

6. **RESOLUTION for CONSIDERATION:**

R-7-2020-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2020.

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

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

8. **Adjournment.**

Time: _____

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

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – JULY 1, 2020

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom for a Special Meeting.

The Special 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 Deputy Township Clerk, Christine Robbins, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Leonard Baskin, Councilman Stephen Dalina, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, CFO George Lang and Tax Collector Samantha Rampacek

There were no members of the Public who have joined remotely.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Deputy Township Clerk to 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 June 29, 2020 and remains posted at that location for public inspection;
2. Printed in the **HOME NEWS TRIBUNE** and **CRANBURY PRESS** on June 27, 2020.
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.

This Special Meeting is being held for the purpose of Authorizing 3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills and any other business that may come before the Council.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dalina and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Baskin the following Resolution was moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**
(R-7-2020-166):

R-7-2020-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2020.

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Division of Local Government Services has strongly recommended that municipalities prepare to issue estimated real property tax bills for the third quarter of 2020, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Township Tax Collector will not be in receipt of a certified tax rate in enough time to be able to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by June 14, 2020 as is required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Tax Collector and the Monroe Township Chief Financial Officer have requested that the Council provide them with the latitude to submit estimated 3rd quarter real property tax bills in the event that they do not timely receive a certified tax rate, which would allow the Tax Collector to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by June 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Tax Collector, in consultation with the Monroe Township Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levy for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council approve the estimated tax levy of \$211,277,244.67 at a tax rate of \$2.647 for Fire District #1, \$2.667 for Fire District #2, and \$2.739 for Fire District #3; and

WHEREAS, the above levy and rate have been calculated as follows:

MONROE TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED CALCULATION OF 2020 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

2020 RATABLE 7,867,518,593

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY:	2020 Est. Tax Levy	2020 Est. Tax Rate		
School	117,126,310.00	1.489		
County	35,148,000.00	0.447		
County Open Space	2,874,270.79	0.037		
Municipal	38,838,554.33	0.494		
Municipal Open Space	1,180,000.00	0.015		
Municipal Library	3,165,560.55	0.040		
Fire District #1	2,391,808.00	0.125	Fire District #1	2.647
Fire District #2	4,629,006.00	0.145	Fire District #2	2.667
Fire District #3	5,923,735.00	0.217	Fire District #3	2.739
	\$211,277,244.67	3.009		
	Total Estimated 2020 Levy	Est. 2020 Tax Rate		

WHEREAS, the above levy amount falls between the mandated estimated range required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3(a)(1) and approval will enable the Township to meet its financial obligations; maintain the tax collection rate; provide uniformity for tax payments; and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

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

1. In the event that the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe is not in timely receipt of a certified tax rate, which would provide the Tax Collector without sufficient time to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by June 14, 2020, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and timely issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Monroe for the third quarter installment of 2020 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$211,277,244.67. The estimated tax rate for 2020 is hereby set at \$2.647 for Fire District #1, \$2.667 for Fire District #2, and \$2.739 for Fire District #3.
3. In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2020 taxes (whether estimated or not) shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Monroe for their records.
5. The Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
6. This resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin 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 Dalina and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Special Meeting was Adjourned at 6:34pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Deputy Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: August 3, 2020