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

JUNE 1, 2022

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

4. Council President Cohen to request the **SUNSHINE LAW** be read into the record.

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9. Overview of Monroe Township Community Energy Aggregation Program Recommendations by Loren Altshuler of Gabel Associates.
10. **Public Comments.** (limited to **Agenda items only** - 5 Minutes per Speaker)
- OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
- CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
11. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____
- MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___

JUNE 1, 2022 REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW

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1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____
- MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___
2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **May 25, 2022**.
- MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- MOTION** to approve the **MINUTES** of the following meetings as written and presented:
- May 2, 2022 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting**
- MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes ___ Nays ___
4. **ORDINANCE(S) for INTRODUCTION:**
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OPEN:
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CLOSE:
MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ ROLL CALL: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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

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8. **ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLUTION for CONSIDERATION:

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9. **Administrator’s Report.**

10. **Engineer’s Report.**

11 **Council’s Reports.**

12. **Mayor’s Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

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

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – June 1, 2022

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

The Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Council 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 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, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Utility Director Joseph Stroin, CFO George Lange and Deputy Clerk Tanya Pannucci.

There were approximately twelve (12) members of the Public in attendance.

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- R-6-2022-176** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD-PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION (MTCEA) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTCEA PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6. (If higher than JCP&L tariff rate awards will be rejected)**
- R-6-2022-177** **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. (Thomas Kole - Alt. IV position -unexpired 2-year term expiring 12/31/23; all Alternate positions shall move up as follow; **Arnold Jaffe** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 1 position effective immediately with the term expiring on December 31, 2022, **Nicholas Morolda** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 2 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023 and **Manmeet Singh Viridi** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 3 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023)**

An Overview of Monroe Township Community Energy Aggregation Program Recommendations by Loren Altshuler of Gabel Associates was presented to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Altshuler reported that the Township has had four successful consecutive contracts which is very rare for a town to achieve over the course of eight years. She went on to explain that Gabel Associates worked with the Township last Fall to attempt to gain another contract, however, JCP&L's rates were lower. At today's bid opening, three suppliers came in with differing term lengths and the lowest bid was from Direct Energy Services which came in at 13.25 cents for a 24-month contract. Ms. Altshuler suggested that the Township reject all the bid received as the rates provided are higher than the current JCP&L rates. She noted that Gabel Associates will continue to evaluate the market and will contact the Township for when it may be time to go out to bid again.

Councilman Dipierro asked what the current JCP&L rate is and if we notify the residents on how to convert; Ms. Altshuler answered that the rates range from the high .07 cents to the high .08 -.09 cents per kilowatt hour. She noted that residents were reverted to the JCP&L rate this past December and the conversion should have been seamless.

Councilwoman Schneider commented that she lives in an all-electric community and suggested that a letter go out to the residents explaining the process and why the Township is not moving forward with the energy contract; Ms. Altshuler stated that they could certainly generate a notification which could be placed on the Township website, as well as a letter sent out by the Township if deemed necessary.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura asked if any of the bids involving either of the companies were primarily solar; Ms. Altshuler responded that approximately 23.5% of the energy currently used is generated through a renewable source.

Council President Cohen asked if we could assume that when the market is better companies will offer more renewable energy; Ms. Altshuler stated that the Township can make it part of the request in the bid to require companies offer more renewable energy than the State minimum requirement.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that he is in support of and thanked the Mayor and Council for rejecting Senate Bill S-2103 as noted in R-6-2022-171.

Mr. Parab commented about R-6-2022-174, a resolution urging State lawmakers and Governor Murphy to utilize the increased State budget surplus for property tax relief, stating that he appreciates what the Township is doing in this request and hopes that the increased surplus is put towards property tax relief and school funding.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos extended thanks and appreciation to the Clerk's office for their hard work and all they do.

Regarding O-6-2022-012, Mrs. Panos asked if that is a yellow flashing or red/green light.

Mrs. Panos went on to ask several questions regarding the 2022 Municipal Budget; she asked if the anticipated revenue was more than 2021, who is the group health insurance provider, what is the MTUD-MCIA loan reimbursement and why is it half of what was anticipated in 2021. She noted that there are a lot of miscellaneous expenses for the Township Engineer but not a salary line and asked why that was. She also asked who the auditor is and are they here tonight to explain the audit. Mrs. Panos asked for an explanation on resolutions 157, 159 and 161 and commented that the budget was extremely difficult to find on the Township's website. She stated that there should be a link on the home page entitled "2022 budget" where all of the budget information is provided.

Council President Cohen requested that Ms. Panos cease the back-and-forth dialogue and hold the remainder of her questions until the public portion of the Budget Hearing. Mrs. Panos stated that she is a member of the public with questions needing answers and does not find it fair to be shut down during this portion of the meeting. Attorney Rainone stated that there will be another opportunity to ask questions about the budget during the budget public hearing at tonight's meeting. Mayor Dalina interjected and asked Council President Cohen to allow Administrator Weinberg to answer Mrs. Panos questions as he is prepared to do so now.

Administrator Weinberg and CFO George Lange went on to answer Mrs. Panos questions stating the Recycling Tonnage Grant has increased to \$216,000 which equates to approximately \$100,000 more than last year. The MTUD loan reimbursement was explained that you will see MCIA monies to phase out as we no longer use that service. We have an additional ratable base which is why the overall rate has remained the same. The Township Engineer is through a consulting firm as we have no in house engineer. There is no reduction in the amount paid to the adult communities as each year we anticipate what that need will be. Regarding Resolution R-6-2022-159, it was explained that this is a recommendation made through the Affordable Housing Board due to the fact the individual passed away prior to the 10-year lien being discharged. Regarding Resolution R-6-2022-161, it was explained that the owner of this affordable unit has sold the property to another qualified affordable housing party and the affordable housing terms have been recorded as required.

George Gunkelman, 5 Kelly Ct. – Mr. Gunkelman asked for an explanation on O-6-2022-013, specifically what the difference will consist of; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that this is a State mandated change necessary to bring everyone up to the standards for flood plain management systems. He explained that this

consolidates everything into one and brings in the current FEMA flood plain maps. He noted that there are also discussions on the duties of the flood plain administrator and substantial changes to existing homes in flood plain areas, as well as, discussing site plans and subdivisions. He noted that this change has been approved by the NJDEP for introduction and adoption.

