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(Police Building Addition and Improvements - Not to exceed \$205,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-24 TOWNSHIP ARCHITECT**, for various architectural and construction services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Firm **ALAIMO GROUP** satisfy the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Alaimo Group**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional Architectural Services for calendar year 2023 in connection with the Monroe Township Police Department Building Expansion and Parking Lot Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$205,000.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300024, 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, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with **Alaimo Group** 200 High Street Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060, commencing January 1, 2023; and

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by **Alaimo Group** in an amount not to exceed **\$205,000.00** in accordance with the fee scheduled contained within the attached proposal; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Alaimo Group** shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-016                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
TO R3M ENGINEERING INC. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT ENGINEER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(Not to exceed \$204,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications **ID# 23-25 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ENGINEER**, for various engineering professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, R3M ENGINEERING, INC. and other engineers within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to R3M ENGINEERING, INC. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the services performed shall not exceed **\$204,000.00 per year** unless additional services are requested by the Township in writing and approved by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No. M-230008, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with R3M ENGINEERING, INC., 1405 Route 18, Suite 208, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857, commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by R3M ENGINEERING, INC. in accordance with the attached agreement;

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that R3M ENGINEERING, INC., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law;

(5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-017                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LOUIS RAINONE, WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO P.C. AS TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**  
(Not to exceed \$76,500)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for **ID# 23-26 – TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY**, for various legal professional services required by the Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello, P.C. and other attorneys within the firm, satisfy the established criteria for said professional legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting with the M.T.U.D. Director, the Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended the Council approval and award of a professional service contract to Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the hourly rates and fees outlined within the attached Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, legal fees shall not exceed **\$76,500.00 per year**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for, for the Utility Department, in Certificate No M-230007 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) year professional service contract with Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., 1 Woodbridge Center, Suite 515, Woodbridge Twp., N.J. 07095, commencing January 1, 2023;
- (2) The certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C. in accordance with the attached agreement;
- (3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contract Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Louis Rainone and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello P.C., shall include the mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Monroe Township Utility Department any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law;
- (5) A notice of this action will be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-018                    RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PERFORM WATER AND/OR SEWER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**  
(R3M Engineering Inc., Weston & Sampson, H2M Associates, CME Associates, as needed)

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township of Monroe Utility Department, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes setting forth qualifications for general water and sewer professional engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, the review committee has, reviewed each proposal and the M.T.U.D. Director has recommended that each of the four (4) firms listed below be selected as qualified firms to perform water and/or sewer professional engineering services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Utility Department has qualified the following firms for general water and sewer professional engineering services as listed below:

- **Water & Sewer General Engineering Services**
  - R3M Engineering, Inc.
  - Weston & Sampson Engineers, PC
  - H2M Associates, Inc.
  - CME Associates

; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Monroe Township Utility Department is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for required professional services from the selected firms, as necessary, during the 2023 calendar.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-019                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JAFFE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE & COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** (Not to exceed \$53,060.00)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-27 – TOWNSHIP WEB HOSTING, MONITORING MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES** required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Jaffe Communications satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, recommends the Council approve and award this contract to **Jaffe Communications, Inc. 312 North Ave. E, Suite 5, Cranford, N.J. 07016** in accordance with the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual fee shall not exceed **\$53,060.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300025, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a one (1) one year professional service contract with Jaffe Communications Inc., commencing January 1, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Jaffe Communications Inc. in an amount not to exceed **\$53,060.00**; and

(3) The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law;

(4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Jaffe Communications Inc. shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action documents within the time period prescribed by law.

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-020                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.** (Nancie Gunkelman – 3 yr term, Kate Rattner – 3 yr term, Nancy R. Mitrocsak, Alt.II – 2-yr. term)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 2, 2022 has appointed the following members:

**Re- Appointments:**

Nancie Gunkelman	Member	3-Year Term	1/1/23 – 12/31/25
Kate Rattner	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/23 – 12/31/25
Nancy R. Mitrocsak	Alternate II	2 Year Term	1/1/23 – 12/31/24

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

**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 above re-appointments and new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-021                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD.** (Joseph Stroin, Christopher Bevins, Louis Buonocore)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 5, 2022 has appointed **LOUIS BUONOCORE, CHRISTOPHER BEVINS and JOSEPH STROIN** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; and

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

**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 **LOUIS BUONOCORE, CHRISTOPHER BEVINS and JOSEPH STROIN** to serve on the **PUBLIC OFFICERS BOARD** for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-023                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** (Prena Shah – 5 yr term)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 6, 2022 has appointed **Prena Shah** to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2027; 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 Consent to the appointment of **Prena Shah** to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2027.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-024                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.** (Hemant Patel, Kenneth Hilyard, Richard Lans – 2 yr terms)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 1, 2022, has reappointed the following members to serve on the Affordable Housing Board commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2024:

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

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

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

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consent and confirms the reappointment of **Hemant Patel, Kenneth Hilyard, and Richard Lans** to serve on the **Affordable Housing Board** for a two (2) year term, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2024.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-025                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH STROIN AS DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. (1/1/23 – 12/31/23)**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 5, 2022 has appointed **Joseph Stroin** to serve as Director for the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; 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 appointment of **Joseph Stroin** to serve as Director for the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-026                    RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD. (Councilman Dipierro 1 yr term; Oruj Qureshi and Steven Bloom 3 yr terms)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, at a meeting held on June 2, 2021, adopted Ordinance No. O-5-2021-011 establishing an Economic Development Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Advisory Board of Health shall consist of nine (9) members and two alternates and such representation shall be filled by appointments of the Mayor and Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be as follows:

