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

JUNE 2, 2021

AGENDA

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Leonard Baskin
Councilman Charles Dipierro
Councilman Terence Van Dzura
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider
Council President Miriam Cohen

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

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9. **Public Comments.** (limited to Agenda items only - 5 Minutes per Speaker)

OPEN: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
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10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.** Time: _____

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1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Time: _____

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

*Click It or Ticket Mobilization
May 24 – June 6, 2021*

3. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **May 25, 2021**.

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

April 5, 2021 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

May 3, 2021 – Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting

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

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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCED ON MAY 3, 2021

OPEN:

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

CLOSE:

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

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

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

10. **Administrator’s Report.**

11. **Engineer’s Report.**

12. **Council’s Reports.**

13. **Mayor’s Report.**

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

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CLOSE: MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

15. **Adjournment.** MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____

Time: _____

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – June 2, 2021

The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom 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 Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Leonard Baskin, Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilman Terence Van Dzura, Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider and Council President Miriam Cohen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Dalina, Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg, Township Attorney Lou Rainone, Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Chief Michael Biennas, CFO George Lang and Utility Director Joseph Stroin.

There were approximately seventy-three (73) members of the Public who joined remotely.

Council President Miriam Cohen requested the Township Clerk to read the following **SUNSHINE LAW** into the record:

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CFO George Lang noted that the CAP Bank Ordinance, between paragraphs 1 through 4, have the percentages in the wrong place. He added that the 1% should be in the top paragraph and the 2.5% should be on the fourth line with the corresponding dollar amounts. In total everything is correct but this was a typo that will need to be adjusted.

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Township Attorney Rainone stated that he thought it was discussed at the last meeting that the title did not need to read during the workshop session; Council President Cohen agreed, and Township Clerk Patricia Reid noted the change for the next meeting.

Councilman Baskin asked Fire District #2 was not included in regard to the two additional resolutions added for shared service agreements with the Fire District #1 and Fire District #3 for two-way portable radios; Administrator Weinberg answered that we worked with all of the fire districts to get to access their needs and they did not need anything.

Councilman Dipierro asked CFO George Lang for the totals regarding O-5-2021-013; CFO George Lang answered that the total CAP has not changed and gave a breakdown of the numbers; Township Attorney Rainone added that for purposes of the record and minutes we will make a motion to amend the Ordinance so the public can see what has changed for the introduction to the adoption.

Councilman Van Dzura shared his thoughts regarding Ordinance O-6-2021-015 stating that this is an ordinance the Township is putting forth to prohibit all cannabis licenses within our Township; He noted that there are six different types of licenses such as: cultivator, manufacturer, wholesale and retail and we must determine if we will allow any of these types of licenses within our Township. He stated that it is his understanding that if the Township does not act by August, then the Township is prohibited from doing so for a period of five years and that also means that anyone wanting to utilize the licenses within our Township is prohibited from doing so as well. He added that if the Township does act and prohibit the licenses from being used within our Township we could go back and amend within a year if we wanted to. He added that this is a very complicated legislation and there will be a very limited number of licenses for each type, such as only eight available for medicinal facilities. With the limited number of licenses available, he believes it is a misled guidance to prohibit within the Township because if someone with a manufacturing license for example looks for a facility within the Township to do so, they will be unable to because our ordinance prohibits them and with that, we have the potential to miss out on the revenue that can be made. He shared several states' revenue made from marijuana only including Massachusetts who made \$81 million, Nevada who made \$105 million, Oregon who made \$133 million, Colorado who made \$387 million, Washington who made \$469 million and California who made over \$1 billion. It is projected that New Jersey can make upwards of \$158 million dollars and the Township, if we allow, can make a small percentage of that revenue. Councilman Van Dzura stated that the Council proposed this Ordinance without having all the facts in front of them, by no fault of their own, and asked that we consider otherwise and give this a long serious thought prior to the next Council meeting. Council President Cohen thanked him for sharing his thoughts and added that for clarity of the record that there will be a public hearing on this ordinance prior to its adoption so that all of the public and Council can discuss which will be held on June 28th.

Councilman Baskin stated that he agrees on some points made by Councilman Van Dzura stating that the legislation was sent in haste, and we have not been given us enough time to do our due diligence. He added that from his research he read that there is a two-year window where most of the money will go to urban areas with drug problems and we are entitled up to 2%. He shared that if we were to allow it he would have it in the retail area of Route 33 or in the distribution area. He added that this would be subject to the rules of the Commission, but they have not set forth any thus far.

Township Attorney Rainone clarified that there are a number of different taxes both state and local, but we would not receive revenue back in the first two years.

Councilman Dipierro commented that he agrees with Councilman Baskin in that we have received limited information from the State in regard to this legislation and added his concerns such as would we be required to hire more police officers and how would the pharmacies selling medicinal marijuana be affected. Also, if someone applies for a use variance how would the Township address.

Council Vice-President Schneider commented that we have not been given enough information and we cannot say yes to this in her opinion.

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| R-6-2021-139 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO A.C. SCHULTES, CO. FOR CONTRACT 501 “WELL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Estimated annual cost \$90,060) |
| R-6-2021-140 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1108.1, MONROE PARKE, PB-1141-13 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Mounts Mills Rd.) |
| R-6-2021-141 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UNITRENDS SOFTWARE/APPLIANCES FOR TOWNSHIP WIDE BACK UP USING THE NJSTART COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (NJCP1) FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (\$60,922.49) |
| R-6-2021-142 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVDEALS.COM.
(Anticipated Auction – late summer) |
| R-6-2021-143 | RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. <u>R-1-2021-019</u> “AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 53, LOT 14.04; BLOCK 83, LOT 7.10; AND BLOCK 169, LOT 6.8 AND THE ISSUANCE OF A REFUND OF MONIES EXPENDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAX SALE”. (Per Executive Order – water bill adjustments in the amount of \$771.21) |

- R-6-2021-144** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PB-1173-15 – DIPASQUALE – AVE K – BLOCK 110, LOT 1.03.**
- R-6-2021-145** **AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR R & W HOMES – PB-1161-15.**
(Buckelew Ave.)
- R-6-2021-146** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE ZETRON MAX CALL 9-1-1 CALL SYSTEM UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
(\$34,907.85)
- R-6-2021-147** **RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F-250 4 X 4 SERIES PICKUP FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS USING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE.** (\$33,282.64)
- R-6-2021-148** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO PM CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** (\$1,127,104.00)
- R-6-2021-149** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT THREE IN CONNECTION WITH TWO-WAY PORTABLE RADIOS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY.**
- R-6-2021-150** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CME ENGINEERING INC. FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BFI REPUBLIC LANDFILL.**
- R-6-2021-151** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT ONE IN CONNECTION WITH TWO-WAY PORTABLE RADIOS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY.**

Councilman Dipierro asked that resolutions R-6-2021-137, R-6-2021-144, R-6-2021-148, R-6-2021-149 and R-6-2021-151 be removed from the agenda and considered separately.

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

Eileen Aiossa, 41 Harrigan Ave. – Mrs. Aiossa asked if she was permitted to make a comment on the Health Advisory Board; Attorney Rainone answered to wait to discuss during the second reading public comment period of that Ordinance.