Mr. Gunkelman asked if an explanation could be given on what the minimum library tax is; Attorney Rainone answered that by law you are required to raise the tax by 1/3 of a cent and provide it to the library when you have a public library.

Lastly, Mr. Gunkelman commented that historically there was a significant budget printout that could be reviewed by the public and asked if that could be offered once again.

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 Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:10pm.

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

Council President Cohen requested a five-minute recess with the Regular Meeting resuming at 7:16pm.

UPON MOTION made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:16pm.

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 **5/25/2022** 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	Abstain

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **MINUTES** of the **May 2, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular 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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-6-2022-012 ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL
IMPROVEMENTS FOR DOCKS CORNER ROAD AND
CRANBURY-SOUTH RIVER ROAD.**

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 Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-6-2022-012

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-6-2022-013 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REPEAL IN ITS ENTIREITY CHAPTER 44 ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” AND CHAPTER 108-5.20 ENTITLED “FLOODPLAINS MANAGEMENT” AND REPLACE WITH NEW CHAPTER 44 ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION”.

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 Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-6-2022-013

Deputy Clerk Christine Robbins read aloud the **2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

R-6-2022-152 RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by “Title Only” at the time of the Public Hearing if a Resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one (1) week prior to the date of Hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, has been posted in the Municipal Building and copies have been made available by the Township Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Municipal Budget shall be read by “Title Only” at the Public Hearing scheduled for **June 1, 2022**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2022-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELF EXAMINATION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Monroe has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2021 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Monroe that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Certified Municipal Finance Officer’s certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et. seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.
- b. Items of appropriations are properly set forth.
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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 Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 2, 2022** portion of the Meeting was opened. All were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos stated that it is quite disappointing that this is the first public hearing and there was no other opportunity given for the public to comment during the month. She thanked Administrator Weinberg for his responses to her previous questions and went on to ask who the group health insurance provider is; asked why sheet 11, line 6a/b/c is left blank; why were there no appropriations for various communities; who is the Township’s auditor; does the MCIA have anything to do with the listed cooperative entities; Administrator Weinberg answered that North American is the health insurance provider, further explaining that we are one of the few towns who have kept Chapter 78 contributions with the employees contributing up to 35%. He answered that sheet 11, line 6a/b/c is believed to be left blank as that is where extra monies would be applied to the school district. He explained that we are not a Class I district so remains blank. The miscellaneous expenses are for general engineering which runs through a contract and Center State Engineering is the firm. Administrator Weinberg answered that the auditor is Gary Higgins and stated that the Township has not been using the MCIA for purchasing but instead a statewide co-op for larger items, as well as the Houston Galveston for a national co-op which the MCIA has nothing to do with these items.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented that Mayor Dalina gave a budget presentation at last month’s meeting which he expected to be done again tonight. He stated that we need to go beyond the minimum requirements and trusts that we are doing a good job but commented that the public needs to be educated on how the budget is formed. He added that he tried to go on the website and find the budget presentation, but it was very difficult to locate. Mr. Parab stated that he noticed the budget went up from last year in some areas such as employees and asked why it went up by 5%; Administrator Weinberg answered that we have reintroduced summer camp this year and we have been able to fill some employee positions as it is mostly new people with the increase being the standard 2.5% increase.

Michael Olesky, 15 Mayberry Dr. – Mr. Olesky asked if there is more information that can be shared about the increase in rateables and if it is commercial or residential construction; Administrator Weinberg stated that it is \$700,000 in additional rateables as there has definitely been more commercial and warehouses to come about but it also comes about through school enrollment.

Sanjay Rastogi, 21 Brookfield Way, West Windsor Twp. – Mr. Rastogi asked if inflation is taken into consideration when the budget is generated as the current inflation is 8.5%; Administrator Weinberg answered that the good news is a lot of costs are wrapped into contracts and the 2.5%, He added that we have adjusted costs to reflect gas and electric prices and we do have somewhat fixed prices on some of our items and feel like we have anticipated the inflation rate in relation to our exposure.

Councilman Dipierro asked regarding the salary increase line and the increase in the number of employees if anyone is receiving more than the contract amount that we are obligated to pay; Administrator Weinberg stated that we must stay within the contracts established and we do have non-affiliated employees who are not protected by a union and therefore are set by Mayor Dalina. He went on to say that in this budget there are a handful of employees who are receiving more than the 2.5% based on the scope of work and performance. Councilman Dipierro commented that the Township website needs to be more use friendly in finding the budget.

Councilwoman Schneider commented that she is pleased to have a budget with no tax increase and no services cut.

Councilwoman Siegel commended Mayor Dalina and Council for this year’s budget as it is comprehensive and shows no increase while maintaining full services. She added that it is wonderful to see grants and shared services utilized in the budget.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura concurred that we should make every effort to put the budget out there and make it accessible to residents. He added that for the second year we are presenting a budget with no new taxes and that is outstanding. He went on to thank Mayor Dalina, Council and Administration for all of the work that goes into making the budget forward thinking and wholeheartedly supports the passing of this budget.

Council President Cohen thanked Mayor Dalina, Administration and Finance for all of their hard work with the budget and enjoyed meeting with the various Departments to go over their needs and what their budgets encompass, which was noted as being open to the public as well. She stated that she hopes more of the public joins in next year and is happy to support a budget that is responsible.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 2, 2022** 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 Siegel, the Resolution Adopting the 2022 Municipal Budget were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

R-6-2022-154 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2022
 RESOLUTION R-6-2022-154

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the TOWNSHIP
 of MONROE, County of MIDDLESEX that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby
 adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

(a) \$ 40,363,128.61 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
 (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
 (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
 Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
 the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

(d) \$ 1,238,000.00 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
 (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
 (f) \$ 3,512,422.49 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
 (Insert last name)

	Ayes	Nays	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	06-100	\$	9,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	11,063,352.93
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	1,550,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	40,363,128.61
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			\$ -
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	3,512,422.49
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	66,988,904.03

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RECORDED VOTE
 (Insert last name)

	Ayes	Nays	Abstained	
	[]	[]	[]	
			Absent	
			[]	

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Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	9,900,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-999	\$	11,663,352.93
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	1,550,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 8(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	40,363,128.61
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 8, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 8(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			
		\$	-
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 8(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
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Total Revenues	13-299	\$	66,988,904.03