<u>Appointed</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Charles Dipierro, Council Representative	01/01/2023	1 yr.	12/31/2023
Oruj Qureshi	01/01/2023	3 yrs.	12/31/2025
Steven Bloom	01/01/2023	3 yrs.	12/31/2025

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above council membership of the Economic Development Advisory Board has been duly moved, seconded, and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 4, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-027                    RESOLUTION CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR ELIGIBLE UNION AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES RETIRING IN 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, after a comprehensive reexamination, has made certain changes in Medical and Prescription coverages for union and non-union employees, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to clarify the benefits available for union and non-union employees who are at or near their retirement date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that any union and non-union employee who retires between January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 and qualifies for retiree health benefits by having 25 years of service as of December 31, 2022, shall receive Medical and Prescription benefits in accordance with those plans in effect on December 31, 2022.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-028                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BULK PURCHASE OF  
ROCK SALT WITH MORTON SALT INC. UNDER THE  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM.  
(\$65.97/ton)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, is a member of the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Middlesex entered into an agreement for Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt with Morton Salt, Inc., 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL. 60606, effective on December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize Morton Salt, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt immediately and expiring November 30, 2023, under the Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Bid B-22-560 as follows:

<u>Bid No.</u>	<u>Bid/Contract Title</u>	<u>Pricing Info.</u>
B-22-560	Furnishing and Delivery of Treated Rock Salt	\$65.97 /ton

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units without public bidding is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300026 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for the bulk purchase of rock salt for the Township of Monroe effective immediately and expiring on November 30, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-029                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY MRC IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF  
AN OUTDOOR PAVILION FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
SENIOR CENTER.  
(Additional \$10,800)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-11-2021-228, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2021, an Outdoor Pavilion was purchased and installed through MRC under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was **\$169,000.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Senior Services Director, in a letter dated December 13, 2022, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Purchase and Installation of the Outdoor Pavilion reflecting an **increase of \$10,800.00** in the purchase amount, as the result of the additional cost of concrete work needed for completeness, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current purchase price including this change order is **\$177,800.00**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. C-2100042, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-030                      RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARY RANGES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Township’s Charter, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-et. seq., commonly known as The Faulkner Act Mayor-Council form, the authority to set salaries for employees in the Office of the Township Clerk rests with the Township Council (N.J.S.A. 40:69A-36(a)); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council finds it appropriate to set the salary range for non-union employees of the Office of Township Clerk for the calendar year **2023**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, that the salary range for the employees of the Office of the Township Clerk, not subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement, are as follows:

Township Clerk -	\$ 80,000	-	\$147,946
Deputy Clerk –	\$ 58,500	-	\$ 87,732
Deputy Clerk -	\$ 58,500	-	\$ 80,222
Township Records Management Coordinator –	\$ 40,000	-	\$ 59,553

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-031                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO JAMESBURG BANQUETS, LLC. (390 Forsgate Drive)**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed with the Monroe Township Council for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-36-021-001 heretofore held by Jamesburg Banquets, LLC, having a sited premise of 390 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees having been paid and the license having been properly renewed for the 2022-2023 licensing term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the said license and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize and approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1213-36-021-001 to Monroe Banquets, LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows:

“This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Monroe Banquets, LLC, effective January 4, 2023.”

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-032                      ~~RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY ISSUED TO MONSTER BUCK BEVERAGE, LLC. (pocket license – no location)~~ **(REMOVED – 1-3-23 per attorney closing never took place)****



**R-1-2023-033                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AUTO  
WRECKING/ JUNK YARD LICENSES FOR THE 2023 LICENSE  
TERM.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 58 of the Monroe Township Code, auto wrecking and junk yard activities are required to be licensed through the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, all auto wrecking and junk yard licensees have filed for renewal of their licenses for the 2023 license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid licensees have filed the appropriate application materials and paid the appropriate license fees to the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, a site visit was conducted by the Zoning Officer and no violations have been found.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that it hereby renews the auto wrecking/junk yard licenses for the 2023 license term with no change in type and/or extent of operation for the following licensees:

**NJ KARZ, LLC**  
568 Old Bridge-Englishtown Road  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Block 36, Lots 19 & 20

**RED & BLACK AUTO WRECKERS**

P.O. Box 71  
60 Lincoln Avenue  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Block 89, Lot 2.2 & 2.3  
Block 90, Lots 1-3  
Block 91, Lots 1-2 & 5-6  
Block 93, Lot 1.1  
Block 94, Lot 1  
Block 95, Lot 6  
Block 103, Lot 19

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-034                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF DOG KENNEL  
LICENSES FOR THE 2023 LICENSE TERM.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8 the Township of Monroe is authorized to issue certain Dog Kennel Licenses on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the present Licensees have applied to the Office of the Township Clerk for renewal of these licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, license issuance is contingent upon the review of all applications by the Department of Health and the Zoning Officer and compliance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe County of Middlesex, that the following Dog Kennel Licenses are hereby renewed for the 2023 License term:

Michelle Williams  
t/a Sycamore Acres  
454 Spotswood-Englishtown Road  
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

Michele Martin  
t/a Puppy Paradise  
150 Applegarth Road  
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

Melissa Rosa  
t/a Raise the Woof  
671 Spotswood-Englishtown Road  
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-035**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO KANE COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND BEACON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS. (\$12,120)**

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2022 two (2) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township for 2023 Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance and Repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated December 15, 2022, has recommended the contract be awarded to *Kane Communications, 572 Whitehead Rd. Trenton, N.J. 08619*, the low responsible bidder based on their bid in the amount of **\$12,120.00**, for a period of 12 months; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300027, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, no contract that is subject to the requirements of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid there under, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above cited regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to *Kane Communications*. for Emergency Traffic Signal and Beacon Maintenance, Repairs, for a period of 12 months, at a total contract price not to exceed **\$12,120.00** and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with *Kane Communications*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *Kane Communications* in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Kane Communications* shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-036**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT NO. 494 "BULK SODIUM CHLORIDE FOR WATER TREATMENT" WITH CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT LABS, INC. EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE ONE YEAR TO FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AND GRANTING A 5% INCREASE TO THE FINAL EXTENSION PERIOD FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. is currently under contract with Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc. for as bulk sodium chloride; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract term expires on February 1, 2023, and the Monroe Township Utility Department has been very satisfied with the performance of Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc. over the last two-year contract term; and

**WHEREAS**, Section V. "Contract Term and Extension Option" of the current contract Specifications, allows for (1) final one-year extension, with the agreement of the vendor; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has agreed to a final one-year extension with a price increase of 5% (\$5.55) per ton to offset the current supply chain market disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director, has determined that the small increase is justified, and that it is in the best interest of the Monroe Township Utility Department to extend the current contract for the final one-year term, increasing the price per ton from \$111.00 to \$116.55, and has notified Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc. of the M.T.U.D.'s intention to extend said contract via a letter dated September 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc. has indicated their acceptance of the amendment and extension by signing and returning the above referenced letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.'s Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-210010 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that it hereby authorizes and approves the M.T.U.D. extending its open-ended contract for bulk sodium chloride with Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc., based on the increased unit pricing of \$116.55 per ton and estimated quantities, for the (12) twelve-month extension term. The new termination date shall be February 1, 2024. The existing terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-037                    RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2023.  
(Councilman Dipierro)**

**WHEREAS**, each community in our Urban County Consortium is entitled to representation on the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe Township is one of these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, such representation is filled by an appointment by the Mayor and Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council's consideration from its own members, is to appoint **Councilman Charles Dipierro** to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee for Year 2023; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that **Councilman Charles Dipierro** has been reappointed as **Council Representative** to the **Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee** for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023:

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-038                    RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS III COUNCIL MEMBER TO  
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD FOR YEAR 2023.  
(Council Vice President VanDzura)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55-1 et seq., and Article XIII of the Code of the Township of Monroe, appoints a Class III member to the Planning Board from one of the members of the Township Council for a one (1) year term; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe that **Councilman Terence VanDzura** be and is hereby appointed as the Class III member to the Planning Board for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-039                    RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MONROE  
TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.  
(Marino Lupo – 4 yr term, Arnold Jaffe, Alt I – 2 yr term)**

**WHEREAS**, the term for member Marino Lupo has expired and the Township Council, approves the **reappointment** of **Marino Lupo** as a Member to fill a new four-year term commencing 1/1/2023, expiring 12/31/2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the term for Alternate 1 Member Arnold Jaffe has expired and the Township Council approves the **reappointment** of **Arnold Jaffe** as Alternate 1 Member to fill a new two-year term commencing 1/1/2023, expiring 12/31/2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been duly moved, seconded and approved by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 4, 2023:

		<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Carol Damiani		01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Louis Masters		01/01/2020	4 yrs.	12/31/2023
Marino Lupo		01/01/2023	4 yrs.	12/31/2026
Vincent LaFata		01/01/2022	4 yrs.	12/31/2025
Gary Busman		01/01/2022	4 yrs.	12/31/2025
Rajani Karuturi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Donato Tanzi		01/01/2021	4 yrs.	12/31/2024
Arnold Jaffe	-Alt. 1	01/01/2023	2 yrs.	12/31/2024
Manmeet Singh Viridi	-Alt. 2	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023
Thomas Kole	-Alt. 3	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023
Alton Kinsey	-Alt. 4	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-040 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FROM BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. (\$91,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe has a need to acquire books and materials from Baker & Taylor, Inc., P.O. Box 7777, Philadelphia, Pa. 19175, for the Monroe Township Library; and

**WHEREAS**, Baker & Taylor, Inc. possesses the ability to provide said goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(q) any contract the amount which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be approved by Resolution of the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the total purchase amount is \$91,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2300028, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe hereby authorizes the purchase of books and materials for the Monroe Township Library in the amount of \$91,000.00;

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-041 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 Two-Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand One-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$287,100.00),

**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-1-2023-042 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR SUPPORT PASSAGE OF PENDING LEGISLATION AIMED TO ADDRESS STATE-WIDE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS.**