Catherine Hunt, 121P Lowell Ln. – Mrs. Hunt asked if the Township has the option to make limitations on the marijuana ordinance, for example, if the Township allowed a retail store could it be limited to medicinal, edibles or topicals; Attorney Rainone answered that medicinal is a different license from retail and as far as limiting what could be sold in a retail store will be subject to state regulation. He added that we can prevent a consumption area on the site.

Andrew Abere, 19 Samantha Dr. - Mr. Abere stated that the Health Advisory Board is perhaps the least efficient way to promote economic growth, based on his professional opinion. He added that it tends to be an inefficient way to get things done as the structure of a group may vary.

Mr. Abernethy commented that if you prohibit cannabis activity in the Township you will drive consumers outside of the Township to purchase such items and will inevitably reduce overall economic activity as they are now more willing to purchase other items out of town.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked a question regarding Resolution R-6-2021-146 if the Township is paying \$1.7 million for the 9-1-1 system why it is so much and who is responsible for paying this amount; Chief Biennas answered that the cost is actually \$34,000 and Administrator Weinberg clarified that this is a contract extension.

Mr. Parab asked a question regarding cannabis, what the cost impact to the community to support this industry.

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio asked if Resolution R-6-2021-151 could be explained and asked why it is not on the website and if it could be put on the website; Administrator Weinberg answered that this resolution that was added today and it will be added to the agenda. Mrs. Arminio asked for a description of the resolution without using her five-minute time limit. Administrator Weinberg explained that we are switching over to a high band radio system and working with all the agencies locally to get on this system and we were able to come to an agreement with Fire District #1 to do this.

Mrs. Arminio addressed the comments made by Councilman Van Dzura in regard to the marijuana ordinance and stated we should consider this very seriously as if this is only about the money then we have some serious moral reckoning to do. She added that that we should not get our residents high to keep our taxes low; Township Attorney Rainone commented that possessing it and using it in this state is legal and this ordinance does not mean that we are banning the use of recreational cannabis within the Township; this ordinance prohibits the cultivation, manufacturing and selling of it within our Township.

Harriet Lottenberg, 31 Tenth Ave. – Mrs. Lottenberg commented that there is a new store called Puff City located off Tenth Avenue and asked if they are allowed to sell marijuana; Attorney Rainone answered that there are currently no store legally allowed to sell cannabis and noted that it is probably a tobacco shop.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos asked in regard to Resolution R-6-2021-132 who would be doing the self-examination and if it is bi-partisan and if the community could weigh in; Administrator Weinberg answered that the Division of Local Government Services reviews the budgets of all 565 municipalities in great detail one out of three years and the other two years we do a self-examination.

Mrs. Panos asked in regard to Resolution R-6-2021-137 if any members on this board were receiving any sort of pay or compensation and if so are they in the pension system; Attorney Rainone answered that no one is receiving compensation.

Mrs. Panos stated that in regard to Resolution R-6-2021-143, the January minutes are not accessible on the Township's website, and she would like to be able to see what is being amended from that meeting; Township Clerk Patricia Reid answered that the January minutes are indeed on the website and gave instruction to Mrs. Panos as to how to access and find them. Mrs. Panos asked what the amount that is being amended; Administrator Weinberg responded that the Governor gave an Executive Order not allowing for penalties to be charged for delinquent payments in which we had to correct. In January we amended to fix the premiums but need to amend to adjust the penalties.

Mrs. Panos commented in regard to Resolution R-6-2021-146 that the Police tying into the 911 system is of the utmost importance to the Township and asked why we would need to do a change order for this; Chief Biennas answered that this was amended because the original order was placed last year and since then the Board of Education has added nine more vehicles and the DPW has added five. He further explained that the 911 system has always been in place.

Mrs. Panos added that she is very pleased with the work done by the Police Department and she wanted to make sure that they receive the best of what they need.

Marty Levine, 26 Westminister Dr. – Mr. Levine commented on Councilman Van Dzura's report on cannabis and asked if it would be possible for the Township to gain control on the licenses; Township Attorney Rainone answered that is not possible.

Peter Tufano, 10 Katherine St. – Mr. Tufano commended Councilman Van Dzura for doing research on the marijuana issue and commented that he hopes if we do move forward to allow marijuana within the Township that we do receive the \$1 million dollars Councilman Van Dzura mentioned we may receive. He added that he doubts the State will give us the money and there should be no discussion and the answer should be no outright. He asked if the Council has done research on the equalization aid received by the schools and stated it is a shame that Council has chosen to spend time researching the marijuana issue instead. Township

Attorney Rainone clarified the ordinance is to prohibit marijuana and not approve. Mr. Tufano commented that Chief Biennas is one of the best chiefs in the State and asked him what his take on the marijuana issue is; Chief Biennas answered that he has to follow the laws of the State as it is his job and what he has to do and his personal opinion has nothing to do with it.

Paul Cerniglia, 14 Lori St. - Mr. Cerniglia asked what is going on with the landfill situation with introducing the leachate back into the system; Attorney Rainone answered that it is not on the agenda specifically, but we are awarding a contract tonight for an individual to review the proposal to reintroduce the leachate. Mr. Cerniglia asked why the tankers are being loaded on this side of town opposed to the area where there is a makeshift access located on Gravel Hill Road; Administrator Weinberg answered that the area in question is part of the 25% cap and BFI is concerned about the integrity of the cap if they allow the tankers to load there.

Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St. - Mr. Paluri asked about Resolution R-6-2021-147, which talks about the purchase of a new vehicle from the Educational Services Cooperative Commission, and asked if that was something that could have been done in conjunction with the Board of Education; Township Attorney Rainone answered that it is not funding and that this is a buying coop and we utilize and received the best price for the vehicle.

Mr. Paluri asked if the Council plans to have a public meeting for the cannabis vote; Attorney Rainone answered that there will be a public hearing on just that ordinance at the June 28th meeting.

Mr. Paluri suggested that we diversify the people appointed to the Township's various committees since are a very diverse community.

Tim Eosso, 2 Allison Ct. - Mr. Eosso stated that he understands that we have a landfill expert and noted that the engineering group CME has been with the Township for a while. He asked how CME was hired as the professional for the landfill issue as this should have been rectified 34 years ago; Township Attorney Rainone answered that CME was hired through the RFP fair and open process which is done at the end of each year by the Township. He further clarified that they are only one of several engineering firms that were hired through the RFP process and the Township is using them because they have a landfill expert within their firm.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President 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 Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 7:48pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:49pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Township Clerk Patricia Reid read aloud the following Proclamation title for the month of May:

***Click It or Ticket Mobilization
May 24 – June 6, 2021***

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **5/25/2021** were approved for payment as written and presented.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Abstain

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Baskino, the **MINUTES** of the **April 5, 2021 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting and May 3, 2021 Agenda and Regular Combined Meeting** was approved as written and presented.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-5-2021-011 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND ESTABLISHING NEW CODE SECTION 3-85 TO CREATE AN “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended to create **Chapter 3, Section 85 “Economic Development Advisory Board”** as follows:

1. An Economic Development Advisory Board of the Township of Monroe is hereby established. It shall have, perform and exercise all of the functions, powers and duties as provided by municipal ordinance as set forth below.
2. Purpose and Mission: The Economic Development Advisory Board shall promote economic growth and job creation in the Township by uniting local business leaders and the Township’s elected officials to share ideas and maximize strengths and assets of our community and its workforce. The Economic Development Advisory Board’s mission is to advise the Mayor and Council regarding policies and programs to attract new businesses that will add to the Township’s already strong and diverse economic community, and policies aimed to retain and support existing businesses.
3. The Economic Development Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members and two (2) alternate members.
4. The Economic Development Advisory Board members shall be appointed as follows:
 - A. Three (3) public members shall be appointed by the Mayor for a three (3) year term.
 - B. Two (2) public members shall be appointed by the Mayor for a two (2) year term.
 - C. Two (2) public members shall be appointed by the Township Council for a one (1) year term.
 - D. One (1) public member shall be appointed by the Mayor for a one (1) year term.
 - E. One (1) member shall be a representative from the Township Council for a one (1) year term and shall be appointed by the Township Council.
 - F. One (1) alternate member shall be appointed by the Mayor for a two (2) year term.
 - G. One (1) alternate member shall be appointed by the Township Council for a two (2) year term.
 - H. After the initial term, all members shall then receive three-year terms.
5. Prior to the initial meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board, and every January thereafter, the Mayor shall appoint a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among the public members.
6. At least four (4) of the public members shall be residents of the Township. Up to four (4) public members may be nonresidents selected from those individuals who work in, or own a business in, the Township of Monroe.
7. The Economic Development Advisory Board shall:
 - A. Formulate and recommend policies to the Mayor and Council that attract desirable new businesses to locate in the Township, where appropriate, consistent with the goals of the Township Master Plan.
 - B. Formulate and recommend policies to the Mayor and Council that provide resources to existing businesses.
 - C. Study challenges faced by commercial enterprises in places like Monroe Township, and propose potential solutions to the Mayor and Council.

D. Gather input from local business, associations and share research and information from the Middlesex County Office of Economic Development and Business Engagement with Township business owners.

E. Act as a liaison between business/industry and the Township Council and Administration.

F. Perform other relevant tasks at the direction of the co-chairs consistent with the Board's Purpose and Mission.

8. Members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall meet every other month and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

9. Vacancies in the membership in the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be filled in the same manner and by the same authority as the original appointment which resulted in the vacancy.

10. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance.

11. All ordinances or part of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

12. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-011** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked what the Economic Development Advisory Board is going to do and what is its goal; Administrator Weinberg read aloud the purpose statement. Mr. Parab asked how often the board will meet, what will be discussed and suggested that there should be a committee report where the council liaison gives an overview of what occurs at those meetings; Administrator Weinberg stated that the ordinance is available to review on the Township's website and commented that he appreciates Mr. Parab's suggestions, but we are Faulkner Act Government which is run slightly different than the Board of Education.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-011** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

O-5-2021-011 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND ESTABLISHING NEW CODE SECTION 3-85 TO CREATE AN "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD".

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-5-2021-011

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-5-2021-012 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT". (Minor amendment to Section II. entitled Definitions and Section X. entitled Maintenance & Repair per Middlesex County)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Section 108-5.27 of the code of the Township of Monroe entitled “Stormwater Management” is hereby amended to include the following: (new text is in **red and underlined**)

SECTION 1.

Section II. Definitions:

“Environmentally constrained area” means the following areas where the physical alteration of the land is in some way restricted, either through regulation, easement, deed restriction or ownership such as wetlands, floodplains, threatened or endangered species sites and designated habitats, and parks and preserves. Habitats of endangered or threatened species are identified using the Department’s Landscape Project as approved by the Department’s Endangered and Nongame Species Program.

Section X. Maintenance and Repair:

B. General Maintenance

7. The party responsible for maintenance identified under Section X.B.3 above shall perform all of the following requirements:
 - i. maintain a detailed log of all preventative and corrective maintenance for the structural stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of the development, including a record of all inspections and copies of all maintenance-related work orders;
 - ii. evaluate the effectiveness of the maintenance plan at least once per year and adjust the plan and the deed as needed; and
 - iii. retain and make available, upon request by any public entity with administrative, health, environmental, or safety authority over the site, the maintenance plan and the documentation required by Section X.B.6 and B.7 above.
 - iv. post a two-year maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:55D-53

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

SO, ORDAINED as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-012** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel St. – Mrs. Arminio stated that in Section X it reads that the party responsible for maintenance evaluates the effectiveness of the plan at least once per year and asked if that is self-evaluation; Attorney Rainone answered that he believes that is self-imposed. Engineer Rasimowicz answered that it is based on who owns the area whether it is the Township or privately owned. Mrs. Arminio asked if it involves all of those parties defined within Section II of the ordinance; Township Attorney Rainone answered yes it will involve all of the parties named within that Section. Mrs. Arminio commented that she does not believe it is conducive to have the self-evaluation process in place as it does not serve the public well and we need to have more enforcement oversight. Engineer Rasimowicz clarified that this is an adoption of the State’s required ordinance, and this is for stormwater basins only and not Open Space with Township Attorney Rainone further clarified.

Councilman Dipierro asked if this is only for stormwater basins or for catch, dry, water and infiltration basins to which Engineer Rasimowicz answered that the definition for environmentally constrained areas are being amended by adding a 2 year maintenance guarantee per State requirement.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-012** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilman Baskin, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

O-5-2021-012 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE SECTION 108-5.27 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”. (Minor amendment to Section II. entitled Definitions and Section X. entitled Maintenance & Repair per Middlesex County)

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-5-2021-012

UPON ACTION made by the Council the following Ordinance was **moved on SECOND READING for FINAL ADOPTION** as follows:

O-5-2021-013 ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to **3.5%** over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, finds its advisable and necessary to increase its **CY 2021** Budget by up to **3.5%** over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a **2.5%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$1,109,595.17** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinbelow that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, as follows:

SECTION 1. In the **CY 2021** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Monroe shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to **\$1,553,433.24**, and that the **CY 2021** municipal budget for the Township of Monroe be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

SECTION 2. Any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

SECTION 3. A certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this ordinance, upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be the same and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-013** was **opened**. All were in favor, none opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-5-2021-013** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was **amended** on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

**O-5-2021-013 ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title, as amended, was passed on Second Reading and Final Adoption:

**O-5-2021-013 ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-5-2021-013

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

**O-6-2021-014 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ACQUIRE,
BY DONATION, REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AND
DESIGNATED AS TAX BLOCK 22.13, LOT 13 ON THE
OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR OPEN
SPACE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES. (Donated
parcel of land between James Monroe Parke and Federal Road - .69 acres
adjacent to Open Space property)**

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-6-2021-014

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, an Ordinance of which the following is the title was Introduced on First Reading for Final Passage:

O-6-2021-015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 61 ENTITLED “CANNABIS, PROHIBITION OF ALL CLASSES OF BUSINESSES” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Abstain
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.
O-6-2021-015

2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, a Resolution providing that the 2021 Municipal Budget be read by title at the time of the public hearing was approved.

R-6-2021-131 RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE 2021 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 2021 Municipal Budget shall be read by “Title Only” at the Public Hearing scheduled for **June 2, 2021**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolution Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, a Resolution authorizing the self-examination of the 2021 Municipal Budget was approved.