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ROLL CALL:

Councilman Charles Dipierro	Nay
Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel	Aye
Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-6-2022-155 – R-6-2022-176)

R-6-2022-155 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H2M & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN RELATION TO HYDRAULIC PLANNING AN MODEL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT. (M.T.U.D.)
 (Not to exceed \$15,000)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) may have at times, during the year, a need for Professional Engineering Services in relation to performing hydraulic planning and model maintenance services related to our water system; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township of Monroe solicited Statements of Qualifications for General Water & Sewer Professional Engineering Services for the M.T.U.D. after advertisement on the M.T.U.D. website for not less than 10 days, Statements of Qualifications were publicly opened by the Township Business Administrator for calendar Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, after review of all the Statement of Qualifications by the review committee, H2M & Associates, Inc. was determined to be qualified to perform said engineering services; and

WHEREAS, H2M & Associates, Inc. has provided a proposal dated May 4, 2022 for the performance of said services for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed the proposal with the Director of the M.T.U.D., and abased on their discussion has recommended that a contract be awarded to H2M & Associates, Inc. based on their proposal for the above referenced work in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220023, 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 modify and enter into a contract with H2M & Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services, in accordance with the proposal;

(2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by H2M & Associates, Inc. in accordance with the attached proposal;

(3) The contract is awarded without through a fair and open RFQ process 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) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2022-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF (1) 108SD CAB & CHASSIS (TRUCK) TO HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER CORP. USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. (\$102,445 – R-6-2022-170 is the truck body)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe Department of Public Works (DPW) requires a salt spreader truck; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe joined the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) national cooperative purchasing cooperative under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), with authorization by Council Resolution No. R-1-2021-030; and

WHEREAS, the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the required Truck under its contract #HT06-20 titled “Medium and Heavy Trucks and Truck Bodies” for said Truck; and

WHEREAS, Houston Freightliner Corp. has submitted a proposal dated 5/9/22 for the required Freightliner Model 108SD truck, which meet the requirements of the Township, at a total price of **\$102,445.00**, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, copies of the HGACBuy award documentation contract required form submittals are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200041 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, The MTUD Purchasing agent has recommended this award of this contract, as described, to Houston Freightliner in a letter dated 5/10/2022 which contains how all the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative were followed, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”:

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 Township to purchase one (1) Freightliner truck as referred to above from Houston Freightliner Corp. using the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said Truck C/C delivered by Houston Freightliner Corp.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this National Cooperative Purchasing Program 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-6-2022-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CATERPILLAR WT-SWL WORK TOOL ATTACHMENTS FROM FOLEY CAT INCORPORATED USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
 (\$29,005.00 – Work Tool Attachments for 2020 Caterpillar Wheel Loader)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need for work tool attachments for their 2020 Caterpillar Wheel Loader; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract for the work tool attachments under its contract number ESCNJ 18/19-25 titled “Grounds Equipment Bid Manufacturers” to Foley Cat Inc.; and

Arm, Material Handling, FUS Ref. No. 510-5071		\$ 5,632.00
Bucket-Sd R, 2.5yd3, FUS, Boce Ref. No. 461-2391		\$27,368.00
ESCNJ Discount 15%	(-)	\$ 4,950.00
Labor as per ESCNJ Bid		\$ <u>955.00</u>
	Total	\$29,005.00; 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 this equipment 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 Certificate No. C-2200042 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) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase this equipment from Foley Cat Inc. using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 18/19-25; and
- (2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said vehicles delivered by Foley Cat Inc., respectively; and
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) 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-6-2022-158 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY OVERPAYMENT. (Refund in the amount of \$632.75)

WHEREAS, the Utility Department, by copy of a letter dated May 2, 2022, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, has recommended the Council approve the following utility overpayment refund:

Refund to:	Reason	Amount
Jerry Weiss 68 Yorkshire Dr. Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831	requesting credit balance	\$632.75

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Utility Department and finds the request for the above refund to be reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the request is hereby authorized and that a refund be made to **Jerry Weiss in the amount of \$632.75.**

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
THE REHABILITATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AGREEMENT AND LIEN ON 395B ORRINGTON LANE,
BLOCK 56 LOT 55, QUALIFIER C-395B.**

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, Robert G. Landman (“Landman”) entered into a Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement with the Township of Monroe restricting Landman from selling or conveying title to the property for a period of ten years pursuant to Monroe Ordinance 131-8 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., said Agreement having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on March 29, 2022, in Mortgage Book 18877 on Page 1480; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Lien state that “the terms, restrictions and covenants of this Agreement shall automatically expire ten (10) years from the date that the housing rehabilitation work was completed”; and

WHEREAS, due to the passing of Landman, an undue hardship exists and the premises need to be sold in order to settle the Estate; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Board at their meeting held April 13, 2022 approved a Resolution recommending the release of the lien upon repayment of the full amount of said lien in the amount of \$67,900; and

WHEREAS, the Executor of the Landman Estate has successfully paid the full lien amount back to the Affordable Housing Trust on April 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Affordable Housing Board advises of the successful completion of the Affordable Housing Lien and has consented to the termination of the Affordable Housing Lien; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Affordable Housing Lien held by Robert G. Landman are hereby satisfied and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Release of Rehabilitated Affordable Housing Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-160 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-12-2016-429
AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 1119 MORNING GLORY DRIVE.
(Amendment needed due to clerical error)**

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016 the Township Council approved Resolution R-12-2016-429 which authorized the discharge of an affordable housing lien given to Eileen McCartney for 1119 Morning Glory Drive; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022 the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent, Piazza & Associates notified the Township that the mortgage book, page number and the mortgage amount were incorrectly noted on Resolution R-12-2016-429 and needed to be amended as such; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, Eileen McCartney, gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe requiring Ms. McCartney to pay the sum of ~~\$138,600.00~~ **\$101,000.00** to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1119 Morning Glory Drive, (the “Property”) as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on February ~~14~~ **24**, 2009, in Mortgage Book 13268 on Pages 637-~~641~~ **et seq.** (the “McCartney Affordable Housing Lien”); a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, Ms. McCartney sold the Property to Andrew Atteya and Rita Basily (H/W), (“Atteya & Basily”); Ms. McCartney executed a deed in the mandatory form required for ownership units subject to restrictive covenant required by N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(d) transferring title to the Property to Atteya & Basily for the sum of \$161,541.00, said deed having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 23, 2016 in Deed Book 06834, page 0759 *et seq.*; a copy of said deed is attached as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, Atteya & Basily gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program to the Township of Monroe requiring Atteya & Basily to pay the sum of \$60,459.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1119 Morning Glory Drive, also known as Block 1, Lot 10.2 C1119 on the tax map of the Township of Monroe, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in

