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

**MARCH 7, 2022**

**AGENDA**

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

2. Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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OPEN:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLOSE:                      MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_                      SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Agenda Meeting Adjournment.**

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

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

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1. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by the Township Clerk:** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. **MOTION** to approve the payment of **CLAIMS** per run date **March 2, 2022**.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**February 7, 2022 - Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting**

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

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

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

8. **Administrator’s Report.**

9. **Engineer’s Report.**



10. **Council's Reports.**

11. **Mayor's Report.**

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

OPEN: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE: MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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The Council of the Township of Monroe met remotely via Zoom for the Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting.

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A moment of silence was held for the people in the Ukraine.

**UPON ROLL CALL** by the Township Clerk, Patricia Reid, the following members of Council were present: Councilman Charles Dipierro, Councilwoman Elizabeth Schneider, Councilwoman Rupa P. Siegel, Council Vice-President Terence Van Dzura, and Council President Miriam Cohen.

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

There were approximately twenty-six (26) members of the Public who joined remotely.

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**R-3-2022-083**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM.** (BPU program \$10,000.)

**R-3-2022-084**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY S & G PAVING, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**  
(Decrease of \$8,318.57)

**R-3-2022-085**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY S & G PAVING INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE.**

**R-3-2022-086**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

**R-3-2022-087**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GURU NANAK SIKH HERITAGE - BA-5152-17.** (Wyckoff’s Mills Road)

**R-3-2022-088**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC. FOR CONTRACT 513 - “MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)** (2 yr contract – estimated \$83,000 annually; based on estimated quantities and unit pricing)

- R-3-2022-089**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH GABEL ASSOCIATES, INC., AN ENERGY CONSULTANT, TO ADMINISTER THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (2-year extension expiring 12/31/23 – only paid with approved active program)
- R-3-2022-090**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS.** (\$185,000)
- R-3-2022-091**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OLD FORGE PROPERTIES, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FROM THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**
- R-3-2022-092**            **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000.00 IN SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS TO IMPROVEMENTS AT RENAISSANCE AT MONROE.**
- R-3-2022-093**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP. IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENAISSANCE AT MONROE COMPLETION OF BONDED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**  
(Decrease of \$11,300.01)
- R-3-2022-094**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP. IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENAISSANCE AT MONROE COMPLETION OF BONDED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE.**
- R-3-2022-095**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO FOR 2021 GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (Additional \$11,300.01)
- R-3-2022-096**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPERS, INC. – GEORGETOWN ESTATES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE – PB#1213-18 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**
- R-3-2022-097**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO RETURN TO LIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND CONTINUING ESTABLISHED RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS.** (Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- R-3-2022-098**            **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR OM SRI BALAJI TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER – PB-1174-15.** (Rhode Hall Road)
- R-3-2022-099**            **RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2022 PROJECT PROPOSALS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**  
(ADA Bathroom Improvements at James Monroe Park)
- R-3-2022-100**            **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**  
(Requesting \$898.38 be reallocated from 2017 to 2020)

- R-3-2022-101**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“GTAC”).**
- R-3-2022-102**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**
- R-3-2022-103**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC. FOR 2022 LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (1 yr. contract -\$37,652)**
- R-3-2022-104**      **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APRIL 4, 2022.**
- R-3-2022-105**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC. FOR 2022 MONROE TOWNSHIP LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR DETENTION BASINS, ISLANDS AND OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES. (1 yr. contract - \$138,010)**
- R-3-2022-106**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO DEMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY FOR LEACHATE PUMP STATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”) (\$1,224,000)**
- R-3-2022-107**      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO GAL’S LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR 2022 LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, SIGNS AND SNOW REMOVAL. (1 yr. contract - \$178,955.00)**

Councilman Dipierro requested Resolutions R-3-2022-082, R-3-2022-084, R-3-2022-085, R-3-2022-091, R-3-2022-095 and R-3-2022-107 be removed and considered separately.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked in regard to R-3-2022-080 if we were replacing the sodium hypochlorite with the zinc phosphate; Director Stroin answered no, explained that it is a corrosion inhibitor we use.

Mr. Parab asked in regard to R-3-2022-081 what it means by recycling separation, adding if this means we are continuing with mixed; Administrator Weinberg answered that the tonnage grant is based on the amount of recycling we do further clarifying that it is single stream like the rest of the County.

Mr. Parab asked in regard to R-3-2022-083 how much was received for this grant; Administrator Weinberg answered that the grant is for up to \$10,000 and would be used for energy updates within the Township.

**Frank Steinhauser, 19 Oliver St.** – He has been a resident since 1985. Mr. Steinhauser stated that he is in support of O-3-2022-009 regarding the parking. He added that he does not feel that the Ordinance goes far enough as he feels that no vehicle should be permitted to park on front lawns. He went on to explain that in a case of a fire the firefighters would not be able to get close to a residence with vehicles in the yard.

Mr. Steinhauser commented that it is high time we expand and improve our Police Department and thinks it is tremendous that the Township wants to expand the Sergeants positions. He added that we need a modern facility for the police to serve the residents.

**Gary Ruback, 5 Forest Park Terr.** – Mr. Ruback stated that he concurs with the previous comments made regarding O-3-2022-009 adding that this is a quality-of-life issue as it is not the most ideal situation when trying to keep your property value up.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Agenda Meeting was Adjourned at 6:48pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:48pm.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **CLAIMS** per run date of **3/2/2022** were approved for payment as written and presented.

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

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **MINUTES** of the **February 7, 2022 Combined Agenda and Regular Meeting** were approved as written and presented.

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

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

**O-2-2022-004**                      **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE” (up to 14 Sergeants)**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 3-50 entitled “Division of Police” of the Code of the Township of Monroe, shall be amended as follows: **(additions in blue deletions in red)**

§3-50 Division of Police.