**WHEREAS**, all communities in the State of New Jersey continue to witness an increase in motor vehicle thefts and motor vehicle-related burglaries; and

**WHEREAS**, State Legislators have recognized the need to take further steps to address this increase in motor vehicle-related crimes across New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the following legislation is currently pending before the State Legislature for debate and considerations:

- [A4931](#): Establishes motor vehicle thefts and receiving a stolen motor vehicle as their own offenses under state law. Currently, they fall under New Jersey’s general theft statute. The measure would also extend sentences for certain repeat offenders;
- [A3666](#): Increases fines and driving suspensions for carjacking and motor vehicle theft in the state. The measure would create a penalty of up to \$15,000 for carjacking and add \$1,000 on existing fines for motor vehicle theft;
- [A4930](#): Expands criminal penalties in the state for those who use a motor vehicle master key — used to unlock and start ignitions on multiple vehicles — to include new technology to steal motor vehicles with keyless entry systems;
- [A2210](#): Requires owners of scrap metal businesses in the state to retain information from those who sell used catalytic converters not attached to a vehicle. The goal is to make the resale of these parts more difficult as thefts of catalytic converters rise; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey expressly requests that Legislative District 14 representatives and Governor Murphy support the legislation described in this Resolution, and consider similar measures pending in both the State Assembly and State Senate that aim to prevent and address motor vehicle-related crimes in the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Township of Monroe send a copy of this resolution to all Legislative District 14 representatives and the Office of the Governor; and

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-043                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL UNCOLLECTIBLE DELINQUENT TAXES ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES.**

**WHEREAS**; N.J.S.A. 54-91.1 permits the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe to submit to the Township Council a list of delinquent taxes and charges deemed uncollectible for cancellation; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54-91.2 authorizes the Township Council to examine the list and, by resolution, release the collector from the collection thereof and order the same to be cancelled;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the taxes on the following properties:

Owner	Block	Lot	Tax Sale Cert(s) Redemption Amount	Amount To be Cancelled	Reason
Monroe Township	22.13	13	N/A	\$95.18	Township owned since February 2022. Exempt for 2023, but taxes still due for 2022.
Centex Homes	1.5	17	N/A	\$159.52	Open Space. Should have been exempt in 2007. Due to typo on deed, Assessor’s office never made exempt. Will be exempt for 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-044                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe is the holder of various Tax Sale Certificates covering certain Blocks and Lots in the Township of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, Redemption has been made to the following Tax Title Lien 22-00014 for that property known as Block 103 Lot 53.2, and assessed to Andrew Snow,

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has requested that the aforesaid Tax Sale Certificate now be cancelled of record;

**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 Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the authorization for cancellation of record for the above Tax Sale Certificate: Tax Title Lien # 22-00014 assessed to Andrew Snow and,

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-045                      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 Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty dollars and Seventy-Eight cents (\$229,630.78) 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-1-2023-046                      RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). (2022 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, End of year Holiday Crackdown - \$7,000.00)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for Year 2022 in the sum of \$7,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

**“2022 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER  
YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN”**

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-047                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOES FROM MALL CHEVROLET USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (Vehicles - \$142,896.85; Equipment - \$39,691.28)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Police Department has the need for three (3) 2023 Chevrolet 4WD SUV vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the Police vehicles under its contract number ESCNJ 20/21-09, from *Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002* for the purchase as follows:

- 2 - 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 9C1 Pursuit 4WD (without equipment) - \$47,583.05 x 2
- 1 - 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 5W4 SSV 4WD (without equipment) - \$47,730.75

**TOTAL COST**                                **\$142,896.85;** 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**, the total amount for these vehicles exceeds the Township’s bid threshold in aggregate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in Purchase Order Nos. 22003964, 22003962 and 22003963 copies of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase *emergency vehicle equipment* to outfit three (3) of the new vehicles under Whelan, New Jersey State Contract (17-FLEET-00761 with the installation to be performed by *East Coast Emergency Lighting, 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08535*, an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCECCPS) contract number ESCNJ 20/21-09 , for the Monroe Township Police Department as hereinbelow set forth:

- 2 - 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 9C1 Pursuit 4WD (equipment only) - \$16,830.25 x 2
- 1 - 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 5W4 SSV 4WD (equipment only) - \$6,030.78

**TOTAL COST**                                **\$39,691.28;** and

**WHEREAS**, the detailed accessories for each vehicle are attached hereto and made a part of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2300029**, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

**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 Police Department to purchase said vehicles from Mall Chevrolet using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 20/21-09; and
- (2) Authorizes the Police Department to have the three (3) new Police Vehicles outfitted with emergency vehicle equipment by East Coast Emergency Lighting; and
- (3) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Mall Chevrolet, respectively; and
- (4) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCECCPS) are considered fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as well as being exempt from public bidding by the Township.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-048                                RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS’ OFFICE AND THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Middlesex Department of Public Safety and Health is interested in supporting municipalities and government entities within the County of Middlesex in their efforts to serve, protect, and provide for the safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors by ensuring that said municipalities

and government entities have access to state-of-the-art equipment owned by and in the possession of the County of Middlesex Department of public Safety and Health: and