N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on October 27, 2016, in Mortgage Book 16517 on Page 0499 *et seq.*; a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, the McCartney Affordable Housing Lien qualifies for discharge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et seq.* and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCartney sold the Property to Atteya & Basily, and Atteya & Basily executed a new affordable housing recapture mortgage in favor of the Township; accordingly, the McCartney Affordable Housing Lien should be discharged; and

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 authorized and directed to execute the Discharge of Mortgage, annexed hereto as Exhibit “D”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN GIVEN ON 1134 MORNING
GLORY DRIVE.**

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2012, Rajesh Chaudhari and Mina Chaudhari (“the Chaudhari’s”) gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe requiring the Chaudhari’s to pay the sum of \$153,000.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1134 Morning Glory Drive, (the “Property”) as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on April 2, 2012, in Mortgage Book 14691 on Page 628 *et seq.* (the “Chaudhari’s Affordable Housing Lien”); a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2021, the Chaudhari’s sold the Property to Ravi Kumar & Ravinder Kaur, (“Kumar & Kaur”); Kumar & Kaur executed a deed in the mandatory form required for ownership units subject to restrictive covenant required by N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(d) transferring title to the Property to Kumar & Kaur for the sum of \$116,082.00, said deed having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 22, 2021 in Deed Book 18503, page 1266 *et seq.*; a copy of said deed is attached as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2021, Kumar & Kaur gave a recapture mortgage in accordance with the State’s Affordable Housing Program to the Township of Monroe requiring Kumar & Kaur to pay the sum of \$143,918.00 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1134 Morning Glory Drive, as provided under the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(c), said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on June 22, 2021, in Mortgage Book 18503 on Page 1295 *et seq.*; a copy of said mortgage is attached as Exhibit “C”; and

WHEREAS, the Chaudhari’s Affordable Housing Lien qualifies for discharge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et seq.* and the rules of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance agency set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Chaudhari’s sold the Property to Kumar & Kaur, and Kumar & Kaur executed a new affordable housing recapture mortgage in favor of the Township; accordingly, the Chaudhari’s Affordable Housing Lien should be discharged; and

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 authorized and directed to execute the Discharge of Mortgage, annexed hereto as Exhibit “D”.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-162 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF (1) AMBULANCE TO BAY HEAD
INVESTMENTS, INC. D/B/A VCI (VCI) USING THE HGACBuy
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR
THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE EMS DEPARTMENT.
(\$313,530.00)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe EMS Department requires one (1) new ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe joined the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) national cooperative purchasing cooperative under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), with authorization by Council Resolution No. R-1-2021-030; and

WHEREAS, the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the required ambulances under its contract #AM10-20 titled "Ambulances, EMS, and Other Special Service Vehicles" for said ambulances; and

WHEREAS, VCI has submitted a proposal dated April 24, 2022 for the one (1) Product Code AM20KA04 Horton Model 457 ambulances, which meet the requirements of the Township, at a total price of \$313,530.00, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, copies of the HGACBuy award documentation and VCI required form submittals are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, it is required by law that any like commodity purchase which exceeds the bid threshold of the Township (\$40,000.00) in aggregate, be authorized by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200043 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing agent has followed the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative has recommended this award in a letter dated May 12, 2022 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D":

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 Township to purchase one (1) Horton ambulance as referred to above from VCI using the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said ambulances delivered by VCI; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this Cooperative Purchasing Program 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-6-2022-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER
STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 JAMES MONROE
PARK CONCESSION STAND AND ADA RESTROOM
IMPROVEMENTS. (Not to exceed \$140,000)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *2022 James Monroe Park Concession Stand and ADA Restroom Improvements*; and

WHEREAS, Center State Engineering possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed one hundred forty thousand dollars (**\$140,000.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. C-2200044 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and further provides that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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 and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.

- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with **2022 James Monroe Park Concession Stand and ADA Restroom Improvements** in an amount not to exceed one hundred forty thousand dollars (**\$140,000.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that **Center State Engineering** shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-164 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT
TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE OPEN
SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION.
(Sidna Mitchell, 3-year term effective 6/1/22 – 12/31/23)**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated April 25, 2022 has made the following appointment to serve on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**, *nunc pro tunc*; and

Sidna Mitchell Member 3 year term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023

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 **Sidna Mitchell** as Member to serve a 3 year term commencing June 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 on the **OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION** *nunc pro tunc*.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-165 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2021-266
“AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS”.**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-12-2021-266 adopted by the Monroe Township Council at the December 27, 2021 regular meeting authorized the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty dollars and Sixty cents (\$62,930.60) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advised that the payee information for the refund to Block 84, Lot 17 was incorrect and needed to be amended; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-12-2021-266 must be amended to authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe to refund the corrected party of Block 84, Lot 17 as amended and hereby attached; and

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 Resolution No. R-12-2021-266 is hereby amended to authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Monroe to refund the proper party for a tax overpayment for Block 84, Lot 17 as reflected in the attached Schedule A.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2022-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 Seven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Eight dollars and Nineteen cents (\$7,128.19) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown; and

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-6-2022-167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
ZACK PAINTING CO. INC. FOR LEAD ABATEMENT
PROJECT AT DEY FARM FARMHOUSE. (\$29,440)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works solicited proposals for a lead abatement project at the Dey Farm Farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) competitive quotes received are as herein below set forth:

Zack Painting Co. Inc. – Fords, N.J. - \$29,440.00

Absolute Abatement & Construction Services – Vauxhall, N.J. - \$37,500.00

WHEREAS, Zack Painting Co. Inc. is certified by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs to perform Lead Abatement on Public Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Township QPA has reviewed the two (2) proposals received and, by copy of letter dated May 24, 2022, recommends the award of contract to **Zack Painting Co. Inc., 900 King Georges Road Fords, N.J. 08863** in the amount of **\$29,440.00**; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee 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, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to **Zack Painting Co. Inc.** for lead abatement at the Dey Farm Farmhouse at a total contract price of **\$29,440.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2200047, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Zack Painting Co. 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 **Zack Painting Co. 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-6-2022-168 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 Forty-Eight Thousand Seven-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$48,700.00),