A. Establishment; Division head; appropriate authority; duties of the Chief of Police. There shall be a Division of Police, the head of which shall be the Chief of Police. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, the Mayor is the appropriate authority. The following titles and positions shall exist within the Police Department: One (1) Chief of Police, not to exceed One (1) Captain, not to exceed Four (4) Lieutenants, not to exceed ~~Eleven (11)~~ **Fourteen (14)** Sergeants and not to exceed Fifty-five (55) Patrol Officers. The Chief of Police shall be directly responsible to the appropriate authority for the efficiency and routine day-to-day operations, and shall, pursuant to policies established by the appropriate authority:

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**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 according to law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-004** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-004** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-2-2022-004                      ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 50 ENTITLED “DIVISION OF POLICE” (up to 14 Sergeants)**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2022-004

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

**O-2-2022-005                      ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES. (Standard Title fee change from \$2.00 to \$3.00)**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 116 entitled “Towing and Storing of Vehicles” of the Code of the Township of Monroe, shall be amended as follows: **(additions in blue deletions in red)**

**§ 116-15.1.      Junk Title Certificate.**

~~D.      Request that the Police Department report possession of an abandoned or unclaimed vehicle to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.~~

**Remove D. and re-letter E. F. G.**

**§ 116-15.2.      Standard Title Certificate.**

~~D.      Request that the Police Department report possession of an abandoned or unclaimed vehicle to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.~~

**Remove D. and re-letter E. F. G. H. I.**

**F.E.** All required documents shall be mailed to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along with a check or money order for ~~\$2~~ **\$3.00** made payable to NJ MVC.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**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 according to law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-005** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-005** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-2-2022-005                      ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES. (Standard Title fee change from \$2.00 to \$3.00)**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2022-005

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

**O-2-2022-006                      BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,737,120 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (Roadway Improvements, Ambulance)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$3,710,000, including a \$550,000 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "\$550,000 NJDOT Grant") for the South Middlesex Pavement Preservation Project, as more fully described in Section 3(a) and a \$327,480 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of



Transportation (the “\$327,480 NJDOT Grant” and, together with the \$550,000 NJDOT Grant, the “State Grants”) for improvements to Spotswood Gravel Hill Road from the traffic light to Benny Court, as more fully described in Section 3(d), and further including the aggregate sum of \$95,400 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes referred to in Sections 3(b), 3(c) and 3(e) as required by the Local Bond Law. No down payment is provided for the improvements or purposes referred to in Sections 3(a) and 3(d) as the improvements are being partially funded by the State Grants. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and the State Grants, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,737,120 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The South Middlesex Pavement Preservation Project, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$760,000 (Includes the \$550,000 NJDOT Grant)	\$210,000	10 years
b) Acquisition of an ambulance, all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$120,000	\$114,200	10 years
c) Various road improvements, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,700,000	\$1,619,000	10 years
d) Improvements to Spotswood Grave Hill Road from the traffic light to Benny Court, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$950,000 (Includes the \$327,480 NJDOT Grant)	\$622,520	10 years
e) Various drainage improvements, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.			

		<u>\$180,000</u>		<u>\$171,400</u>		10 years
Total		<u>\$3,710,000</u>		<u>\$2,737,120</u>		

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,737,120, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$400,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or if other than the State

Grants referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-006** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-006** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-2-2022-006                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,737,120 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (Roadway Improvements, Ambulance)**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2022-006

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

**O-2-2022-007                    BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$823,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (James Monroe Park and Patriots Park Improvements)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.**        The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$865,000, including the aggregate sum of \$41,300 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.**        In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and the State Grants, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$823,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.**        The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to the James Monroe bathroom and concessions, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$765,000	\$728,500	10 years
b) Improvements to Patriots Park, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$100,000	\$95,200	15 years
Total	\$865,000	\$823,700	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**Section 4.**        All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief

financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.57 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$823,700, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$85,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**Section 7.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-007** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked what in particular we are spending for the improvements; Administrator Weinberg answered that this is for a new concession stand and bathroom at the James Monroe Park. He further explained that we are applying for a grant through the County and anticipate the Township portion to be reduced. He added that the remaining \$100,000 will be used for Patriots Park.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Council Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-007** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-2-2022-007**                    **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$823,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. (James Monroe Park and Patriots Park Improvements)**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2022-007

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

**O-2-2022-008**                    **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO JCP & L AND VERIZON IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND POLES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 485 SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 77.01, LOT 3.01 IN MONROE, NEW JERSEY. (Well 25)**

**WHEREAS**, Township of Monroe (hereinafter referred to as “Township”) owns 485 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, also known on the Tax Maps as Block 77.01, Lot 3.01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, JCP&L and Verizon have requested a permanent easement from the Township in order to construct, operate, replace, maintain, and repair electrical equipment or poles that would provide service to a new development located on 485 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Block 77.01, Lot 3.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in an accessible location in order to provide electrical services for the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has considered the request of the Company to grant a permanent easement on the Property to allow the installation of electrical equipment and poles for the new development and its residents, and the Township wishes to grant the easement for this purpose, as set forth in the attached Easement for Block 77.01, Lot 3.01, and;

**WHEREAS**, once the installation is completed by JCP & L and Verizon, the Township will receive a refund of its deposit in the amount of up to \$58,529.86.

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

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and record the attached Easement as to Block 77.013, Lots 3.01 in the form attached hereto, in order to facilitate the installation of electrical equipment and poles.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and in effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

**SO, ORDAINED** as aforesaid.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Dipierro, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-008** was **open**. All were in favor, none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab asked if these were towers or ordinary poles; Director Stroin answered that this is a 45-foot pole.

**UPON MOTION** made by Councilman Dipierro and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the **PUBLIC HEARING for Ordinance O-2-2022-008** was **closed**. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

**O-2-2022-008**                      **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO JCP & L AND VERIZON IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND POLES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 485 SPOTSWOOD-ENGLISHTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 77.01, LOT 3.01 IN MONROE, NEW JERSEY. (Well 25)**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-2-2022-008

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

**O-3-2022-009**                      **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF UNREGISTERED OR UNINSPECTED VEHICLES IN FRONT YARDS UNDER CHAPTER 63, SECTION 33.**

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

Copy of Ordinance Duly Filed.  
O-3-2022-009

Councilman Dipierro commented that in R-3-2022-090 it states the not to exceed amount as \$185,000 but in reading through the contract it highlights overtime at time and a half and asked who is keeping track of these hours. Attorney Rainone answered that there is a rate schedule that is applied to the various services and overtime is not in addition to the \$185,000. He noted that the Planning Department keeps track of the hours.