R-6-2021-132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELF EXAMINATION OF THE 2021 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.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Public Hearing was **opened** on the 2021 Municipal Budget.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Council Vice-President Schneider, the Public Hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget was **closed**.

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Baskin and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, a Resolution adopting the 2021 Municipal Budget was approved.

R-6-2021-133 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2021
 RESOLUTION R-6-2021-133

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) \$ 39,719,967.54 (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) \$ 1,218,000.00 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
 (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
 (f) \$ 3,237,988.60 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE (Insert last name)	Leonard Baskin Miriam Cohen Charles Dipierro Terrence Van Dzura Elizabeth Schneider	None	Abstained
	None	None	Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	9,900,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-698	\$	10,954,231.95
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-498	\$	1,550,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-195	\$	39,719,967.54
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)	07-192	\$	3,237,988.60
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	13-288	\$	65,362,186.09
Total Revenues			

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 39,938,549.17
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 6,624,948.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 7,479,630.92
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 200,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 6,884,058.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 35,000.00
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 4,200,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 65,362,186.09

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 2nd day of June, 2021. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2021 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 2nd day of June, 2021, *Patricia Quil*, Clerk
Signature

UPON MOTION made by Councilman Van Dzura and seconded by Councilman Dipierro the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-6-2021-134 – R-6-2021-151 with the exception of Resolutions R-6-2021-137, R-6-2021-144, R-6-2021-147, R-6-2021-148 and R-6-2021-151 which will be voted on separately)

R-6-2021-134 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE. (Municipal Lien redeemed for Block 81, Lot 16.2)

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

WHEREAS, Redemption has been made to the following Tax Title Lien 20-00056 for the property known as Block 81, Lot 16.2, and assessed to Susan Dickison and Paula Ancmon; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the authorization for cancellation of record for the above Tax Sale Certificate: Tax Title Lien # 20-00056 assessed to Susan Dickison and Paula Ancmon.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-135 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX
OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Township of Monroe has recommended this Council's approval to make refunds for tax overpayments in the amount of Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine dollars and Forty Seven cents (\$29,769.47) for the amounts described on Schedule A and attached hereto

WHEREAS, good cause has been shown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer be and is hereby directed to draw a check from the General Account refunding the Tax overpayments described above to be distributed as set forth on the attached Schedule A:

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-136 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 Eighty-Eight Thousand dollars and no cents (\$88,000.00),

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-6-2021-138 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBORDINATION OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIEN ON 1039 MORNING GLORY
DRIVE.**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, Lisa Mary Jacot, ("Jacot"), unmarried, gave a repayment mortgage in accordance with the State's Affordable Housing Program, to the Township of Monroe, requiring Jacot to pay the sum of \$105,000 to the Municipality upon the first non-exempt sale of their property having an address of 1039 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 February 14, 2008, in Book 12830, Pages 0276 *et seq.* (the Affordable Housing Lien); and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, Jacot gave a mortgage to ISB Mortgage Co., LLC in the amount of \$140,000.00, said mortgage having been recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on February 14, 2008 in Mortgage Book 12830, Pages 0260 (the "2008 ISB Mortgage Co., LLC"); and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008 an Assignment in favor of Investor Savings Bank, was recorded with the Middlesex County Clerk on March 28, 2008 in Assignment Book 1001, Page 0582 (the "2008 Investors Savings Bank"); and

WHEREAS, Jacot has applied to refinance the 2008 Investors Savings Bank Mortgage and has asked the Township of Monroe to subordinate the Affordable Housing Lien; and

WHEREAS, the proposed refinancing qualifies for the subordination of the Township of Monroe's affordable housing lien 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mortgage Subordination, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-139 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO A.C. SCHULTES, CO. FOR CONTRACT 501 “WELL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Estimated annual cost \$90,060)

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM prevailing time, one (1) sealed bid was received, and publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 501, “Well Maintenance and Repair Services”, required by the M.T.U.D.

WHEREAS, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent has reviewed the bid and consulted with the M.T.U.D. Director and has recommended by a letter dated May 13, 2021 that a two (2) year contract be awarded to the low bidder A. C. Schultes, Co. at 664 So. Evergreen Avenue Woodbury, NJ 09096, based upon the *unit pricing and estimated quantities* contained within their bid documents with an estimated total annual cost of \$90,060.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made by the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent regarding said bid; 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. M-210015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, The A. C. Schultes, Co. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(d)(1)(ii), multi-year contracts entered into for periods in excess of twelve (12) months shall be certified and charged to the respective budgets in accordance with the time(s) at which the respective work or services are performed or liability for payment is otherwise incurred. Accordingly, commitments and payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by a subsequent governing body.

WHEREAS, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a two (2) year contract with an option for a an additional one (1) year extension term with acceptance by A. C. Schultes, Co. for Well Maintenance and Repair Services for Monroe Township Utility Department; and

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a (2) two-year contract A.C. Schultes, Co. in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for material delivered by A. C. Schultes, Co. in accordance with their contract;
- (3) The contracts are awarded through the competitive bidding process as a fair and open contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that A. C. Schultes, Co. shall provide a properly executed certificate of insurance and performance bond, as required by the specifications.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-140 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR W&S 1108.1, MONROE PARKE, PB-1141-13 POSTED TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (Mounts Mills Rd.)

WHEREAS, JSM @ Monroe, LLC has posted a Performance Guarantee for W&S 1108.1 – Monroe Parke; and

WHEREAS, JSM @ Monroe, LLC has requested a 70% reduction in the Performance Guarantee posted sewer for the project; and

WHEREAS, defined in 40:55d-53 et seq., the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended that the Township Council approve the request for a 70% reduction in the bond, as detailed in a letter dated May 3, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A":

Performance Bond #SUR23100182 in the amount of \$190,226.00 to be reduced to \$57,067.80.

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$21,136.00 be reduced to \$6,340.80.

Performance Bond #SUR23100181 in the amount of \$210,508.00 to be reduced to \$63,152.40.

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$23,390.00 be reduced to \$7,017.00.

Performance Bond #S309040 in the amount of \$27,745.00 to be reduced to \$8,323.50.

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,083.00 be reduced to \$924.90.

Performance Bond #S309039 in the amount of \$22,810.00 to be reduced to \$6,843.00.

Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,534.00 be reduced to \$760.20.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Cash Performance Guarantees posted for W&S 1108.1 be reduced as reflected above and the MTUD letter annexed hereto. This approval for a 70% Reduction is conditioned upon the provision of replacement guarantees and/or riders and the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-141 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UNITRENDS SOFTWARE/APPLIANCES FOR TOWNSHIP WIDE BACK UP USING THE NJSTART COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (NJCP1) FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D."). (\$60,922.49)

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Utility Department has the need for software/appliances to facilitate Township wide back up; and

WHEREAS, the NJSTART Cooperative Purchasing Program (NJCP1) has awarded a contract for the M.T.U.D. required software/appliances under its contract #M0003 titled "Software License & Related Services" to SHI International Corp. (contract no. 89851); and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp. has provided a proposal dated 4/27/2021 for the required equipment, at a total price of \$60,922.49, through a competitive bidding process, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; 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. M-210016 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 of the M.T.U.D. to purchase said Unitrends quoted items from SHI International Corp. using the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program NJSTART (NJCP1); and

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for said excavator delivered by SHI International Corp.; 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-6-2021-142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE TO BE CONDUCTED BY GOVDEALS.COM.
(Anticipated Auction – late summer)

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has determined that various vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment listed on Schedule “A” as attached hereto and incorporated herein are no longer needed for public use: and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe wishes to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals Inc., 100 Capital Commerce Blvd, Suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.40A:11-36;

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 Township is hereby authorized to sell the Township vehicles and miscellaneous equipment described on the attached Schedule “A” on an online auction website entitled www.govdeals.com and Monroe Township’s website at www.monroetwp.com in accordance with the terms and conditions attached hereto and made a part hereof with said auction to be held the week of August 11-18, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator
GovDeals, Inc.
Ron Cerankowski, DPW

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the attached Online Auction Memorandum of Understanding.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-143 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1-2021-019
“AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 53, LOT 14.04; BLOCK 83, LOT 7.10; AND BLOCK 169, LOT 6.8 AND THE ISSUANCE OF A REFUND OF MONIES EXPENDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAX SALE”. (Per Executive Order – water bill adjustments in the amount of \$771.21)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-1-2021-019 previously authorizing the cancellation of these tax sale certificates on January 11, 2021 must be amended as follows due to incorrect dollar amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe held a Tax Sale on November 16, 2020 for the unpaid Municipal Water Charges, and various Tax sale Certificates were struck off and sold to the following Lien Holders, on the following Blocks and Lots on the official Tax Map of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the corrected amounts are as follow:

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #20-00036, pertaining to Block 53, Lot 14.4, was sold to FIG Cust FIGNJ 19 LLC & Sec. Pty. for **\$2,433.74** (“Tax Sale Certificate #20-00036”); and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #20-00057, pertaining to Block 83, Lot 7.10, was sold to FIG Cust FIGNJ 19 LLC & Sec. Pty. for **\$2,417.40** (“Tax Sale Certificate #20-00057”); and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #20-00084, pertaining to Block 169, Lot 6.8, was sold to DSHC Enterprises for **\$1,720.07** (“Tax Sale Certificate #20-00084”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 190 the Township hereby authorizes the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #20-00036, Tax Sale Certificate #20-00057, and Tax Sale Certificate #20-00084; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer deliver checks to the Municipal Tax Collector to be delivered to the aforementioned Tax Sale Certificate Lien Holders, in the amounts listed above respectively, after proper notation of the refunds have been made on the tax records.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-145 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE
GUARANTEE POSTED FOR R & W HOMES – PB-1161-15.
(Buckelew Ave.)**

WHEREAS, R & W Homes at Monroe I, LLC. has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 35.07, Lots 19.01 and 19.02 Major Subdivision project (PB-1161-15); and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has recommended release of the Performance Guarantees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations of the Township Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Block 35.07, Lots 19.01 and 19.02 Major Subdivision project (PB-1161-15), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated May 13, 2021, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$14,735.88**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

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

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE
OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE ZETRON MAX CALL 9-1-1 CALL
SYSTEM UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT
FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.
(\$34,907.85)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, by Resolution No. R-11-2020-239 authorized the purchase of a Zetron Max Call 9-1-1 Call System under the NJ State Contract No. A83924 from **Tactical Public Safety**, an authorized vendor under the NJ State Contract along with the Harris Corp. Equipment and its respective warranties, at a total contract price in the amount of **\$1,738,363.07; and**

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested additional equipment for tying into the 9-1-1 Middlesex County Emergency Phone System; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator, in a letter dated May 12, 2021, approves the Police Department's request for additional equipment to the original order for tying into the 9-1-1 Middlesex County Emergency Phone System reflecting an increase of **\$34,709.85** in the contract amount, as described in the quote; and

WHEREAS, the current contract price including the additional equipment is **\$1,773,072.92; and**

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

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in **Certificate No. C-2000063**, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended agreement with **Tactical Public Safety, 199 Edgewood Ave., Suite A, West Berlin, NJ 08901** for the purchase of additional equipment for the Zetron Max Call 9-1-1 Call System along with the Harris Corp. Equipment and its respective warranties, at a total contract price in the amount of **\$1,773,072.92**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
CME ENGINEERING INC. FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BFI REPUBLIC
LANDFILL.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering consulting services in connection with the post-closure care and monitoring of the BFI Republic Landfill; and

WHEREAS, CME Engineering, Inc. possesses the technical expertise required to perform said professional engineering consulting services for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fees for such services will not exceed ninety-eight thousand one-hundred fifty-five dollars (**\$98,155.00**); and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for such an engagement in Certificate No. M-210018, 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 engineering consulting 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 ***CME Engineering Inc., 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852***, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto;
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by CME Engineering, Inc. for the professional engineering consulting services in connection with the post-closure care and monitoring of the BFI Republic Landfill in an amount not to ninety-eight thousand one-hundred fifty-five dollars (**\$98,155.00**);
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that ***CME Engineering, Inc.*** 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.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption and considered separately:

**R-6-2021-137 RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen Dalina, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, by copy of letter dated May 4, 2021 has appointed the following members:

Re- Appointments:

Maria Naumik	Member	3-Year Term	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
Nancie Gunkelman	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/20 – 12/31/22
Alessandro Graziano	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/21 – 12/31/23
Kathleen Morolda	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/21 – 12/31/23

New Appointments:

Carol Azzarone	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/21 – 12/31/23
Kate Rattner	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/20 – 12/31/22
Deborah Girard-Brown	Member	3 Year Term	1/1/20 – 12/31/22
Barbara Bart	Alternate I	2 Year Term	1/1/20 – 12/31/21
Tanya Mulligan	Alternate II	2 Year Term	1/1/21 – 12/31/22

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby provides its Advice and Consents to the above re-appointments and new appointments to the **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PB-1173-15 – DIPASQUALE –
AVE K – BLOCK 110, LOT 1.03.**

WHEREAS, Lucille Dipasquale has posted a cash maintenance guarantee for a minor subdivision project located at Block 110 Lot 1.03, PB-1173-15; and

WHEREAS, said maintenance guarantee has expired and Lucille Dipasquale has requested its release; and

WHEREAS, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 et seq., the Township Engineer. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Monroe Township Council approve the request for release of the cash maintenance guarantee, as detailed in a letter dated May 18, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of **\$779.33**;

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 Maintenance Guarantee posted for PB-1173-15, Block 110 Lot 1.03, be released as reflected above and within the letter annexed hereto. This approval for release of cash maintenance guarantee is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to the project escrow accounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to release said cash Maintenance Guarantee and any escrow accounts related to this project.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

**R-6-2021-147 RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F-250 4 X 4
SERIES PICKUP FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS USING THE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
COOPERATIVE. (\$33,282.64)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, wishes to purchase a new, unused 2022 model year Ford F-250 4X4 Series SD Pickup vehicle under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative #65MCESCCPS contract # ESCNJ 20/21-09 for the Monroe Township Department of Public Works for the purchase price of Thirty-three thousand two-hundred eighty-two dollars and Sixty-four cents (**\$33,282.64**); and

WHEREAS, the Ford F-250 4X4 Series SD Pickup will be purchased from United Ford LLC, 330 County Avenue Secaucus, N.J. 07096 as per the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2100031, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that United Ford, LLC is hereby awarded the contract for the purchase of (1) Ford F-250 4x4 Series SD Pickup at a total contract price of **\$33,282.64**.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-148 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO PM CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE 2021 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** (\$1,127,104.00)
(Avenue G from 13th to 10th, Dominic Dr., Jackie Crt., England Rd. from Federal to Trotter, North Disbrow Hill Rd., Gravel Hill Rd. from Gravel Hill Spotswood Rd to Federal Rd, Matchaponix Ave from Spotswood-Englishtown Rd to Texas Rd., Schoolhouse Rd from DPW completion near the bend to Mounts Mills Rd., Wycoff Mills-Applegarth Rd from driveway of Farmer's House to Applegarth Rd, Whispering Woods Blvd.)