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-6-2022-169 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF (1) 114SD CAB & CHASSIS (TRUCK) TO HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER CORP. USING THE HGACBuy NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)** (\$143,143 – Truck Body being purchased at a later date)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) requires a Tandem Dump Truck for its needs; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe joined the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) national cooperative purchasing cooperative under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3), with authorization by Council Resolution No. R-1-2021-030; and

WHEREAS, the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program has, after competitively bidding, awarded a contract for the required Tandem Dump Truck Cab & Chassis under its contract #HT06-20 titled “Medium and Heavy Trucks and Truck Bodies” for said Truck; and

WHEREAS, Houston Freightliner Corp. has submitted a proposal dated 5/17/22 for the required Freightliner Model 114SD truck cab & chassis, which meet the requirements of the M.T.U.D., at a total price of \$143,143.00, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, copies of the HGACBuy award documentation contract required form submittals are attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220024 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, The MTUD Purchasing agent has recommended this award of this contract, as described, to Houston Freightliner in a letter dated 5/17/2022 which contains how all the guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services via LFN 2012-10 for purchasing through a National Purchasing Cooperative were followed, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”:

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 Monroe Township Utility Department to purchase one (1) Freightliner model 114SD cab & chassis referred to above from Houston Freightliner Corp. using the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said cab & chassis delivered by Houston Freightliner Corp.; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through this National Cooperative Purchasing Program 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-6-2022-170 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HYDRAULICS SYSTEM, DUMP TRUCK BODY AND ACCESSORIES FROM TRIUS, INC. USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.** (\$99,921.77) (In conjunction with R-6-2022-156)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Department of Public Works has the need to purchase a hydraulics system, dump truck body, snowplow, and a salt spreader that are to be installed on a Freightliner SD 108 Cabin Chassis; and

WHEREAS, the State Approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) has awarded a contract to the vendor TRIUS, Inc., contract number ESCNJ 17/18-30.; and

WHEREAS, the price of the hydraulics system, dump truck body, snowplow, and salt spreader, including installation is **\$99,921.77**; 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 this equipment 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 Certificate No. C-2200045 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) Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase this equipment from TRIUS, Inc. using the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract 17/18-30; and

(2) The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said purchases delivered by TRIUS Inc., respectively; and

(3) The contracts are awarded through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative 65MCESCCPS) 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-6-2022-171 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REQUESTING THAT NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
14 REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL
S-2103 AND ITS COMPANION ASSEMBLY BILL.
(Would obstruct municipal zoning authority)**

WHEREAS, the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee voted to allow the full State Senate to consider S-2103; and

WHEREAS, S-2103, and its companion Assembly bill A-1294, would authorize the conversion of certain office parks and retail centers to mixed-use developments regardless of municipal zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, under the legislation a mixed-use development, that is those containing both non-residential and residential components, would be a permitted use, not requiring a variance, when the application seeks to convert an office park or retail center; and

WHEREAS, while the Township is cognizant of the evolving nature of development trends within the state, we oppose S-2103 as it undermines the careful planning and consideration that has gone into municipal zoning. Further, the Municipal Land Use Law already provides a mechanism through variance approval that would allow for necessary zoning changes; 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 oppose S-2103 and its Assembly companion bill in their current form unless and until appropriate amendments are made to protect the planning and zoning authority of municipalities; 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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-172 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
STALKER RADAR, APPLIED CONCEPTS INC. FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A MESSAGE BOARD/RADAR TRAILER FOR
THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. (\$22,602)**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Police Department solicited proposals for a MC360 Message Board/Radar Trailer; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) competitive quotes received are as herein below set forth:

Stalker Radar, Applied Concepts – Richardson, TX - \$22,602.00

TMDE Calibration Labs Inc. – Richmond, ME. - \$24,228.00

WHEREAS, the Township QPA has reviewed the two (2) proposals received and, by copy of letter dated May 20, 2022, recommends the award of contract to *Stalker Radar, Applied Concepts, Inc. 855 East Collins Blvd Richardson, TX 75081-2251* in the amount of **\$22,602.00**; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract is subject to the compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.; any contractor, subcontractor of business firm agree and guarantee 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, County of Middlesex that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of contract, to *Stalker Radar, Applied Concepts, Inc.* for a MC360 Message Board/Radar Trailer at a total contract price of **\$22,602.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as evidenced by Certificate No. C-2200046, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay *Stalker Radar, Applied Concepts, 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 *Stalker Radar, Applied Concepts, 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-6-2022-173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATED ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. (2022 Donations)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission has adopted policies and procedures for the collection and acceptance of donated personal property; and

WHEREAS, several Monroe families have approached representatives of the Historic Preservation Commission seeking to donate items of personal property identified in Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is seeking authority from the Monroe Township Council to accept the donations of items of personal property identified in Attachment A, and thereafter appropriate the items of personal property identified in Attachment A for use by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to accept all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A to this resolution, at no cost to the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorizes the Business Administrator of the Township of Monroe, or his designee, to appropriate all donated items of personal property identified in Attachment A for use and appropriate caretaking by the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission; and

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2022-174 RESOLUTION URGING STATE LAWMAKERS AND GOVERNOR MURPHY TO UTILIZE THE INCREASED STATE BUDGET SURPLUS FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

WHEREAS, New Jersey's nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services estimates that the State of New Jersey will collect more than \$8 billion in additional revenue than was certified at the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more urgent for Monroe residents than ever to fully fund much needed property tax relief and school funding programs; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the Senior Freeze, Homestead Rebate, and increased school funding have been vital in helping Monroe residents manage their household budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy Administration's ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Program aims to make over 1 million more New Jersey Household eligible for property tax relief, before factoring the projected increase surplus of \$8 billion to the State budget; and