Councilman Dipierro asked regarding R-3-2022-091 if the downstream contributions were per lot or for those specified in the agreement; Director Stroin answered that this is for the entire development and there is sewer and well 25 as well.

Councilman Dipierro asked regarding R-3-2022-097 if the Planning and Zoning Boards will have a Zoom option going forward as the resolution reads either or and added that we will need to change our calendar. Attorney Rainone answered that those Boards will be completely in person, and we will not pre-suppose the Council will vote yes on this so once the resolution passes the appropriate changes will be made.

Councilman Dipierro commented on R-3-2022-081 and a shout out to Wayne Horbatt and Joe Slomian on the great job they do for the Township regarding recycling and this grant further shows their efforts.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the following Resolutions were moved for Adoption under the **CONSENT AGENDA:** (R-3-2022-080– R-3-2022-107 except for R-3-2022-082, R-3-2022-084, R-3-2022-085, R-3-2022-091, R-3-2022-095 and R-3-2022-107 which were moved to be voted upon separately)

**R-3-2022-080                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KLENZOID, INC. FOR CONTRACT 510-R, “LIQUID ZINC PYROPHOSPHATE” BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.** (1 year Contract -unit pricing – not to exceed \$45,000)

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2022, three (3) sealed bids were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department (M.T.U.D.) for Contract 510-R, “Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate”, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bid received was submitted by Klenzoid, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D. has reviewed the low bid, and by copy of a letter dated February 10, 2022, recommends a (1) one-year contract be awarded to the low bidder Klenzoid, Inc. of 912 Spring Mill Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428 based on unit pricing with an annual estimated annual total of: \$45,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; 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-220016 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Klenzoid, Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; and

**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 one (1) year contract to Klenzoid, Inc. for Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate 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 (1) one year contract with Klenzoid, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

(2) The Township Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for materials supplied by Klenzoid, Inc. in accordance with their bid;

(3) The contract is 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 Klenzoid, Inc. shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond, as required by the specifications.

(5) Payments required in excess of the initial twelve (12) months are contingent upon necessary funds being appropriated in future budgets by the governing body.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-081                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL  
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2022.**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11, et. seq. (the "Act"), has established a recycling fund, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.37, from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and spirit of the Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has established an application process implementing the tonnage grant provision of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, a Resolution authorizing the Township of Monroe to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the Township's commitment to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Council to the requirements contained in the application for a tonnage grant under this Act; and

**WHEREAS**, such a Resolution shall designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Township of Monroe hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Recycling and Planning; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Wayne Horbatt, Director of Recycling, Department of Public Works, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, Monroe Twp., New Jersey 08831, shall be and is hereby designated as the individual to ensure that said Application is properly filed.

**R-3-2022-083                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ  
CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING  
GRANT PROGRAM. (BPU program \$10,000.)**

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to ensure that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe strives to assure clean land, air and water for current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's Energy master Plan: Pathway to 2050 ("EMP") established that community-level action is necessary to achieve the state's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has created a Community Energy Plan Grant program for municipalities to develop a community energy plan to meet the goals of the state's Energy Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe is invested in developing a community energy plan to help the state achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Energy Plan Grant program will help the Township of Monroe to plan for and invest in renewable energy and to work towards a better environment for all residents by using the state's Energy Master Plan (EMP) as a guide to develop sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use and cut emissions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has determined that the Township should apply for the aforementioned Community Energy Plan Grant program; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Monroe will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Community Energy Planning process, including gathering of relevant data and convening at least two public meetings.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to the NJBPU Community Energy Plan Grant Program.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-086                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF THIRD-PARTY TAX LIEN PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Premiums have been paid for various properties for the purchase of Tax Lien Certificates for properties listed on the Tax Map of the Township of Monroe, in the amount of Two-Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Eight-Hundred dollars and no cents (\$231,800.00),

**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-3-2022-087                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED FOR GURU NANAK SIKH HERITAGE - BA-5152-17. (Wyckoff's Mills Road)**

**WHEREAS, Guru Nanak Sikh Heritage, Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Block 13, Lot 2 project (BA-5152-17); 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 recommendation of the Township Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Block 13, Lot 2 project (BA-5152-17), be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated February 17, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$35,523.33**. Such maintenance guarantee shall run for a period of not less than two years from the date of memorialization of such action by the Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Monroe Township Code, the developer shall maintain funds in the engineering inspection escrow account in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the original deposit, however the Township Engineer's office recommends the developer post **\$1,000.00** at this time into the existing engineering inspection escrow account which is more reasonable.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-088**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO., INC. FOR CONTRACT 513 - "MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICE" BY THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (M.T.U.D.)** (2 yr contract – estimated \$83,000 annually; based on estimated quantities and unit pricing)

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2022, at 10:00am prevailing time three (3) sealed bid were received, and publicly opened and read, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for Contract 513, Mechanical & Electrical Maintenance & Repair Services, required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co, Inc. of Patterson NJ has submitted the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bid in the amounts for years one (\$83,076.00) and two (\$82,890.00), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent of the M.T.U.D has reviewed the bids, and by a copy of a letter dated February 16, 2022, recommends an open-ended two (2) year contract with an optional one-year extension be awarded to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc based on the estimated quantities and unit pricing provided in their bid for, an estimated total price of \$83,000 annually, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the M.T.U.D.'s Township Chief Finance Officer has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. M-220017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for the Monroe Township for Mechanical Maintenance & Repair Services to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., for (2) two years per the unit price rates indicated in their proposal, and with the provision authorizing the M.T.U.D. Purchasing Agent to extend said contract for an additional (1) one-year; and

**WHEREAS**, Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. has submitted all the required documents with their bid; 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 with an optional (1) one-year extension, with Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services rendered by Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is 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 subject to attorney positive review, with the stipulation that Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc., shall provide the required insurance certificate and performance bond as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-089**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH GABEL ASSOCIATES, INC., AN ENERGY CONSULTANT, TO ADMINISTER THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.** (2-year extension expiring 12/31/23 – only paid with approved active program)