**WHEREAS**, specialized equipment has been purchased for and by the County of Middlesex with funding derived from its Federal, State, County and Local partners that will support our collective efforts to provide for the safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex County Department of Public Safety and Health concurs that the strategic deployment of specialized equipment based upon need and risk assessment is a significant step in reaching the goal of providing for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Middlesex County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached *Memorandum of Understanding* made by and between the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the Township of Monroe Police Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution with an executed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be forwarded to the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-049                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE,  
PHASE 2, SECTION 10 PARTIAL STORM – PB-1108-11.**

**WHEREAS**, Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Phase 2, Section 10, Partial Storm of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1108-11; and

**WHEREAS**, a request was made for the 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, no maintenance guarantee is required pursuant to the settlement agreement between the parties as approved by the Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 by Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. for the Phase 2, Section 10, Partial Storm of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1108-11 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated December 21, 2022 and attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such action be conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration of this project by Township Officials.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-050                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR STONEBRIDGE,  
PHASE 2, SECTION 10 – PB-1125-12.**

**WHEREAS**, Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Phase 2, Section 10, of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1125-12; and

**WHEREAS**, a request was made for the 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 has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, no maintenance guarantee is required pursuant to the settlement agreement between the parties as approved by the Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation 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 by Lennar Company/ Lori Gardens Associates II, LLC. for the Phase 2, Section 10, of the Greenbriar at Stonebridge development, project PB-1125-12 be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated December 21, 2022 and attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such action be conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding escrow balances associated with administration of this project by Township Officials.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-051                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A  
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GABLES AT  
APPLEGARTH VILLAGE – COMMERCIAL – BA-5099-14.**

**WHEREAS**, Gables Plaza, LLC has posted Performance Guarantees for the Gables at Applegarth Village Commercial project (BA-5099-14); and

**WHEREAS**, a request was made for the 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 December 21, 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that release of the project performance guarantees shall be conditioned upon resolution of all outstanding escrow balances associated with the administration of this project by Township officials, as well as the posting of maintenance guarantees for 15% of the project total (\$3,675,522.24), or \$551,328.33. 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit" however in lieu of this, the Township Engineer's office feels that the funds currently being held in escrow with the Township will be sufficient.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-052                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A  
LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe desires to apply for and obtain from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to carry out a project for the Veterans Park Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that the Township should apply for the aforementioned, Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**,

1. The Township of Monroe does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Monroe and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Monroe Township Council that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the application and any other documents necessary in connection with the Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-054                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF THE BERM  
AND LANDSCAPING GUARANTEE POSTED FOR  
GEORGETOWN ESTATES – PHASE 1 – PB-1213-18.**

**WHEREAS**, K. Hovnanian at Villages at Countryview LLC. has posted a Berm and Landscaping Guarantee in the amount of \$309,976.58 for the Georgetown Estates, Phase 1 project PB-1213-18; and

**WHEREAS**, a request for a reduction in the Berm and Landscaping Guarantee 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 installed site improvements and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the reduction of the Berm and Landscaping Guarantee, as detailed in his letter dated December 21, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$ 278,978.93	\$ 30,997.66
Reduce to	\$ 83,693.68	\$ 9,299.30

; 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 Berm and Landscaping Guarantee posted by K. Hovnanian at Villages at Countryview LLC. for the Georgetown Estates, Phase 1 project PB-1213-18 be reduced, as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter annexed hereto. Such reduction is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and 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-1-2023-055                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A SHARED  
SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP  
OF OLD BRIDGE AND TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR ANIMAL  
SHELTER SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.  
(Administrative fee increased to \$1200 per month from \$1000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Council adopted Resolution No. R-12-2022-283 at their December 5, 2022 Council Meeting, to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with The Township of Old Bridge for Animal Shelter Services for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an amendment needed to the agreement, to increase the administrative monthly fee from \$1,000.00 to \$1200.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator feels the increase is reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement shall be in effect January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and the terms shall be as follows: the cost of service being \$14,400.00 per year (\$1,200.00 per month) as an administrative fee and \$10.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee, \$12.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee (Quarantine), \$45.00 per day Daily Boarding Fee (vicious/potentially dangerous dog) and transportation to the Township of Monroe’s veterinarian at \$25.00 per occurrence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Old Bridge and Township of Monroe agree to these terms and have each adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of this shared services agreement (the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300031 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;

**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 to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Old Bridge, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857 in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by the Township of Old Bridge in the amounts outlined within the Agreement.