WHEREAS, this Council has already urged swift passage of Senate Bill S-330, through Resolution R-4-2022-115, which provides property tax relief through restoration of Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey urge the Murphy Administration and State Legislators to immediately invest the State's increased surplus to expand property tax relief programs and school funding measures mentioned herein to provide much needed property tax relief to as many Monroe as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council urges the Murphy Administration and State Legislators to take immediate action to restore Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities and increase property tax relief under the ANCHOR program in light of the State's increased surplus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson, Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2022-175 RESOLUTION AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
CONTRACT WITH BETTINA DURMASKIN SHOLK REAL
ESTAE APPRAISAL & CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE
PROPERTY APPRAISAL REPORTS FOR INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS AT PROSPECT PLAINS RD. AND
APPLEGARTH ROAD.
(\$55,000 - 18 properties)**

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex is undertaking a project for roadway improvements at the intersection of Applegarth Road and Prospect Plains Road (the "Project") and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe entered into a cost-sharing agreement, pursuant to R-10-2002-249, to acquire all right-of-entry including easements necessary for construction by either acquisition or condemnation

WHEREAS, it is necessary to acquire interests in property within eighteen (18) parcels located in Blocks 40, 41, 42, 45, 47.01, 56, and 201 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Monroe (the "Properties") to complete the Project in the form of Rights of Way, Temporary Construction Easements, Drainage Easements, Permanent Maintenance Easements, and Fee acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Bettina Durmaskin Sholk, MAI, AI-GRS, MA, MBA, SCGRE is an authorized Township appraiser; and

WHEREAS, Bettina Durmaskin Sholk, has provided the Township of Monroe with a proposal to perform the appraisals of the Properties necessary for the completion of the Project at a cost not to exceed Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) per the proposal attached as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. **C-2200048**, 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 be and are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal and Consultant, 5 Rosemary Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

(2) The Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal and Consultant, in accordance with attached proposal, in an amount not to exceed **\$55,000.00**;

(3) This 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 the contract shall include mandatory Affirmative Action language, and Bettina Durmaskin Sholk Real Estate Appraisal and Consultant 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-6-2022-176 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD-PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO MONROE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION (MTCEA) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTCEA PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.
(If higher than JCP&L tariff rate awards will be rejected)

WHEREAS, the Government Energy Aggregation Act of 2003 (PL. 2003, C. 24) governs the establishment of a government energy aggregation program, which is a government-operated purchasing cooperative through which multiple energy consumers join together for the purchase of electric utility services by a government aggregator; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has promulgated rules (NJ.A.C. 14:4-6) for the implementation of government energy aggregation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council passed an ordinance dated August 5, 2013 (Ordinance No. 0-8-2013-012) authorizing the formation of a Government Energy Aggregation in the Township of Monroe, New Jersey, named the Monroe Township Community Energy Aggregation (“MTCEA”) Program , and passed an ordinance adopted May 3, 2021 (Ordinance No. 0-3-2021-004) authorizing the continuation of the MTCEA; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is acting as the Lead Agency of the MTCEA; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Monroe Township are included in the MTCEA on an “opt-out” basis, as set forth in applicable rules (NJ.A.C. 14:4-6); and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Ordinance No. 0-3-2021-004 and in accordance with New Jersey Board of Public Utilities rules (NJ.A.C. 14:4-6) and applicable law (PL. 2003, C. 24), Monroe Township is authorized to award a contract for electric generation service and government energy aggregation services on behalf of participating residential customers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in its capacity as Lead Agency, publicly noticed and issued on April 11, 2022 a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of electric generation service and government energy aggregation services for the fifth round of the MTCEA Program (MTCEA Round-5) and has solicited proposals from qualified suppliers in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the RFP provided for a two- stage process that included: Stage 1 for the submission of supplier questions and comments and the submission of qualification documents by interested New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) -licensed electric power suppliers; and Stage 2 for the submission of price proposals; and

WHEREAS, the RFP provides for the submission of separate pricing for electric generation service for three potential contract durations (term) beginning October 2022 as follows: either 12 months (until October 2023), 19 months (until May 2024) or 24 months (until October 2024); and

WHEREAS, the RFP provides for the submission of separate pricing for electric generation service for two different contract language options: Option A) using the form of Master Performance Agreement attached to the RFP; and Option B) using the form of MPA attached to the RFP except that subsection 3.2(iii) (a) (c) is removed from the MPA; and

WHEREAS, the RFP provides for the submission of separate pricing for electric generation service for one pricing group, 1) Participating Residential Accounts; and the RFP provides for the award of a contract for Participating Residential Accounts at the discretion of the Township of Monroe and in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, during Stage 1 non-binding Notices of Intent and other qualification documents were received from three (3) NJBPU-licensed electric power suppliers; and

WHEREAS, a number of supplier questions and comments were received and, as a result, on April 28, 2022, document entitled 'Responses to Supplier Questions, Clarifications and Addendum No.1' was issued and distributed to all suppliers that had submitted a Notice of Intent to Propose; and

WHEREAS, Stage 2 price proposals and accompanying Transmittal Letters were submitted by three (3) NJBPU -licensed electric power suppliers by the 12:00 noon June 1, 2022 deadline set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council, in consultation with its energy agent, has conducted extensive and in-depth evaluation of qualifications and analysis of price proposals, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP and Addendum No.1; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the evaluation of qualifications and proposals and analysis of price proposals submitted on June 1, 2022, the Monroe Township Council has determined that no contract award shall be made at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Council shall make no contract award as a result of the price proposals submitted on June 1, 2022; said price proposals are hereby rejected on the basis that the award of a contract based thereon is not in the best interests of the Township and the potential MTCEA-Round 5 participants.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RFP shall be held open for a period of up to 120 days, and the Township may accept refreshed prices in accordance with the RFP, at any time during that 120-day period, consistent with applicable 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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION for CONSIDERATION:

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the following Resolution was moved for Adoption:

R-6-2022-177

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

(Thomas Kole - Alt. IV position -unexpired 2-year term expiring 12/31/23; all Alternate positions shall move up as follow; **Arnold Jaffe** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 1 position effective immediately with the term expiring on December 31, 2022, **Nicholas Morolda** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 2 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023 and **Manmeet Singh Viridi** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 3 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023)

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021 the Monroe Township Council appointed Richard Lans as an Alternate 1 Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2022 Richard Lans resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective immediately creating a vacancy in the Alternate 1 Member position; and

WHEREAS, all Alternate positions shall move up as follow; **Arnold Jaffe** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 1 position effective immediately with the term expiring on December 31, 2022, **Nicholas Morolda** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 2 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023 and **Manmeet Singh Viridi** shall fill the unexpired Alternate 3 position effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Alternate 4 Member position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, approves the **appointment** of **Thomas Kole** as an Alternate 4 Member, to fill the unexpired two (2) year term, effective immediately with the term expiring on December 31, 2023; 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 June 1, 2022:

		<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		01/01/2019	4 yrs.	12/31/2022
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	01/01/2021	2 yrs.	12/31/2022
Nicholas Morolda	-Alt. 2	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023
Manmeet Singh Viridi	-Alt. 3	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023
Thomas Kole	-Alt. 4	01/01/2022	2 yrs.	12/31/2023

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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 Resolution Duly Filed.