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021 fourteen (14) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the **2021 Roadway Improvements Project**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated May 26, 2021, has recommended **PM Construction Inc., 1310 Central Ave Hillside, N.J. 07205**, to be awarded the Base Bid plus Alternates 1, 2 & 3 based upon their bid submission in the amount of **\$1,127,104.00**; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available, as set forth in Certificate No. C-2100032, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of bid to **PM Construction, Inc.** for the **2021 Roadway Improvements Project**, at a total contract price of **\$1,127,104.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **PM Construction, Inc.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay **PM Construction, 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 **PM Construction, Inc** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting a completed AA-201, within seven (7) days of notification of award of the contract or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, thereafter, a completed AA-202, monthly project workforce report, must be submitted once a month for the duration of the contract to the Department of Labor and to the Monroe Township Public Agency Compliance Officer.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-149 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT THREE IN CONNECTION WITH TWO-WAY PORTABLE RADIOS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY.**

WHEREAS, the need for Two-way Portable Radios for Emergency Connectivity has been determined by Monroe Township Fire District Three; and

WHEREAS, Fire District Three has requested the assistance of the Township in the implementation of the purchase of two-way portable radios for emergency connectivity as provided for in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Fire District Three and the Township wish to enter in to this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. § 40A:65-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Fire District Three and the Township and its staff and professionals have negotiated the terms and conditions of a Shared Services Agreement, as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of June, 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A; and
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40A:65-4(b), a copy of the executed Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

R-6-2021-151 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT ONE IN CONNECTION WITH TWO-WAY PORTABLE RADIOS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY.

WHEREAS, the need for Two-way Portable Radios for Emergency Connectivity has been determined by Monroe Township Fire District One; and

WHEREAS, Fire District One has requested the assistance of the Township in the implementation of the purchase of two-way portable radios for emergency connectivity as provided for in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Fire District One and the Township wish to enter in to this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. § 40A:65-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Fire District One and the Township and its staff and professionals have negotiated the terms and conditions of a Shared Services Agreement, as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of June 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement as described in substantially the form appended hereto as Attachment A; and
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40A:65-4(b), a copy of the executed Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, as aforesaid.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
Councilman Charles Dipierro	Abstain
Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Administrator's Report – Reported that the Township authorized hiring a consultant for the ongoing issue with the BFI landfill. He gave a brief overview of the history of the landfill, stating that it is 86 acres located in northeast section of the Township. The NJDEP and EPA decided that the leachate, which is the liquid that comes through the landfill, should not continue to go through the sanitary sewer system. Administrator Weinberg reported that the Township has held several public meetings to address the issue and felt that we needed our own expert to report exclusively to us due to our concern, as well as the concern from our residents. He assured that the Township will get to the bottom of this, as we are awaiting the NJDEP and EPA's plan to move forward with reintroducing leachate back into the system so our experts can weigh in.

Reported that the Mayor and Administration has been working hard to address the ongoing issues at Meadowview Care Center which is a licensed residential healthcare facility located in the Township. The Township has made objections regarding the quality of services and concerns for both the residents living in the facility and the residents outside of the facility and have expressed that we want the facility closed. The DCA has been working with the Attorney General to move forward with closing the facility.

A presentation on affordable housing will be done via ZOOM on June 21st at 6:30pm to update everyone of the various rounds of COAH and how the affordable housing requirements will impact the Master Plan efforts.

The Township facilities are reopening due to the decrease in COVID cases throughout the Township and the State; the Library has been open, the Recreation Center will be holding Summer Camp, Transportation is operating at full steam, the Senior Center will reopen to include indoor activities and the Township Municipal Building will reopen next week.

There were 15 bids on the roadway program which is estimated at \$1.1 million.

Thanked George Lang, Lori Olah, Mayor Dalina and Council for their leadership in the budget process.

Lastly, very happy to report that the Township's bond rating is AA+, borrowing has gone down and interest rates are low.

Engineer's Report – The traffic signal located at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue/Spotswood Gravel Hill Road and Pergola Avenue is almost completed with the paving and striping being down last week and the signal approximately a week away from being operational.

The roadway improvement project for the Camelot neighborhood was awarded at the last Council meeting and a preconstruction meeting was held today. The project is set to begin in the next few weeks.

The 2021 roadway paving project includes 10 streets and will begin asap so it can be wrapped up this summer.

Council's Reports -

Councilman Dipierro –

- Reported that a lamppost is leaning and ready to fall into the intersection on Pergola Avenue; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that JCP&L has a work order to take care of it.
- The railroad crossing on Spotswood Gravel Hill Road located near the DPW and softball fields is in dire need of repair; additionally, the railroad crossing at the intersection of Prospect Plains and Applegarth Road near the Monroe Oak also is in need of repair. The Shade Tree Committee has asked that the Mayor and Council to alert the residents of the permit process of cutting down trees, as many are doing so without the proper permits, and suggested putting something in the Monroe News.
- Reported that he has received complaints from residents that there are not enough public bathrooms at Veteran's Park as there are only 2 porta johns available currently. Noted that with larger events being held it poses a problem with the lack thereof.
- The County has requested that the Township remove a beacon off the roadway; commented that numerous emails have been sent to the Administrator along with a voicemail message forwarded from the County as well.
- Asked for a status update on the striping to be done on Joan Warren Way; Engineer Rasimowicz stated that he does not have a start date for the traffic signal as that project was done through the County. He advised that they are reviewing the final plans and will follow up with a status report at next meeting.
- Noted that the area of Prospect Plains Road and Public Road has another rail line in desperate need of repair; Engineer Rasimowicz commented that is part of the County's improvement project of Prospect Plains and Applegarth Road. He stated there is not start date as they are finalizing plans and looking into land acquisitions. He added that the Shade Tree Committee is concerned with the design of the entrance and exit of the bank, and they have asked to be looped into the decision making. He also noted that they do not want sidewalks placed around the Monroe Oak and suggested maybe a barrier instead or possibly pavers or rubber material to protect. Engineer

Rasimowicz commented that the Township arborist has had meetings with the County regarding the design and they have made modifications around the Monroe Oak at the recommendation of Gary Lovallo, our Township arborist who has been an intricate part of the process.