(3) This Agreement is entered into without competitive bidding as a shared service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 of the Uniform Shared Services Act;

(4) A certified copy of this Resolution and Agreement shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services;

(5) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-056                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STOUT'S  
CHARTER SERVICE, INC. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
CHARTER BUS SERVICE.**

(1/1/23 – 12/31/24 – Year 1: \$76,664.64; Year 2: \$83,592.01)

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2022, one (1) sealed bid was received by Monroe Township regarding the Monroe Township Charter Bus Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Business Administrator recommends in his letter dated December 23, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto, that a two (2) year contract, commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2024, shall be awarded to **Stout's Charter Service Inc. 20 Irvin Street, Trenton, N.J. 08638**, at the unit pricing provided by the bidder, and as shown on the attached schedule of rates for the Monroe Township Charter Bus Transportation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2300032, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, no contract that is subject to the requirements of Article 3 of the Affirmative Action Regulations pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.) shall be awarded by the Township of Monroe, nor shall any monies be paid thereunder, to any contractor, subcontractor of business firm that has not agreed and guaranteed to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations and to afford equal opportunity in the performance of the contract in accordance with the affirmative action plan approved under the terms established in the above-cited regulations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a two (2) year contract to **Stout's Charter Service Inc.**, for the Monroe Township Charter Bus Service at the pricing provided by the bidder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Stout's Charter Service Inc.**, for a contract term ending on December 31, 2024, with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to extend for a period of one additional year with the consent of the bidder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Stout's Charter Service Inc.**, in accordance with the contract entered into between the parties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Stout's Charter Service Inc.**, shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-057                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1168.2, VILLAGES @  
COUNTRYVIEW PHASE 2, PB#1213-18 POSTED TO THE  
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.).**

**WHEREAS**, K Hovnanian New Jersey has posted a Performance Guarantee for W&S 1168.2 – Villages @ Country View – Phase 2; and

**WHEREAS**, K Hovnanian New Jersey has requested a 70% reduction in the Performance Guarantee posted for water and sewer for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the request for a 70% reduction in the bond, as detailed in a letter dated December 21, 2022 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Sanitary Sewer Main Performance Bond #GM215737 in the amount of \$165,405.24 to be reduced to \$49,621.57, and

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$ 18,378.36 be reduced to \$5,513.51.

Water Main Performance Bond #GM215736 in the amount of \$ 188,349.36 to be reduced to \$56,504.81, and

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$ 20,927.71 be reduced to \$6,278.31.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the MTUD Director's recommendations.

**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 Cash Performance Guarantees posted for W&S 1168.2 be reduced as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval for a 70% Reduction is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-058                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
RESERVE TRANSFERS. (\$145,000)**

**WHEREAS**, there are certain 2022 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 2022 accounts:

<u>CURRENT FUND TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER AMOUNT</u>
Division of Ambulance S&W	\$105,000.00
Human Resources O&E	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND:</b>	<b>\$145,000.00</b>

<b>TRANSFER TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Police 911 S&W	\$ 30,000.00
Building & Grounds S&W	\$ 15,000.00
Utilities	\$100,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND:</b>	<b>\$145,000.00</b>

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 Resolutions Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Siegel and seconded by Council Vice President Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-1-2023-014, R-1-2023-022, R-1-2023-053 and R-1-2023-059)

**R-1-2023-014                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR CONFLICT OR ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** (CME, Delaware Raritan, Alaimo Group, Remington & Vernick and Prestige Environmental)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes’ setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-19 TOWNSHIP CONFLICT/ALTERNATE ENGINEER**, for municipal engineering services as needed by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe desires to create a pool of qualified professionals to serve as Township Conflict or Alternate Engineer for the Township as the need arises, using a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) received and reviewed statements of qualifications from engineering firms determined to pre-qualify those firms that possess the professional and administrative capabilities to provide such services and that they offer the terms and conditions determined by the Township to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of the Township, so that the Township may engage any one or more of the Qualified Firms when the need for such services arises; and

**WHEREAS**, such services are to be performed and rendered by a person or persons licensed and authorized to practice in the State of New Jersey and accordingly constitute professional series exempt from public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer at the time that services, if any, are requested from the qualified professional; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that the following qualified firms are hereby approved to provide Conflict or Alternate Engineering Services:

**CME Associates**  
 3141 Bordentown Avenue  
 Parlin, N.J. 08859

**Delaware-Raritan Engineering**  
 200 Daniels Way, Suite 230  
 Freehold Twp., N.J. 07728

**Remington & Vernick**  
 3 Jocama Blvd. Suite 300-400  
 Old Bridge, N.J. 08857

**Alaimo Group**  
 200 High Street  
 Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

**Prestige Environmental, Inc.**  
 220 Davidson Avenue, Suite 307  
 Somerset, N.J. 08873

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

- 1- The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts by and between the Township and the Qualified Firms, which contracts shall set forth the terms and conditions of, among other things, payment for services at such time as the Firms are called upon by the Township to render services; and
- 2- That the Contracts shall be awarded without competitive bidding as professional services in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and
- 3- That a copy of this resolution and the Contracts upon the execution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk; and
- 4- That a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in a local newspaper within (10) days of passage of this resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-022                    RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.** (Samuel Landy – 2 yr term, Joseph Stroin – 1 yr term, John Riggs – 1 yr term)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated December 5, 2022 has made the following appointments to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**; and

<b>Samuel A. Landy</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>2 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024</b>
<b>Joseph Stroin</b>	<b>Member/Acting Planning Director</b>	<b>1 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023</b>
<b>John Riggs</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>1 year term</b>	<b>1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023</b>

**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, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023, **Joseph Stroin** to serve as Member/Acting Planning Director for a 1 year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023, and **John Riggs** as Member to serve a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023, on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-1-2023-053                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT RUSSO OF THE FIRM CME ASSOCIATES AS PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.**  
(Not to exceed \$30,000)

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2022, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, has solicited resumes' setting forth qualifications for **ID # 23-10 PROFESSIONAL PLANNER SERVICES FOR PLANNING BOARD and 23-11 PROFESSIONAL PLANNER SERVICES FOR ZONING BOARD**, for various planning services required by the Township for Calendar Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robert Russo of the firm CME Associates, satisfies the established criteria for said professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Business Administrator, by copy of a letter dated December 16, 2022, has recommended Council approval and award of a professional service contract to **Robert Russo of the firm CME Associates**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of a letter dated December 20, 2022, has appointed Robert Russo as Planning Administrator for a term effective January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023; 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 N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2300030, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment as Planning Administrator shall be effective January 1, 2023 and shall expire on December 31, 2023; 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.