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, at its meeting held on May 3, 2021, adopted Resolution No. R-5-2021-112, which authorized the award of a service contract with Gabel Associates, Inc. (“Gabel Associates”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (the “Township”) and Gabel Associates entered into a service contract (the “Agreement”) designating Gabel Associates as a provider of energy agent services to be utilized by the Township in connection with the development and administration of energy procurement processes for a Government Energy Aggregation (“GEA”) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Agreement expired on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement may be extended upon mutual agreement between the Township and Gabel Associates, for a period of up to an additional two years, as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, by copy of letter dated February 23, 2022, attached hereto and made a part hereof, Gabel Associates has agreed to a two-year extension of the Agreement, at the same terms and conditions, including compensation at the level of energy agent fees set forth in the original Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional two years, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-090                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CENTER STATE ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 2022 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ROADWAY AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS. (\$185,000)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe seeks professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with the *2022 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements*; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the fees for such services will not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (**\$185,000.00**); and

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

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

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

- (1) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with *Center State Engineering, 481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831*, in accordance with the Agreement annexed hereto.
- (2) The Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to pay Invoices for services rendered by Center State Engineering for the professional engineering, surveying and planning services in connection with *2022 Various Municipal Roadway and Concrete Improvements* in an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (**\$185,000.00**).
- (3) The Contract is awarded with the stipulation that *Center State Engineering* shall include within the Contract Mandatory Affirmative Action language and shall submit to the Township of Monroe any appropriate Affirmative Action document within the time period prescribed by law.
- (4) A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Home News Tribune.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-092**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000.00 IN SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS TO IMPROVEMENTS AT RENAISSANCE AT MONROE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-12-2021-275, adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on December 27, 2021, a Settlement Agreement was authorized between Centex Homes, Inc. and the Township of Monroe (the "Township"), the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, and the Municipal Engineer of the Township of Monroe in a lawsuit captioned Centex Homes, Inc. v. Township of Monroe, et al., Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, Docket No. MID-L-8675-20 (the "Litigation"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution recognized that the terms of the Settlement Agreement included the payment of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from Centex to the Township and authorized the release of the Performance Guarantees for the improvements at Renaissance at Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to appropriate the settlement funds in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Litigation for the purpose of making the necessary repairs to improvements at the Renaissance at Monroe Community development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 7th day of March, 2022, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe (the "Council") that:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the settlement proceeds with Centex Homes in the Litigation for the purpose of making necessary repairs to the Renaissance at Monroe Community development upon the receipt and approval by the Township Attorney of a Release from the Renaissance at Monroe Homeowners Association to the Township of Monroe.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-093**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP. IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENAISSANCE AT MONROE COMPLETION OF BONDED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**  
(Decrease of \$11,300.01)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-11-2020-243, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on November 4, 2020, a contract was awarded to Lancha Construction Corp. in connection with the Renaissance at Monroe Completion of Bonded Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$245,824.82; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated January 31, 2022, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Renaissance at Monroe Completion of Bonded Improvements Project reflecting a **decrease of \$11,300.01** in the contract amount, as the result of adjusted contract quantities, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order is **\$234,524.81**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Purchase Order No. **2018348**, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-094**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY LANCHA CONSTRUCTION CORP. IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENAISSANCE AT MONROE COMPLETION OF BONDED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE.**

**WHEREAS, Lancha Construction Corp.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Renaissance at Monroe Completion of Bonded Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS, Lancha Construction Corp.** has requested a release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated January 31, 2022, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Renaissance at Monroe Completion of Bonded Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 31, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$23,333.34**. 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.

**SO RESOLVED,** as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-096                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES UPON THE POSTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPERS, INC. – GEORGETOWN ESTATES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE – PB#1213-18 POSTED WITH THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”).**

**WHEREAS,** Countryside Developers, Inc., has posted a Performance Guarantee with the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D.”) for W&S 1168.4, Georgetown Estates, Affordable Housing Site; and

**WHEREAS,** Countryside Developers, Inc., has requested the release of the Performance Guarantee upon posting and acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee for water and sewer; and

**WHEREAS,** as defined in N.J.S.A. 40:55Dd-53 et seq., the M.T.U.D. has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the release of the performance guarantee as detailed in a letter dated March 1, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and as shown herein below:

Performance Bond #800038773 in the amount of \$10,962.00 for sewer to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$1,644.30 (15% of original bond). Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$1,218.00 to be returned in full to the developer.

Performance Bond #800038772 in the amount of \$28,377.00 for water to be released and replaced with a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$4,256.55 (15% of original bond). Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,153.00 to be returned in full to the developer.

**WHEREAS,** the Monroe Township Council has reviewed and hereby approves the recommendations of the M.T.U.D. Director;

**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 Performance Guarantees posted for Countryside Developers, Inc., be released upon establishment of maintenance guarantees as reflected above and in the M.T.U.D. letter annexed hereto. Release of the Performance Guarantee and acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee is conditioned upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee and the payment of any outstanding balances attached to the 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-3-2022-097                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO RETURN TO LIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND CONTINUING ESTABLISHED RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS. (Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2021, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey adopted Resolution No. R-12-2021-288 (the “Resolution”) designating the schedule of public meetings for calendar year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution authorized all Township meetings to be held electronically via zoom until further action has been taken by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined to resume conducting live public meetings under the Open Public Meetings Act since a public health emergency no longer exists;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the standards and procedures for emergency remote meeting protocol as set forth in Resolution No. R-11-2020-231 are hereby rescinded to the extent no remote or virtual participation or remote comments from the public will be received or permitted and live open public meetings shall resume in the Township on and after April 1, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the policies and rules established to promote civility and maintain decorum at all local public meetings as established by R-11-2020-231 shall remain in effect and apply to all members of the public in attendance at any public meeting that is open to the public in the Township of Monroe.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-098                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED FOR OM SRI BALAJI TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER – PB-1174-15. (Rhode Hall Road)**

**WHEREAS**, Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Cultural Center, Inc. has posted Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$2,222,222.22 for the Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Cultural Center, Block 82, Lot 2, project PB-1174-15; and

**WHEREAS**, a request for a second reduction in Performance Guarantees has been received; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer has inspected the work performed and the work to be completed and has recommended the Township Council approve the second reduction of the Performance Guarantees, as detailed in his letter dated March 2, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