Administrator’s Report – Administrator Weinberg highlighted a few items from tonight’s agenda, including the purchase of a new DPW Salt Truck, as well as a new Ambulance.

Regarding the Energy Aggregation Program, we are opting to stay within the tariff rate which is the right move as it is the lowest. Our residents have saved approximately \$15 million dollars with this program.

Extended thanks to Mayor Dalina and Council for their support in opposing Senate Bill S-2103 as captured in R-6-2022-171 as this Bill would allow retail centers to be converted into housing with no municipal zoning authority approval required.

Noted that the library will be closed from June 13th through the 17th because of HVAC work that is being conducted.

We have received \$105,000 from the Clean Communities Grant, which is up \$11,000 from the last time we have received this grant; it is the 4th largest grant given to a Township in Middlesex County. Administrator Weinberg extended thank to Joe Slomian, DPW and the Environmental Commission for their hard work.

Lastly, thanked Mayor Dalina and Council for their focus on affordability, grants and pursuing the Federal CARES Act money to bring as much money to the Township as possible.

Engineer’s Report – Engineer Rasimowicz reported that the inclusive playground is well under construction with most of the equipment installed and should be completed later this month.

The North State Home Road, Lower Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road Improvement Project, which is covered under the NJDOT grant was started earlier this week.

The Costco Drive Improvement Project, which is an NJDOT local freight grant is anticipated to start sometime in July.

Lastly, the 2022 Roadway Improvement Project bid opening is scheduled for June 8th with anticipation of award at the June 27th Council Meeting.

Council’s Reports –

Councilman Dipierro –

- Attended the League of Women Voter’s meeting last month where the topic was ‘Women in Politics’ which was organized very well and nice to see and hear about all of the women in politics.

- Attended a seminar regarding Human Trafficking and was surprised to hear that 80% of trafficking victims are from the U.S.
- Received many phone calls from concerned residents regarding a helicopter in the area and is curious as to why there was no notification from our police department, social media or on our Township website.
- Thanked Director Stroin and Rob Russo for meeting with him regarding the poor paving done with BFI; he noted that it looks like the project will be delayed a bit.
- Attended the Community Clean-Up which went from Federal to Union Valley Road. It was a very nice thing to see all of the volunteers and groups help out.
- Attended the Armed Forces Day at the high school which was wonderful; it brought back many memories from attending the high school and it was nice to see everyone come together as a community to acknowledge our Armed Forces. He also attended the Memorial Day services held by Mayor Dalina which went well.
- Acknowledged the great work being done at Veteran's Park by our landscaper, Gal's. They have done a beautiful job over there.
- Stated that we do not have anything in our ordinance that protects private properties and suggested that we amend or create a new ordinance that protects residents from others who take actions that result in property damage.
- Commented that he does not understand why the police in our community cannot volunteer; Attorney Rainone went on to explain the issue is with the regulations set forth under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Stated that at the last meeting he voted no to the bill list because of the purchase of gift cards which were on there and asked for an answer, on record, as to who received them; Attorney Rainone answered that there was no issue in giving out gift cards which were given out to students who participated in a scholar program.
- Gave a shout out to Director Stroin and the utility department for fixing a hole in a water main on Perrineville Road; having that in house service has saved the Township thousands.
- Congratulations to Clearbrook on their 50th Anniversary.
- Wished Councilwoman Schneider a very happy birthday.

Councilwoman Schneider –

- Reported that there were 169 residents transported for trips, 496 residents transported for medical, 117 and 195 residents who utilized the shuttle services to Princeton and Freehold and 31 residents who utilized the intown shuttles.
- The summer exercise classes at the Senior Center have started.
- Middlesex County is once again providing food vouchers for the farmers market.
- REPLENISH food drive went very well; very generous donations came in to help out which is much appreciated.
- Announced that the Library will be hosting a farmers market to begin on June 30th.
- The Fishing Derby will be held on June 18th.
- Thanked the Administration for their work on the budget as she is very proud of it.

Councilwoman Siegel –

- The Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a series of Open Houses at the Dey Farm beginning on June 5th, as well as July 3 and August 7th from 1-4pm.
- The Summer Concert Series begins on July 7th.
- Attended the Armed Forces Appreciation Day held at the high school, as well as, the Memorial Day services and extended thanks to all the Veterans for their services.

Council Vice-President Van Dzura –

- Commented on the wonderful Armed Forces event at the high school. Stated it was great to see the older veterans and see the high school students listen to what these veterans had to go through.
- Complimented Mayor Dalina, as he always does a great job conducting the Memorial Day services.
- Echoed what Councilman Dipierro said about the Community Clean-Up as it helps organizations, such as the Boy Scouts to get out and help the town.
- This month is Flag Day which is held on June 14th and Pride Month for our LGBTQ community.
- Noted that Kathy Dillon will be retiring and wished her the best; she coached his daughter in softball, as well as other sports and will be greatly missed.
- The Unified Group, which is our special education sports league, went down to Florida to compete in various sports and did well.
- Reiterated the sentiments on the budget and is proud of another budget with no tax increase.
- This is the third month of the war in Ukraine; he is sharing so we do not forget that this war is still ongoing.
- Spoke briefly about the senseless school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, as well as the shooting in Buffalo, NY and conveyed his deepest sympathy to those who lost their lives and implored that reform take place in Washington to put an end to these tragedies.