**R-1-2023-059                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ANNUAL  
 COMPENSATION FOR BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
 FOR THE YEAR 2023.** (FD#1 \$8200; FD#2 \$8000; FD#3 \$7500)

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 provides in pertinent part: “EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SHALL RECEIVE AS COMPENSATION SUCH AMOUNT AS THE BOARD SHALL FIX SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE GOVERNING BODY WHEREIN THE FIRE DISTRICT IS LOCATED”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the following Fire Districts have proposed Annual Compensation for various members of their Board of Fire Commissioners for 2023 as follows:

- Fire District No. 1 - \$8,200.00 each
- Fire District No. 2 - \$8,000.00 each
- Fire District No. 3 – \$7,500.00 each; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has carefully considered such proposed salaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council is of the opinion that the public interest would be best served by the approval of said proposed salaries;

**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 Council does hereby approve payment of the 2023 Annual Compensation as follows: Fire District No. 1 \$8,200.00 each, Fire District No. 2 \$8,000.00 each and Fire District No. 3 \$7,500.00 each.

**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** – Reported that the upcoming 2023 budget is on track for a 99% tax collection rate.

Shared that the Township has a AA+ bond rating and has refinanced its debt several times, with the most recent being in 2019-2022 to lower debt and increase surplus. He also noted that there are additional commercial ratables which will be coming on board.

Reported that we are fighting for more energy funding from the State.

Lastly, reported that union contract negotiations are finished, and our health care has a 0% increase, whereas many municipalities are facing a 23% increase because of State health benefits.

**Engineer's Report** – Reported that we have gone out to bid for the demolition projects taking place at the farmhouse on the corner of Mount Mills Road and Buckelew Avenue, as well as, a dwelling located at Docks Corner Road and Possum Hollow Road. He noted that the bid opening will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> and the award will be done at the next meeting.

Gave an update on the work being done on the existing railroad by the DPW facility as the State has come in to start some of the work and will continue their work on Friday with additional repairs being done. He noted that the roadway will be closed on January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7am.

### **Council's Reports –**

#### **Councilwoman Siegel –**

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- The Cultural Arts Commission will be hosting a class entitled “Taking Great Photos” on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Library.
- The Environmental Commission will be hosting a bee keeping seminar on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Library beginning at 11am.
- Stated that the Youth Advisory Council is made up of a great group of students who listened to Captain Banos at their last meeting who shared information about our Police Department. She noted that the questions from all of the children were great.
- Reminded everyone that Anna and Edward will be showing the Ukraine documentary on Sunday at the Library.
- Commented that she was so happy to see the community out and celebrating some of our holiday events we had over the last few weeks and wished everyone again a Happy New Year.

#### **Councilwoman Schneider –**

- Privileged to have attended the Grandparent's Day celebration at the Recreation Center; there was lunch, photos and a magic show. The Key Club from the high school came in to help out during the event and she extended special thanks to them for their help and to Jeanne and Mary for holding this event.
- The Commission on Aging will have their meeting next week; reminded everyone that income tax help will be available from AARP at the Library.
- Attended a birthday celebration alongside Council President Cohen to recognize a resident of the Chelsea who turned 100 years old and commented what a privilege it was in meeting her.

#### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Attended the Menorah lighting at the Recreation Center.
- Prayers to the Mayor for the Cowboys playing.
- Attended the Board of Education's reorganization meeting and congratulated all of the candidates that were sworn in and promised to work together as a team. Chrissy Skurbe was picked as the Chair and noted that he would like to get a Board of Education liaison to work with the Township hand in hand.
- Over the years some developments have been built without curbs and sidewalks which is not safe for bussed students. He stated that the Board of Education has asked the Township for help with this issue. Mentioned he graduated in 1979 with only 100 in his graduating class, times have changed.
- Gave a shout out to the DPW and MTUD for salting the roadways and working over the holidays to keep our roadways safe. He also noted that a great job was done in handling a recent water main break that happened, did an amazing job in 2022.
- Questioned when the traffic signal project at the intersection of Mounts Mills Road and Old Bridge-Englishtown Road will be underway; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have acquired the property needed for the right of ways. Councilman Dipierro asked for a status on the traffic signal project at the intersection of Prospect Plains Road and Applegarth Road to which Assistant Administrator McGowan answered that there are 18 properties in total which means multiple easements that have to be negotiated with the property owners on and we are working with the County for the bidding process.
- Thanks to Mark and the CSE team on the guide rails within the Township.