	<u>Bond Portion</u>	<u>Cash Portion</u>
Current	\$1,410,596.18	\$156,732.91
Reduce to	\$ 603,017.62	\$ 67,001.96

; 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 Performance Guarantees posted by Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Cultural Center, Inc. for the Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Cultural Center, Block 82, Lot 2, project PB-1174-15 be reduced as reflected in the Township Engineer’s letter annexed hereto. This approval for second reduction of Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the resolution of any outstanding balances attached to project escrow accounts; and

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-099                    RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2022 PROJECT PROPOSALS  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
(ADA Bathroom Improvements at James Monroe Park)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2022, the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (“HCD Citizens Advisory Committee”) held a Public Hearing via zoom at the following website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85811611783> for the purpose of providing information about the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”), solicit comments, ideas and recommendations, verbally or in writing and identify proposed municipal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the HCD Citizens Advisory Committee has submitted to the Township Council for its review, the 2022 Project Proposal Application for:

***ADA BATHROOMS IMPROVEMENTS AT JAMES MONROE PARK; and***

**WHEREAS**, upon the Township Council’s review of the 2022 Project Proposal Application, as recommended by the HCD Citizens Advisory Board, it hereby renders its endorsement of the attached 2022 Project Proposal for:

***ADA BATHROOMS IMPROVEMENTS AT JAMES MONROE PARK; and***

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, that it hereby endorses the 2022 Project Proposals, as recommended by the HCD Citizens Advisory Committee: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) copies of the 2022 Project Proposal Application with three (3) certified copies of the Resolution endorsing same be forwarded to Melissa Bellamy, Middlesex County Administration Building, Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-100                    RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF  
UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.  
(Requesting \$898.38 be reallocated from 2017 to 2020)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2022 the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) held a Public Hearing in the Municipal Complex, One Municipal Plaza for the purpose of providing information about the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”), solicit comments, ideas and recommendations, verbally or in writing and identify proposed municipal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, at said meeting it came to the attention of the Committee that there are unexpended funds allocated for the 2017 Friends in Need program in the amount of \$898.38 and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to re-allocate the unexpended appropriations which are no longer needed for said purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for additional funds for the Township’s 2020 application for the construction of the All-Inclusive Playground located at 115 Prospect Plains Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has been advised by the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office that the Township may request the re-allocation of prior year’s unexpended funds;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council endorses the re-allocation of the Township’s unexpended HCD funds in the amount of \$898.38 for the construction of the All-Inclusive Playground; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of the Resolution endorsing this project as well as the Project Proposal Form be forwarded to Melissa Bellamy, Middlesex County Administration Building, Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Office - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, John F. Kennedy Square, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.



**R-3-2022-101 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“GTAC”).**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Monroe (“Township”), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has made a commitment to optimize the quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to achieve the sustainable goals and in support of Green Initiatives, the Township Council, at a meeting held on July 1, 2013, adopted Resolution No. R-7-2013-175 establishing a Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee (“GTAC”) to work towards Sustainable Jersey certification and to advise the Township on means to enhance municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the initial appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee have expired;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe does hereby approve and authorize the appointments of the following members to the Green Team Advisory Committee, effective January 1, 2022 *nunc pro tunc*, through December 31, 2022 as hereinbelow set forth:

- Charles Dipierro, Council Representative
- Joseph Slomian, DPW, Recycling Coordinator
- Renee Haider, Environmental Commission and Green Team Chair
- Karen Polidoro, Environmental Commission Chair
- Theresa Zamorski, Environmental Commission Secretary
- Mihir Mujumdar, Environmental Commission and Chair of Green Fair Committee
- Surabhi Agarwal, Environmental and Shade Tree Commission
- Lucille DiPasquale, Shade Tree Commission
- Christine Sigle, Monroe Township Public Library
- John Riggs, Environmental Commission
- Roger Dreyling, Environmental Commission
- Sudha Radhakrishnan, Resident
- Tarun Sriram, Student Representative
- Jay Patel, Student Representative
- Piyali Mittal, Student Representative

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-102 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to payment of normal operating expenses and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary Resolutions adopted in Year 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20), including this Resolution, is **\$12,516,850.00**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for payment of the following entitled operating expenses:

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</u>
	<u>TEMPORARY</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
<u>Mayor</u>	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Council</u>	

Salaries & Wages	\$	6,500.00
Other Expenses	\$	4,800.00
<u>Township Clerk</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	115,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	20,000.00
<u>Elections</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	6,000.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:</b>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	105,000.00
<u>Human Resources</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	57,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00
<u>Transportation</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	130,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	30,000.00
<u>Citizens Review Board</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	250.00
<u>Insurance</u>		
Group Health	\$	3,000,000.00
Group Health-Broker	\$	40,000.00
<u>Public Information and Public Advocate</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	30,000.00
<u>Recreation</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	240,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	55,000.00
<u>Human Relations</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	500.00
<u>Parks</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	30,000.00
<u>Finance</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	135,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	6,000.00
<u>Tax Collector</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	86,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	7,000.00
<u>Tax Assessor</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	110,000.00
<u>Ambulance Service</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	550,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	15,000.00

<u>Police Department</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	2,400,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	150,000.00

<u>Police Department-911</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	240,000.00

<u>Emergency Mgt.</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	11,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	7,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:**

<u>Township Engineer</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	150,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

<u>Streets and Roads</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	800,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	120,000.00

<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	120,000.00

<u>Solid Waste and Recycling</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	14,000.00

<u>Landfill</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	55,000.00

<u>Building and Grounds</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	190,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	250,000.00

<u>Community Services Act</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	140,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

<u>Department of Law:</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	150,000.00

<u>Municipal Prosecutor</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	17,000.00

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:**

<u>Animal Control</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	45,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	7,000.00

**OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:**

<u>Zoning Board</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	14,500.00

<u>Planning Board</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	2,800.00
Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00