Council President Cohen –

- Attended the Memorial Day services and noted the importance of showing respect for our veterans. Reflected on her childhood as the daughter of a WW2 veteran; her father gave up his practice and joined the Army, she lived on an army base which also served as a POW camp and she is reminded of the sacrifices

- Spoke about food insecurity and how this is a real problem but should be solvable.
- Thanked Mayor Dalina, colleagues, and the Departments for their presentations during the budget discussions.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dalina reported on the budget, explaining that the budget can be viewed in two parts, one being the 'Big Picture Budget' which is that most of the surrounding towns increased taxes and our theme has been affordability and keeping taxes flat is important. The 'Granular Budget' is that there are many items in the budget that needs to be reviewed and next year it will be introduced and in the Spring, be voted on again. He noted that the budget is sound as we were able to keep taxes flat but the process can be looked into and given more access to by the residents.

Regarding the school shooting in Texas, Mayor Dalina commended the actions by the Board of Education in protecting our students. He noted that he reached out to Chief Biennas to start sending more patrol cars around our schools.

Memorial Day services are important as we never want to forget the sacrifices made by our veterans and acknowledge them for paying the ultimate sacrifice. He shared that he has designated staff member to be a Veteran Affairs liaison.

Regarding the helicopter in town, Mayor Dalina commented that he has faith in our police department that if there were a true emergency our residents would have been notified. He explained that there was a missing child in Spotswood and the State Police were contacted to try and help find the child.

Increased our police force to 67 officers in this budget which is what is needed within the Township.

The Spray Park on Avenue K was opened on time for many people to enjoy.

Congratulated resident Austin Aiken on his graduation from the Coast Guard Academy; Mayor Dalina commented that he coached him in recreation baseball and basketball and extended best wishes to him on graduating.

The next Mayor's Wellness Campaign will be held on June 21st with yoga at the Senior Center with details to come.

June 24th is the high school graduation day; asked all to keep the graduating class in their hearts and minds and wish them congratulations on this very important accomplishment.

June 30th starts the Library's Farmers Market which will be held from 2-7pm. There will be food trucks and vendors.

Wished Councilwoman Schneider a very happy birthday.

Reminded all that Father's Day is June 19th and extended best wishes for all the dads.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab commented on the shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX and stated that we need to ensure communication between the federal government, state and local police is happening. He asked what assurances we have that precautionary measures are done to make sure information flows from the top to the bottom; Attorney Rainone commented that we share information through all levels and have relationships with all relevant agencies.

Mr. Parab stated that the water was tested in the schools with some coming back with lead contamination and asked if we are taking samples in other public places as well; Director Stroin answered that the Township Utility Department is governed by the lead and copper rule and the lead found in the school was from leaching within the school system. He went on to say that from his understanding the school is taking the appropriate measures to change out the system and the NJDEP has granted us the ability to go from testing every 6 months to once a year because of our high-water quality.

Robert Ross, 494 Spotswood Englishtown Rd. - Mr. Ross stated that he is dealing with an issue of flooding on private property. He stated the neighbor who filled in their property at 121 Helmetta Road has created a flooding issue on Mr. Tufano's property and now they would like to mitigate the situation, but the Township is preventing them from moving forward with the mitigation. He added that the flooding issue is affecting two of his properties that back up to the neighbor's property, with the problem being that clay dirt was put on their property due to the ignorance of the laws. He went on to say that the issue can be mitigated without going to court; Attorney Rainone responded that the matter is being handled by the municipal court actively and if the Township was able to access his property to make an assessment, then this may have been able to have been mitigated without going to court, but the case is now actively being handled by the court process.

Peter Tufano, 10 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano stated that he finds it appalling that his Ward 3 Councilman is not having his emails responded to.

Commented that the children of Jamesburg share our school system but are thrown out of the Recreation Center which needs to be corrected.

Thanked Mayor Dalina for finally addressing why there was a helicopter in town. He went on to say that we have never received any Nixle about the armed home invasions or the business that got ransacked.

Mr. Tufano stated that he has had four feet of water in his home because of his neighbor illegally dumping clay dirt on their own property, causing any rainfall to cascade into his property causing major flood damage time and time again. He went on to say that he guarantees that if it was the Mayor's home that was being flooded this would not have been in court for over a year but instead mitigated quickly. Attorney Rainone responded that the Township has made several attempts to access Mr. Tufano's property to evaluate the damage but has been unsuccessful each time; Mr. Tufano commented that there was not a need for the Township to access his property as he has taken numerous videos and pictures and shared with the Township Officials. Mr. Tufano asked if the Zoning Officer issued any summonses and invited Administrator Weinberg over to see his property, reiterating what Mr. Ross, who spoke prior, had stated that the neighbor was willing to mitigate the issue without having to go to court. Attorney Rainone responded that the Township needs to access Mr. Tufano's property and commented that we are not preventing the owner from remedying the situation. Administrator Weinberg confirmed with Mr. Tufano that aside from himself, Engineer Rasimowicz and Director Stroin would come out on Friday at 8:30am to Mr. Tufano's property.

Jay Foye, 431 Hoffman Station Rd. – Mr. Foye stated that he has a similar issue to Mr. Tufano's and he has been helping the Township as much as possible as he is very frustrated with the flooding issue. He commented that he is trying to finish mitigating his issue with the help of the Township and asked if it was possible for the Township to consider putting into Code that if someone comes into town and started tearing down trees, changing the grades of landscape that they face a penalty. Attorney Rainone responded that we are in court because the Township does indeed have ordinance in place with a penalty associated with it that hold those liable to pay a maximum of up to \$2,000 if they are deemed in violation. He went on to explain that when a complaint is made, summonses are then issued but the problem arises with the fact that the legislature only allows a penalty of up to \$2,000. He also noted that residents have remedies through the civil court process that the municipalities do not have.

Jennie Ludas, 38 Ridgeview Rd. – Ms. Ludas thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts over the last 2 years in keeping the residents of Monroe safe and extended birthday wishes to Councilwoman Schneider.

Lucille Panos, 1208c Lindera Plz. - Mrs. Panos commented that it is nice to hear about the Memorial Day Services and appreciates what Council Vice-President Van Dzura stated in regard to the old and young learning from one another.

Mrs. Panos thanked the Mayor and Council for seeing the need to have a more open process in regard to the Budget.

Lastly, Mrs. Panos asked that at the next Council Meeting a status update on the BFI Landfill be given, also asking if BFI ever reimbursed the Township.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura 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 Councilman Dipierro, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 9:10pm.

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

Christine Robbins

CHRISTINE ROBBINS, Township Deputy Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President