#### **Council Vice-President Van Dzura –**

- Thanked the Recreation Advisory Committee for their hard work in maintaining the programs that are provided to the community, as these are all volunteer positions. He noted that there is a shortage of coaches and asked that if anyone is interested in volunteering to please call the Recreation Department, adding that it is very important to keep our youth involved.
- Extended condolences to the family of Cassie, a Piscataway student who was killed in a car accident.



- Extended congratulations to Township residents Nikhila Yerroju and Anandharaj Rajamanickam who daughter Nihira Anandharaj was born at 12:41am on New Year's Day.
- Updated all on the War in Ukraine, noting that Christmas Eve marked 10 months since the invasion began. He went on to explain that currently because of Russian missiles the Ukrainian people are without heat and are living in miserable condition. He shared that he hopes that with the change in the House of Representatives that the support for Ukraine will continue.
- Shared on a separate note that as an alumnus of Rutgers University and a Rutgers basketball fan, former Rutgers basketball coach Jim Valvano said there are three things in life that are important: health, family and Rutgers basketball and he feels like he lives his life by that motto as well. In watching the game between Rutgers and Purdue, Rutgers pulled off a great win and he congratulated them on their efforts.
- Lastly, Council Vice-President Van Dzura spoke about Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin who suffered a cardiac arrest on the field; Hamlin had started a foundation to raise money so the kids of his hometown would receive toys during the holidays. His foundation has now raised over \$4,000,000. He commented that so many people come together in times of tragedy, and he extended well wishes to Hamlin for a quick recovery.

**Council President Cohen** – No report.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina began his report by wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Commented that Monroe Township is a wonderful place to both work and live and has made a pledge along with all his colleagues that they will continue to make it as such.

He reported that we are still feeling the effects of Covid here and worldwide now through inflation and shared that he will continue to focus on affordability in 2023 without the loss of the services we have been accustomed to.

Shared that we have the 2<sup>nd</sup> best effective tax rate in Middlesex County which is something to tout.

Encouraged all resident to take advantage of the ANCHOR program as we have all worked very hard to get some cash back from the government. He stated that the Library and Tax Collector's Office will help anyone in need to apply.

Very happy to see the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting and it is always a wonderful moment as an American to see leaders elected who want to continue making Monroe Township and the students a priority. He also noted that the Township has always held a good relationship with the Board of Education and their president.

Noted that there will be a 0% increase healthcare costs to us, whereas, others are facing a 23% increase and extended thanks for the leadership for getting this done.

Commended the Council for curbing auto thefts with the passing of our Ordinance. There were 17 auto thefts in 2021 with the number of auto thefts slightly higher in 2022. Many other towns are facing a higher number of thefts and he commended our Police Department for their hard work in combating this problem.

Praying for Buffalo Bills football player Damar Hamlin; we experienced something similar here in Monroe Township with the life changing accident Mikey Nichols experienced. We came together in prayer then, and will continue to pray for Damar as he recovers. We received a phone call about AED devices (defibrillators) and all Township facilities are equipped with them, including at Daniel Ryan field, James Monroe Park and the Spray Park. He went on to note that all police vehicles are also equipped, and all officers are trained to use them as we take this very seriously here in Monroe Township.

Lastly, wished everyone a wonderful New Year.

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

**Public Comments** –

**Katie Rattner, 2 Kings Ct.** – Mrs. Rattner wished everyone a Happy New Year.

In speaking as a resident, Mrs. Rattner thanked the Council for approving her nomination as member of the Cultural Arts Commission. She went on to say that there are many opportunities for volunteering and would like to ask for more volunteer opportunities for the youth under 12 years old as it will give them a chance to give back.

Stated that there have been many issues with water bills; her bill went up \$1,000 from Quarter 3 in 2021 to Quarter 3 in 2022 and she has heard there were new meters installed and others have mentioned it so she wanted to make Council aware.

Urged all to ask legislators to support bills A3578 and S354 which will help create a task force to evaluate the school funding formula which is imperative to help relieve some of the burden.

Extended thanks to all for the Hanukkah lighting, as well as the Christmas tree lighting and events held throughout the Township.

**Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St.** – Mrs. Arminio asked for clarification on Resolution R-1-2023-054; Engineer Rasimowicz explained that the new bond law requires that the berm and landscaping bond be broken out and since the berm and landscape is done that bond can now be released.

**Doug Poye, 4 Tamarack Rd.** – Mr. Poye stated that he has been a resident for 53 years and it is very reassuring to listen to our Township officials as he feels that we are in good hands. He remembers when Council Meetings were in a 2 room building on Perrineville Road.

Thanked Councilman Dipierro for attending the Board of Education meetings, as he was in attendance as well and a concern that was brought up was the lack of courtesy bussing available to students who live in the Township. He noted that the State law states that children in grades K-8 that live within 2 miles of schools do not have to be provided transportation and those who are attending the high school do not need to have transportation provided if they are within 2 ½ miles. He went on to say that a mile takes about 20 minutes or so and if we have students without courtesy bussing they would have to walk approximately 40 minutes including in times of bad weather, which poses risks since the road conditions are not good and there are no curbs and sidewalks. He stated that the developments in the Township have been built without considering how the children would get to and from school safely and asked that the Mayor and Council could please help the Board of Education fund courtesy bussing.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro 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 Councilwoman Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 8:10pm.

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*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on February 6, 2023.