<u>Division of Planning</u>		
Other Expenses	\$	20,000.00
<u>Open Space and Farmland Preservation Commission</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	700.00
<u>Shade Tree Commission</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	2,500.00
Other Expenses	\$	20,000.00
<u>Environmental Commission</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,400.00
<u>Cultural Arts Commission</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	6,400.00
Other Expenses	\$	15,000.00
<u>Historic Pres. Commission</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	2,000.00
<u>Senior Services</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	165,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	24,000.00
<u>Recreation Advisory Board</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	1,000.00
<u>Construction Official</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	330,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	11,000.00
<b>OTHER TOWNSHIP AGENCIES:</b>		
<u>Utilities</u>	\$	420,000.00
<u>Central Mailing Equipment</u>	\$	10,000.00
<u>Unemployment Compensation</u>	\$	10,000.00
<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Plan</u>	\$	6,000.00
<u>Social Security System</u>	\$	420,000.00
<u>Storm water Management</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	55,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	40,000.00
<u>Municipal Court</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	4,000.00
<u>Recycling Tax</u>	\$	2,500.00
<u>Public Defender</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	8,000.00
<u>Shared Services - Recycling</u>	\$	200,000.00
<u>Shared Services - Fire Dist. &amp; Bd.</u>		

Other Expenses	\$	40,000.00
FD#3/EMS	\$	32,500.00
<u>Ambulance Service</u>		
Salaries & Wages	\$	430,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	200,000.00
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<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	\$	12,499,850.00

- That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 Calendar Year Budget; and
- That one (1) certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services.

**SO RESOLVED** as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-103                      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO  
 GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC.  
 FOR 2022 LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE MONROE  
 TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT (“M.T.U.D.”). (1 yr.  
 contract -\$37,652)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2022, four (4) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent for the Monroe Township Utility Department (“M.T.U.D”), by letter dated March 2, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, recommended that Section 3 of the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal bid entitled “Monroe Township Utilities Department Lawn Maintenance” contract be awarded to **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc.** on their bid submitted for the in the amount of **\$37,652.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Finance Manager has certified availability of funds in Certificate No. **M-220018**, 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 it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for Section 3 of the **2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal** entitled “ **Monroe Township Utilities Department Lawn Maintenance**” at a total contract price of **\$37,652.00** for a contract term beginning April 1, 2022 and expiring March 31, 2023 with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc., 276 Pine Brook Rd. Eatontown, N.J. 07724**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, 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 **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-104                    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE  
INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MONROE  
TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APRIL 4, 2022.**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.** 40A:4-5 provides that the governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget in the case of a municipality not later than February 10th of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.** 40A:4-5.1 there exists a need to extend the date upon which to introduce and approve the Monroe Township 2022 annual budget to April 4, 2022 due to the need for receipt of revenue figures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the extension of the introduction and approval of the Monroe Township 2022 annual budget to April 4, 2022.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-105                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO  
GREENLEAF LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC.  
FOR 2022 MONROE TOWNSHIP LANDSCAPING SERVICES  
FOR DETENTION BASINS, ISLANDS AND OPEN SPACE  
PROPERTIES.**

(1 yr. contract - \$138,010)

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2022, four (4) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Business Administrator, by letter dated March 3, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", recommended that Section 2 of the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal bid entitled "Detention Basins, Islands and Open Space" contract be awarded to **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc.** on their bid submitted for the in the amount of **\$138,010.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200028, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for Section 2 of the **2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal entitled** "Detention Basins, Islands and Open Space" at a total contract price of **\$138,010.00** for a contract term beginning April 1, 2022 and expiring March 31, 2023 with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc., 276 Pine Brook Rd. Eatontown, N.J. 07724**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, 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 **Greenleaf Landscape Systems and Services, Inc** shall comply with Affirmative Action Regulations, including revising their contracts as necessary to add mandatory affirmative action language, and submitting either a letter of federal approval or a certificate of employee information report, or a completed form AA302 at the time the signed contracts are returned to the Township of Monroe, or seven (7) days thereafter, or risk being declared non-responsive and forfeiting the award.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-106                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO  
DEMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY FOR LEACHATE PUMP  
STATION PROJECT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT ("M.T.U.D.") (\$1,224,000)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM, six (6) sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud, by the Monroe Township Utility Department Purchasing Agent for the "Leachate Force

Main” project, as required by the M.T.U.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the M.T.U.D. Consulting Engineer CME Associates, Inc. has reviewed the bids and recommended the award of a contract to the low bidder Demaio Electrical Company based on their bid of \$1,224,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon said Engineer reviews and recommendations, and a positive review by the Township Attorney, the M.T.U.D. Purchasing agent, after consultation with the M.T.U.D. Director has recommended in a letter dated March 3, 2022, that Demaio Electrical Company of Hillsborough, NJ 08844 be awarded a contract based on their low bid of \$1,224,000.00, pricing contained within their bid documents subject to them providing proper required bond and certificates of insurance and performance bond, a copy of the CME Associates’ and MTUD Purchasing Agent’s recommendations are hereto as Exhibit “C”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations made 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-220019, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 contract with Demaio Electrical Company in accordance with their submitted bid;
- (2) The Township Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices for services provided by Demaio Electrical Company in accordance with their bid;
- (3) The contract is awarded through the competitive bid process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law;
- (4) This contract is awarded with the stipulation that Demaio Electrical Company shall provide the required bonds and properly executed certificate of insurance as required by the specifications.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the following Resolutions were removed from the **CONSENT AGENDA** and considered separately: (R-3-2022-082, R-3-2022-084, R-3-2022-085, R-3-2022-091, R-3-2022-095 and R-3-2022-107)

**R-3-2022-082                      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 Forty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Six dollars and Fifty-Four cents (\$43,206.54) 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-3-2022-084                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO 1 AND FINAL SUBMITTED BY S & G PAVING, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**  
(Decrease of \$8,318.57)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-5-2021-127, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on May 3, 2021, a contract was awarded to S & G Paving Inc. in connection with the Camelot Neighborhood Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original total contract amount was \$609,007.20; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, in a letter dated February 3, 2022, requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Camelot Neighborhood Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project reflecting a **decrease of \$8,318.57** in the contract amount, as the result of a reduction of unnecessary bid items as well as additional items added to the contract found necessary during the progression of construction, as described in the attached change order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract price including this change order is **\$600,688.63**; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified in Certificate No. **C-2100030**, a copy of which is attached hereto, that sufficient funds are available.