- Received a letter from a concerned resident about the varying speed limits on Matchaponix Avenue and appreciates the speed trailer that was put out near the school. Councilman Dipierro suggested putting a permanent one and commented that a traffic study needs to happen in the area of Matchaponix Avenue to Spotswood Englishtown Road; Chief Biennas commented that once the traffic study is done in the next area of that stretch of roadway, he will make a recommendation to the County.
- The area near Camelot Road is in dire need of sidewalks; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that he will review and propose the necessary improvements to the County as it is a County Road. Councilman Dipierro added that the area near Samantha Drive to Eric Drive is also in need of sidewalk as many people walk in the roadway which is dangerous; Engineer Rasimowicz replied that he is looking to submit the Spotswood Gravel Hill Road area as a capital project to NJDOT.
- Commented that the grass is pretty high on Schoolhouse Road and suggested that we have DPW come out to cut.
- Asked for the Open Space list for the past year and commented that it is unbelievable to see no updates. He added that the list is incorrect and that is important to have that accurate for the Master Plan.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts regarding the BFI landfill and with the hiring of the landfill professional it will give the Township the backing needed to get answers for the residents affected. He noted that we are doing all that we can and commented that sometimes working with other government entities it can be difficult to through and make headway. He expressed his concern with only one proposal being received for the landfill professional but is hopeful that they can make progress happen for our residents. He added that action needs to take place on this now with a long-term plan for the residents so we can put this behind us and the quality of life for the residents affected is no longer impacted.

Council Vice-President Schneider –

- Impressed with how everyone kept their cool at the landfill meeting adding that we are all working hard to get this landfill issue squared away.
- Gave an overview of the various ZOOM programs being held, transportation services, as well as, the food pantry home delivery service.
- Very important for the residents to understand the permit process regarding tree removal.
- Fishing Derby is set for Saturday, July 19th at Thompson Park from 9am – 12pm.
- Memorial Day is a somber day of remembrance and was very impressed with the two services held within the Township.
- Took a ride through the Township to see the signs that went up designating the Open Space areas.

Councilman Van Dzura –

- Thanks to the gentlemen of the American Legion for the Memorial Day Service. Noted that every candidate for Council and Mayor from both sides were in attendance and commented that although we may disagree on some topics ultimately we are all for Monroe.
- Attended the Recreation Advisory Board meeting and shared that the spring programs are up and running and summer camps will be running this year. He commented about how impressed he is with the people who run those programs.
- Reported that 88% of the residents aged 65+ and over have received at least one dose of the vaccine.
- As Chairman of the Master Plan Committee, he shared that the Review Committee has held their second meeting and noted the importance of the surveys that have gone out. On June 17th a public forum will be held at the Senior Center between 5pm-8pm, as well as, on June 30th at the Recreation Center from 5pm-8pm.
- Attended the India US Forum's clean up at the Recreation Center with Assemblyman Daniel Benson in attendance which was nice to see.
- Our state representatives have also been in attendance to the BFI landfill meetings which is a great show of solidarity to rectify this issue. Added that this is a testament to our Mayor and his willingness in getting this issue resolved.

Council President Cohen –

- Commented that Memorial Day is always a special time and a day of remembrance.
- Commends the hard work of the Administrator, Mayor and Council for their work in getting to the bottom of the BFI issue.

Councilman Baskin –

- Asked if there was a possible bio-tech solution that could be used instead at the BFI landfill instead of passing the leachate back into our system.
- Added to Councilman Dipierro's report of the County wanting the Township to remove a beacon that has fallen in the roadway in the area of Applegarth Road near the Community Garden, stating that it is a county road, so he is unsure as to why they have not removed it themselves.
- Shared that a representative from H2M attended the Open Space Committee meeting and went through the Master Plan which was very interesting.
- The Historic Commission is working on addressing issues with the Dey Farm and is attempting to have Monroe recognized as an historic township.
- Detailed his vote on the marijuana issue stating that the reason he voted yes is because it is his understanding that the Township can revisit the ordinance later to amend if necessary but if we allow certain classes of licenses right now then we are stuck with it. He added that he feels the best option is to move forward with blocking all the licenses until the State comes up with a comprehensive plan. Lastly, he stated that Monroe should consider having a medical dispensary since we have a large senior population.

Mayor's Report – Reported that we have a great team working on the BFI issue and will not be forced or bullied into an early decision as we will make the right decision at the right time.

Excited to see the survey go out for the Master Plan.

The Monroe News went out and one of the articles highlights the Bald Eagle Project.

Always exciting to have an AA+ bond rating.

Glad to see the budget has passed, extended thanks to George Lang and his staff, Administrator Weinberg and all of Council.

Highlighted a few citizens: Zack and Roger Ruckman who assisted the Police in finding a missing male and Emma Bohmer who aided in finding a missing female.

Avery Moskowitz, a pediatric cancer survivor, will be hosting an American Doll salon in June. Check out the Township's website for further details.

Extended thanks to the OEM for the pandemic response and getting the information out to the residents.

Commented that our residents deserve to enjoy themselves as we enter into the summer months.

Very nice to see everyone come together for Memorial Day and placing the wreathes with the help of a young lady is important to pass along that tradition as we should all be grateful for the freedoms we have.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Cerniglia, 14 Lori St. – Mr. Cerniglia asked why the trucks cannot go through Gravel Hill Road opposed to passing through the residential areas they are going through now; Administrator Weinberg answered that both the NJDEP and Republic determined that it would impact their cap so it could not be done. Chief Biennas also addressed and sympathized with his own concerns. Mr. Cerniglia expressed his overwhelming concerns with how the BFI landfill is being addressed and the affects it is having on the residents of that area.

Adam Elias, 93 Old Church Rd. – Mr. Elias asked what kind of pressure is being put on State officials in regard to the landfill as he stated he does not feel like Monroe has much of a voice in Trenton and feels like the elected officials in this district take our township for granted. He added the State Aid issue in which we are only receiving \$1 million where other towns are receiving more; Administrator Weinberg answered that everything that has been done and is being done regarding the BFI landfill is on the website. He noted that we have sent letters and have done what we can to hold them accountable. Mr. Elias commented that he feels like this is being treated as a novelty with not enough being done and no excuse as to why this is still an ongoing issue; Township Attorney Rainone addressed his comments.

Rupa Siegel, 12 Mitchell Dr. – Thanked the Council. Mayor Dalina and Administrator Weinberg for providing an update regarding the Meadowview Care Home.

Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr. – Mr. Parab asked why he has not been appointed to the Health Advisory Board and gave an overview of his qualifications.

Mr. Parab also commented on the marijuana ordinance and implored for the Council to do what is right for the Township.

Mr. Parab advised that when voting to listen to the candidates closely and make an informed decision.

Advised the importance of making the bicycle roadway markings very clear to avoid any accidents with bicyclists.

Lastly, commented on the vaccination rate and urged those who have not received their vaccination to do so.

Tim Eosso, 2 Allison Ct. – Mr. Eosso commented about the BFI landfill which began remediation in 1990 and it is only capped at 25% and asked where we have been the last 30 years as we need answers since residents are getting sick, and the smell is awful.

Mr. Eosso brought up Council President Cohen's comments about the public during the May meeting and stated that he has yet to hear an apology from her and noted that there is a petition calling for her resignation. He added that he is bothered by her remarks of needing to be better prepared as that is completely inexcusable and hopes that we can move forward from this; Council President Cohen commented that she used a word that was unfortunate and immediately apologized by both phone and text.