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

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-085                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY S & G PAVING INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, **S & G Paving, Inc.** has posted Performance Guarantees for the Camelot Neighborhood Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, **S & G Paving, Inc.** has requested a release of the Performance Guarantees posted for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 108-13.1 F and G of the Code of the Township of Monroe, the Township Engineer, by copy of letter dated February 10, 2022, has recommended, release of the Performance Guarantees; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Performance Guarantees posted for the Camelot Neighborhood Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project, be released as reflected in the Township Engineer's letter dated February 10, 2022, attached hereto. This approval for release of the Performance Guarantees is conditioned upon the posting of a maintenance guarantee in the amount of **\$60,068.86**. 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.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.



**R-3-2022-091                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OLD FORGE PROPERTIES, LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FROM THE MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, OLD FORGE PROPERTIES, LLC (the "Developer") is the developer of certain real property known as Block 106.50, Lots 11-12, 21-22; Block 106.51, Lots 1-12, 21-32; and Block 106.03, Lots 9-15, 20, 21, 26-34; Block 106.06, Lots 1-26, 33-48 in the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer proposes to develop an eleven (11) unit single-family dwelling subdivision with associated water and sewer infrastructure on the Property as outlined in the Monroe Township Planning Board Resolution No. PB-1238-21 granting Major Site Plan Approval adopted on January 27, 2022 and memorialized on February 24, 2022 (hereinafter the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has requested water and sewer service for the Project from the Monroe Township Utility Department ("M.T.U.D."); and

**WHEREAS**, after analysis and review, M.T.U.D. has determined it is in its best interest to enter into a Developer's Agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto in order to provide the Project with water and sewer service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the attached agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, execution of the attached agreement in a form substantially similar to the form attached hereto, subject to the approval of the Township Attorney, is in the best interests of the Township of Monroe; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement with Old Forge Properties, LLC for the purpose of providing water and sewer services to the Project, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-095                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LOUIS RAINONE, ESQ. WITH THE FIRM RAINONE, COUGHLIN, MINCHELLO FOR 2021 GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE.                    (Additional \$11,300.01)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1-2021-033, adopted by the Monroe Township Council at its meeting held on January 11, 2021, authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Louis Rainone Esq and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello for General Legal Services required by the Township of Monroe for calendar year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Service contract for 2021 General Legal Services was in the original amount of \$366,560.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Rainone Esq and Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello has requested a modification to said contract for legal fees incurred in excess of the budgeted amount, in connection with the Renaissance at Monroe Completion of Bonded Improvements Project, and has requested authorization for an additional \$11,300.01; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. **C-21000017**, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey authorization is hereby given to modify said contract in the amount of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and One Cent (\$11,300.01) and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the amendment to the agreement attached hereto.

**SO RESOLVED**, as aforesaid.

**R-3-2022-107**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO GAL'S LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR 2022 LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, SIGNS AND SNOW REMOVAL. (1 yr. contract - \$178,955.00)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2022, four (4) sealed bids were received by Monroe Township regarding the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Business Administrator, by letter dated March 4, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", recommended that Section 1 of the 2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal bid entitled "Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal" contract be awarded to **Gal's Landscaping, Inc.** on their bid submitted for the in the amount of **\$178,955.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds in Certificate No. C-2200027, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it has rendered its advice and hereby consents to the award of a contract for Section 1 of the **2022 Monroe Township Landscaping Services and Snow Removal entitled** "Grounds Maintenance, Signs and Snow Removal" at a total contract price of **\$178,955.00** for a contract term beginning April 1, 2022 and expiring March 31, 2023 with the provision authorizing the Business Administrator to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with the consent of both parties under the same terms, conditions and prices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Gal's Landscaping, Inc., 194 Federal Rd. Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831**; and

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

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

Copy of Resolutions Duly Filed.

**Administrator's Report** – Administrator Weinberg gave an update on the BFI landfill, stating that the force main is moving forward. Also, noted that on this Agenda the pump station has been approved and will be moving forward as well. He also noted that all the information related to the BFI landfill can be found on the Township's website.

Highlighted that we have received our recycling tonnage grant which is the largest grant ever received to date and extended thanks to our DPW, Joe Slomian and all of the residents for their work in recycling.

Reported on the projects moving forward thanks to the grant money received, which includes the repaving of Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road and South Middlesex Boulevard. Administrator Weinberg added that the Township is very appreciative for these grants which enables the Township to do these projects.

Administrator Weinberg reported on the completion of the roadway improvements to the Camelot neighborhood which was done with a \$495,000 grant. Also noted that a \$166,000 grant will be used for ADA bathrooms at the James Monroe Park.

Recognized the Parks Department for their hard work during these next few months as this is their busiest time of year and they are preparing for opening day.

Shared that a Paper Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Old Bridge Municipal Building and on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at our very own Veteran's Park. Both dates will be 9:00am until 12:00pm or until the truck fills up, whichever comes first.

**Engineer's Report** – Engineer Rasimowicz reported on the ongoing capital projects, which include the inclusive playground, stating that they are working on drainage and site work. Also, site work demolition occurred at the old police station with the remainder of the work needing to be done on Mounts Mills Road on hold. Also, drainage issues on Jeremy Court are being worked on and an award of contract will be on the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for improvements to North State Home Road, Lower Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road.

#### **Council's Reports –**

##### **Councilwoman Siegel –**

- Reported that the Environmental Commission is hosting a “Bag Up NJ” on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Library. They will be discussing the statewide ban on single use plastics.
- The Cultural Arts Commission hosted the Carol Doerfman dance festival and this weekend they are hosting a live ice sculpting event at the library.
- Congratulations to the Fire District #1 Volunteer on their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Added that she is keeping those who are from the Ukraine or have family in the Ukraine in her thoughts.

##### **Councilwoman Schneider –**

- Councilwoman is happy to announce she is back in her house now for 2 weeks.
- Reported some highlights from the Commission on Aging meeting; a new senior services directory has been created which can be found at both the municipal building and the Senior Center. She added that since January 2019 through 2021 there have been a significant increase in the participation of our senior programs, approximately 335% increase.
- Thanked some of the women of Stonebridge for coming to the Special Ed/Senior Center crossover program.
- Highlighted the donations made to the local food pantries and added that there will be a food drive on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Park & Ride on Applegarth Road.
- The Golden Oldies will be performing on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.
- Lastly, commented that we have some of the best employees in the State.