Harriet Lotenberg, 31 Tenth Ave. – Mrs. Lotenberg stated that she lives in Mill Lake Manor, where the homes were built in 1970, and she has been in touch with people in her neighborhood, 28 of them who have been afflicted with various illnesses such as cancer, Alzheimer's, and dementia because of the landfill. She added that it is important for people who are moving into the area are made aware of the landfill because they are not told and to avoid future illness, like various cancers, from affecting those it is imperative that the landfill issue is made transparent to them.; Administrator Weinberg commented that he did speak with Mrs. Lotenberg via phone and email and he did share her concerns with the NJDEP as well to ensure we get answers to these questions. Councilman Dipierro suggested to the Mayor that maybe a task force could be created to get the residents involved along with the professionals so we do not leave any stone unturned. Council Vice-President Schneider asked if there is a law that requires real estate agents to disclose any environmental issues too prospective buyers; Township Attorney Rainone responded.

Eileen Aiossa, - Thanked Council President Cohen for having the insight to create the Health Advisory Board and stated she is honored to be the Chair of this Board. She noted that it is disheartening to hear this Board being accused of being comprised of unqualified political appointees on a local Facebook page. Mrs. Aiossa shared her background with the Mayor and Council and her plans for the Board, such as offering various health screenings to the residents.

James Roswell, 107 Jennifer Dr. – Mr. Roswell commented that the BFI landfill is looking after their own interests and he has been trying to understand why no one has reacted in 30 years when a full plan was never implemented. Mr. Roswell added that the resident's health and safety should be first and foremost and we need to do a better job as a community to get down to the root cause of why these plans were never implemented.

Gupreet Singh, 15 Belmont Ct. – Mr. Singh asked if it is legal for campaign signs to be up on the road for election at this time; Administrator Weinberg answered that signs are allowed to be put up 45 days prior to an election so they are well within their bounds of that time period.

Lastly, thanked the Township officials for keeping us safe.

Hugo Lourenco, 21 Lori St. – Mr. Lourenco stated one of the biggest concerns with the BFI issue is the fact that when a separate pipeline was discussed he felt like he was being lied to time and time again as it seems as though they only care about their own interests. He asked if anyone was holding these people accountable and inquired as to when we are going to go after the people who have been deceiving the residents. Attorney Rainone answered that we are keeping track of these occurrences but ultimately the primary concern is rectifying the landfill issue.

Melody Henry, 264A Glenn Rd. – Mrs. Henry referenced Council President Cohen's comments about the public at the May Council Meeting and proceeded to provide her background in reference to the 'hot mic' comments Council President Cohen made about her being "interesting". Mrs. Henry also added her pledge of commitment to the residents of the Township as she is running for Ward 1 Councilwoman.

Michael Olesky, 15 Mayberry Ave. – Mr. Olesky commented on the BFI Landfill and stated that it possible we may be setting precedent for the rest of N.J. in holding NJDEP and the EPA accountable for the closure plans of the various landfills throughout the state.

Mr. Olesky stated that we should work on getting information regarding the GIS landfill which is in the northwest corner of the Township adding that we should be just as concerned as to what is going on with that landfill as well.

Chrissy Skurbe, 21 Preakness Dr. – Mrs. Skurbe stated that she attended the BFI Landfill meeting and was shocked to hear the consultant state in his opinion, that it was not properly maintained or capped is disappointing. Mrs. Skurbe asked if the Township was testing the water in the homes and the area behind Woodland School where DuPont containers were found as this is an issue that the Township should also be concerned with; Director Stroin responded that the water that feeds those homes in the Inwood Estates is the same water that feeds the houses all throughout the entire Township. It is tested daily, and he is confident that the water is of the highest quality. Mrs. Skurbe stated that the water in those homes should be specifically tested as those residents smell an odor within their homes from their water.

Lucille Panos, 1208C Lindera Plz. – Mrs. Panos referenced Council President Cohen's comments about the public at the May Council Meeting and asked why she felt the need to state that she must be prepared differently, Council President Cohen stated that she made her statement earlier this evening and stands by it. Mrs. Panos added that she feels she should step down as Council President or resign.

Peter Tufano, 10 Catherine St. – Mr. Tufano asked if anyone mentioned to Assemblyman Benson that we have 3,000 unhoused students and that our Board of Education is going out for referendum to build new schools.

Mr. Tufano referenced Council President Cohen's comments made at the May meeting and stated that she needed to apologize to the public for her behavior as her pompous attitude at tonight's meeting shows that he will only accept her resignation; Council President Cohen responded that she made her statement and stands by it.

Mr. Tufano reiterated his question made earlier and demanded an answer to which his time to comment ended.

Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St. – Mr. Paluri commented that he certainly hopes that the next several meetings leading up to the election are not a reflection of tonight's meeting. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership in raising funds for India in helping with their Covid19 crisis.

Mr. Paluri also commented on the BFI issue and stated that we need to put pressure on the Governor's office to make progress happen.

Lastly, Mr. Paluri commented on the fair funding formula and explained that both Assemblyman Benson and Senator Greenstein are aware of the issue and are continuously working hard to get us our fair share of the funding and if it were not for them, we would not have received what we have thus far.

Elinor Koll, 11 Wakefield Ct. – Mrs. Koll commended the Mayor and Council for working so hard to eradicate Covid in our community, as well as all of their work in handling the BFI landfill issue.

Gail Alpern, 11 Aberdeen Way – Mrs. Alpern shared her thoughts on her relationship with Council President Cohen calling her a mentor and added that she has always listened to both sides of controversy and never imposes her will on the Council.

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

Councilman Dipierro read aloud a statement prepared to propose a motion to advise Council President Cohen that her conduct does not behoove an elected official.

Councilman Baskin stated that the use of this Council Meeting as a political forum is outrageous and if this continues than perhaps the Council must take the necessary steps to prevent this from occurring. He added that regarding the comments made about our Assemblymen Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, as well as, Senator Greenstein not doing enough for our Township in securing our fair share of funding is an unfair statement as they are doing all that they can. Councilman Baskin commented that he has attended meetings

with Mr. Tufano where he has yelled out comments about the Mayor and he is an embarrassment to the school board.

Township Attorney Rainone stated that there was a motion on the table but without a second the motion will not move forward; Council President Cohen explained that Councilman Dipierro's motion will be noted in the record.

Councilman Van Dzura commented that for the past four months we have been working together to address many important issues but now that we are getting closer to election season things will be happening. He added that Council President did not use the right choice of words and that her choice of words had nothing to do with his physical appearance but instead because of comments he has made about our state leaders, women and racial comments. He added that for the Republican candidates to speak at tonight's meeting hypocritically is outrageous and we need to stay focused on the issues and not use this time for cheap political points.

Council Vice-President Schneider commented stating that the Council President is fair and does the job and knows what she is doing, and the Republican candidates should be ashamed of themselves for making tonight's meeting political. She added that there are bigger issues that need to be addressed and focused on.

UPON MOTION made by Council Vice-President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Van Dzura, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 10:44pm.

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Leonard Baskin	Aye
	Councilman Charles Dipierro	Aye
	Councilman Terence Van Dzura	Aye
	Council Vice-President Elizabeth Schneider	Aye
	Council President Miriam Cohen	Aye

Patricia Reid

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

Miriam Cohen

MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: June 28, 2021.