##### **Councilman Dipierro –**

- Asked when the start date for the railroad improvements along Spotswood-Gravel Hill Road will take place; Engineer Rasimowicz answered that they met in June of last year with NJDOT and Conrail is aware of the project but has not indicated a start date. He added that NJDOT has also been advised of a school crossing on Applegarth Road.
- Commented that he hopes the Community Garden will have another good season and added they are looking to open a second garden in the Township as well.
- Regarding the BFI Landfill, reported that he has received many emails this month from residents complaining about the lights, odors and runoff.
- Came across Executive Order 274; down in Mt. Olive a solar farm was put up and was very successful and asked if something similar could be done to help our residents.
- Gave a shout out to MTUD and DPW for the work completed at the Half Acre Road water tower, commented that being able to use our staff in-house for projects like this is a big cost savings for the Residents and for all of the winter clean-up that went on this season.
- Reported that the existing building at the Daniel Ryan field is still trying to get the sewer connected.
- Attended the Rabies Clinic held at the Recreation Center this past Saturday and thanked everyone for attending and organizing the event. He commented that it was very organized and ran smoothly and added that it is great for our community to offer things like this for our residents.
- Commented that he attended the Town Hall held at the Board of Education last week. He noted that there was no discussion if anything will be done with the old golf course and asked if there is a time limit with that, adding that he is aware that if they do not use it then the parcel will come back to the Township, Attorney Lou Rainone responded that the land is being held.
- In closing mentioned that the schools are no longer requiring the students to wear masks.

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

- Commended the Administration for the \$216,000 recycling grant; noted in the same regard we were able to retire roughly \$13,000,000 in Township debt. He stated that it is this type of stuff that allows us to maintain our AA+ bond rating.

- Attended the Citizen's Review Board meeting last week and it was reported that currently they are housing 54-58 total residents.
- The Community Cleanup is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-10:30am for Perrineville Rd.
- Spoke about the issues in Ukraine and highlighted the resources aimed to help: Rescue.org, UNICEFUSA.org, Doctorswithoutborders.org, Support.crs.org, Ifaw.org for animals and MEEEST in Port Reading at 1-800-288-9949 has been shipping over supplies. Also sending money through people who own Air BNB directly to Ukrainian people, please beware of any scams as well. If you can contribute, please do the research first.

**Council President Cohen** –

- Shared her thoughts and condolences to those affected by the situation going on in Ukraine.
- Shared some highlights on the Health Advisory Meeting and what they are working on and commented that she is looking forward to participating in the programs around the Township, such as, National Night Out.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Dalina mentioned the ongoing issues in Ukraine and shared that he met with two Ukrainian leaders from the Township last week and put up blue and yellow ribbons to offer support and compassion. He stated that if you know any one, please reach out to them a kind word goes a long way. We hope and pray for a peaceful solution.

Noted that it is budget season, and the budget will be presented to Council next month. He stated that the key to this budget is holding the line on taxes and affordability.

Regarding refinancing, our debt is down \$13,000,000 and our debt capacity is at 16% which his down from our prior use of 23%.

Mentioned the Community Clean Up is scheduled March 26<sup>th</sup>, a testament to Monroe helping Monroe.

Regarding the uptick in car thefts, the Police Department put out a police crime safety video. He urged everyone to lock their cars. Also, reported that he spoke with the Mayor of Cranbury who is experiencing the same and shared some of the actions we have taken. This is a statewide problem.

Reached out to the County regarding some road paving including Prospect Plains Road and Forsgate Drive.

Sent a letter to Governor Murphy regarding the financial components of the upcoming budget. Noted that he is excited to see the extended Homestead Rebate, increase in school funding and hopes the Governor focuses on affordability. Also highlighted that we tout the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest effective tax rate in the County.

Commented on the few warm days we had and hoped everyone had a chance to get outside and enjoy them. Shared that he took a walk at Avenue K and got to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lacrosse team.

Lastly, commented that he is happy to see the boys and girls high school basketball teams were successful in the GMCs and States and very excited about Rutgers Basketball.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Prakash Parab, 33 Dayna Dr.** – Mr. Parab commented about the Ukraine situation and suggested that we provide the public with some guidance on what happens with a nuclear disaster.

Commented that he is happy to see the Township receiving grants and improving the roads.

Shared that the Community Clean-up is being held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and asked if there is a flyer available. Mr. Parab also mentioned that there is a Stream Clean-up scheduled for April; Administrator Weinberg answered that a flyer will go on the Township Facebook page, as well as, onto the website later this week.

Mr. Parab stated that there is a Comcast monopoly and Verizon does not reach everywhere in the Township and asked what can be done to have Verizon expand so there is some competition. Council President Cohen answered that we did have a committee formed because Comcast's franchise was coming up for renewal and we have submitted recommendations to the State but when the pandemic hit there was no final meeting. She added what came of it was Verizon would have to decide that they want to lay down cables and we have looked into ways to get the company to gain interest in the community to no avail.

**Andy Paluri, 16 St. James St.** – Mr. Paluri shared that the India-US Forum of Monroe is looking to collect supplies to send over to the Ukraine and would like the Council to give us some guidance.

Mentioned that he would be a part of the Community Clean-up.

Looking forward to the full funding of the school funding formula, noting that representatives from both sides have put forth bills to look into the funding formula.

**Jay Sincoff, 2 York Ct.** – Mr. Sincoff commented in regard to O-3-2022-009 adding that typically abandoned vehicles leak gas and other liquids and it would be dangerous to have those chemicals seep into our groundwater. He added that there could be accidents with children playing in and around these vehicles.

Mr. Sincoff commented that he had a choice of Verizon Fios and Comcast in the prior area he lived in. **UPON MOTION** made by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Vice-President Van Dzura, the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** portion of the Meeting was closed. All were in favor, none opposed.

**UPON MOTION** made by Council Vice-President Van Dzura and seconded by Councilwoman Schneider, the Regular Meeting was Adjourned at 7:56pm.

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

*Patricia Reid*  
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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

*Miriam Cohen*  
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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

Minutes were adopted on: April 4, 2022.